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To : All Academic Staff, Deans, Heads of School, Faculty and School Administrators and Pure users

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Pure (<https://research-information.bris.ac.uk/pure>) is the University's definitive database of research information, and includes individual research profiles for every member of academic staff. Some of this information is publicly available on the *Explore Bristol Research* (<http://research-information.bris.ac.uk>) website. This communication explains how you can enhance your online research profile by improving your Pure data, and outlines the University's plan for Academic Web profiles.

Background

Since 2012, Pure has been the University's official Research Information System and institutional repository. It serves to collate individual research interests, publications, project involvement, conference attendance and many of the other research activities undertaken by staff. The accompanying website, *Explore Bristol Research*, went live in December 2012. *Explore Bristol Research* facilitates the promotion of the range and breadth of research and researchers at Bristol, enhancing the communication of the University's collective research strengths and achievements to external audiences. It is a publicly available searchable and browsable view of research related information drawing directly from records maintained in Pure and replaces the previous IRIS and ROSE public web displays of publications. This supports the University's Open Access vision to maximise the visibility and impact of University of Bristol research outputs.

In anticipation of a public launch in autumn 2013, we draw your attention to the ways in which your personal *Explore Bristol Research* profile can be developed and some of the benefits of so doing.

Research summaries: Every member of academic staff has a personal profile on *Explore Bristol Research*. Within this profile is an editable personal statement for your research interests, areas of specialisation, and any highlights from your research career that you want to publicise. Guidance on editing personal profiles is offered at: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/pure/user-guides/getting-started/profile.html>

Research publications: Many of you have already added your publications and their associated full text to Pure. For those who have not yet done so, instructions are available here: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/pure/user-guides/outputs/>. Note that there are several ways to add publications, including BibTeX upload and automatic harvesting from a range of online sources including Web of Science.

Projects: all funded research projects are automatically added to Pure from the University's core financial system, CODA. However, they need to be made publicly visible before they appear on *Explore Bristol Research*. Summary information and additional participants can also be added to such projects. Instructions are available as follows:

- Making projects visible: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/pure/user-guides/projects.html#visibility>

- Adding other information: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/pure/user-guides/projects.html#add>

Project funder information is not currently visible on *Explore Bristol Research*. In a future release it will be possible to include your project funder by making the associated funding record visible. Users will be notified when this is possible.

Project confidentiality

In general we encourage you to make your projects publicly visible through *Explore Bristol Research*. There are no default sponsor restrictions on publicising information about projects funded by:

- UK Research Councils
- UK government departments (unless classified)
- Charities
- European Commission

For other externally funded projects, there may be restrictions on what can be made available publicly and you are likely to need to seek funder approval before making such projects visible.

Even with this approval in hand, please consider carefully whether there are any potential sensitivities before making the information available. Please read the additional guidance provided at <https://www.bris.ac.uk/pure/user-guides/project-visibility/>

Recent developments to Pure and *Explore Bristol Research*

Both *Explore Bristol Research* and Pure URLs have recently changed; please make a note of these new addresses:

- *Explore Bristol Research* – <http://research-information.bristol.ac.uk>
- Pure (internal) – <https://research-information.bris.ac.uk/pure/>

In the near future, short URLs will be available for every academic profile on *Explore Bristol Research*. These URLs will be based on the individual's email address. Users will be notified, via the Pure edit screens, when these URLs are available.

The future of Academic Web Profiles

Many Faculty and School websites already include staff profiles, often built using the People Profiler web application or static html pages. Much of the content of these webpages overlaps with the *Explore Bristol Research* profiles. Multiple profiles can confuse website visitors searching for definitive information and the maintenance of these multiple profiles is an additional administrative burden for staff.

Over the next academic year it is the University's intention to provide a single web profile for each member of academic staff. In order to minimise the burden of staff maintaining web profiles it is therefore critical that the data in Pure be maintained as the single definitive source of research information.

In the first instance, by September this year, we will be streamlining the maintenance of academic staff web profiles by enabling more Pure data to be accessible by People Profiler, to ensure that the content across profiles is identical wherever possible. This will focus on academic research interests (also known in People Profiler as the research summary) and photographs, and after this has occurred, academic staff will only be able to edit this information in Pure. Over the next few days, therefore, academic staff who are using People Profiler will receive instructions for checking their profile.

Other, non-academic members of staff currently using People Profiler should continue to maintain their profile in People Profiler, until notified further.

Help and support for Pure is available online at <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/pure>, or by contacting pure-support@bristol.ac.uk. Details of a range of Pure training opportunities can be found here: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/pure/support/training.html>.