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Research Evaluation, Metrics and Open Access in the Humanities

Coimbra-Group Workshop

Trinity College Dublin, 18-20 September 2008

**Organised by the Coimbra Group Task Force
Culture, Arts and Humanities,
in conjunction with *The Long Room Hub, TCD*
and the consortium *Humanities Serving Irish Society***

In the context of increased international competition and governments' and taxpayers' demands for 'value for money', debates on research evaluation, metrical approaches and digital repositories have intensified over the last few years, but their impact on the Arts and Humanities sector is far less clear than their role in the Sciences. For the future of Arts and Humanities research it is paramount that both policy-makers and researchers position themselves within this debate and take an informed and proactive stance that responds to the fast-changing political, institutional and technological environment and is appropriate to the specifics of Arts and Humanities research.

Our workshop intends to address these issues and is aimed at Arts and Humanities researchers, Deans of Research, Librarians, research group leaders and policy makers within the Coimbra-Group member universities and the Irish University sector and has the following objectives:

- To compare established and innovative methods and models of research evaluation and assess their appropriateness for the Arts and Humanities sector
- To put recent initiatives like the ERIH or the reform of the UK RAE in the larger context of research evaluation and benchmarking in the Arts and Humanities
- To assess the increasing impact of bibliometrical approaches and Open Access policies on the Arts and Humanities sector
- To get input from various experts like theoreticians, national and international policy-makers, practitioners, advocates and sceptics
- To stimulate an informed and many-sided debate that allows both researchers and policy makers to position themselves towards current developments and play an active part in shaping future developments



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Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 18 September:

- 16.00** Arrival and Registration, Foyer, School of Nursing, TCD
- 18.30** Welcoming Reception, Salon, Provost's House

Friday, 19 September:

Opening

- 9.00** **Welcome, Opening remarks**
John Hegarty, Provost of Trinity College
Moray Mc Gowan, Acting Director of Long Room Hub, TCD
Jürgen Barkhoff, Chair of Culture, Arts and Humanities TF

Session I Metrics & Research Evaluation: Concepts and Approaches

- 9.30** Carl Dolan, Arts & Humanities Research Council, UK
Evaluation and benchmarking of Humanities Research in Europe
- 10.30** *Coffee/Tea*
- 11.00** Janus Linmans, CTWS, Leyden
Bibliometrics and Citation Analysis for the Humanities
- 11.45** Marianne Elliott, Liverpool
The (future) role of peer review in the Humanities
- 12.30** James Pringle, Vice President, Development
ISI – Thompson: The commercial approach
- 13.15** Lunch

Session II Journals in the Humanities

- 14.30** Angel Borrego, Barcelona
From Mendel to Hwang: Impact, visibility and journal rankings in research evaluation
- 15.15** Erno Lethinen, Turku, Chair of Educational Research Panel
ERIH – Process and Prospects

- 16.00** *Coffee/Tea*

Session III National Responses

- 16.30** Jack Spaapen, Netherlands
Clustering indicators: The Dutch model
- 16.45** Jennifer Edmond, TCD
Metrics in a small country: the Irish perspective
- 19.30** Buffet Dinner, followed by pub crawl



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Saturday, 20 September:

Session IV Open Access and Digital Repositories

- 9.30** Chris Armbruster, Max Planck Society (tbc)
Digital Repositories and Research Evaluation
- 10.15** Niamh Brennan, Dublin
Digitization and the future face of the library
- 11.00** *Coffee/Tea*
- 11.30** Paolo D'Iorio, Pisa
Scholarsource – a new paradigm for accessibility
- 12.15** **Guided tour of the Book of Kells and the Long Room library**
- 13.15** Lunch
- 14.15** Steven Harnad, Montreal
Open Repositories and Institutional Strategies

Session V Concluding perspectives

- 15.00** John Guilliory (tbc)
A view from the outside: the US
- 15.45** Tony McEnergy, Lancaster
(How) can metrics work for the Humanities?
- 16.30** *Coffee/Tea*
- 17.00** **Panel Discussion:**
How can we influence the future?
- 19.30** **Banquet Dinner in the Dining Hall**