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About EDINA

EDINA is a JISC-funded national datacentre based at the University of Edinburgh. It offers a library of data, information and research resources. All EDINA services are free of charge at the point of use. For information on institutional subscription fees, visit the EDINA web site, or contact us (details below).

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Put it in The Depot

That is the simple message to be promoted as part of the JISC Repository & Preservation Programme in support of deposit of research publications under terms of Open Access.

The general strategy being adopted in the UK is that every university should develop and establish its own institutional repository (IR), as part of a comprehensive 'JISC RepositoryNet'. Many researchers can already make use of the IRs set up in their institution, but that is not (yet) the case for all.

A key purpose for **The Depot** is to bridge that gap during the period before all have such provision, and to provide a deposit facility that will enable all UK researchers to expose their publications to readers under terms of Open Access.

The Depot will also have a re-direct function to link researchers to the appropriate home pages of their own institutional repositories. The end result should be more content in repositories, making it easier for researchers and policy makers to have peer-reviewed research results exposed to wider readership under Open Access.

The Depot is an outcome from a scoping study called 'Prospero' carried out during 2006 when EDINA and SHERPA (University of Nottingham) were asked to work together. The report from that study is listed on the EDINA web site, in the past projects archive.

The Depot is only one of a large number of projects funded under the JISC Repository & Preservation Programme but is one of four projects that play a central supporting role to the Pro-

gramme. The Intute Search project plays a complementary role to The Depot with its focus on cross-searching repositories. There is also advocacy and organisational assistance from the Repository Support Project and technical development work from the Repository Research Project. More about these can be found on the JISC web pages.

The principal focus for The Depot is the deposit of post-prints, digital versions of published journal articles and similar items. There are plans to include links to places for depositing other digital materials, such as research datasets and learning materials. As indicated, The Depot helps provide a level-playing field for all UK researchers and their institutions, especially when deposit under Open Access is required by grant funding bodies. It may also become a useful facility for institutions as they implement and manage their own repositories, helping to promote the habit of deposit among staff, with the simple message, 'put it in the depot'.

The Depot is based on E-Prints software and is compliant with the Open Archive Initiative (OAI), which promotes standards for repository interoperability. Its contents will be harvested and searched

through the Intute Repository Search project. It offers a redirect service, UK Repository Junction, to ensure that content that comes within the remit of an extant repository is correctly placed there instead of in The Depot.

Additionally, as IRs are created, The Depot will offer a transfer service for content deposited by authors based at those universities, to help populate the new IRs. The Depot will therefore act as a 'keepsafe' until a repository of choice becomes available for deposited scholarly content. In this way, The Depot will avoid competing with extant and emerging IRs while bridging gaps in the overall repository landscape and encouraging more open access deposits.

Those wishing to register interest in The Depot in advance of its launch, perhaps with the opportunity to give feedback on the pre-release version, please contact the EDINA Helpdesk (edina@ed.ac.uk).

- <http://depot.edina.ac.uk>



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Film & Sound Online free to 2009

JISC Collections and EDINA are pleased to announce that Film & Sound Online will continue to be available, free of charge, to institutions for a further two years. In order for institutions to take advantage of this extended offer, existing subscribers need to sign up to a new sub-licence agreement to guarantee access from 1 August 2007 – 31 July 2009.

New subscribers wishing to access Film & Sound Online before the current sub-licence ends also need to complete the current sub-licence agreement, which runs until 31 July 2007.

- http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/catalogue/coll_filmandsound.aspx

Digimap licence renewal

Subscription rates for the new sub-licence for Digimap access to Ordnance Survey mapping for the period August 2007 to July 2009 have been set and are advertised on the JISC Collections web site.

The finer details of the new sub-licence are currently being settled by JISC and Ordnance Survey. The current licence comes to an end on 31 July 2007.

The new licence arrangements will include the provision of access to OS MasterMap data. Two OS MasterMap Layers will be available – Topography Layer and Integrated Transport Layer – through a new facility called MasterMap Download, accessible from the Data Download Services section of Digimap's Ordnance Survey Collection.

When the details have been finalised and the new sub-licence is available, further information will be posted on both the JISC and EDINA web sites.

- http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/catalogue/coll_digimap.aspx
- <http://edina.ac.uk/mastermap>

EDINA to host Tobar an Dualchais

More information is now available about EDINA's role in the Tobar an Dualchais project (see Newslines 11.4).

To help set up the digitisation process, EDINA and the University of Edinburgh Information Services have been contracted to produce a production control application and a cataloguing application for web-based input of metadata.

Once digitisation is well under way, EDINA will also develop and host the Tobar an Dualchais online service and catalogue.

Launched last year, the multi-million-pound Heritage Lottery-funded project will preserve, digitise and make available online more than 12,000 hours of recordings from the archives of BBC Scotland, the National Trust for Scotland and the School of Scottish Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

The Tobar an Dualchais project is based at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the Gaelic-language college on Skye.

The collections comprise a wide variety of material, including:

- Stories recorded by John Lorne Campbell on wax cylinders in 1935

- Folklore collected from all over Scotland by Calum MacLean in the 1950s
- Scots songs recorded by Hamish Henderson for the School of Scottish Studies from travelling people in the 1960s
- Conversations recorded on BBC Radio nan Gàidheal

The project will employ more than 20 people, with skills in administration, computing, Gaelic and Scots. Training will also be provided in digitising, cataloguing and editing.

Digitising will be carried out in Edinburgh and South Uist in the Hebrides, and people will also be employed as home cataloguers throughout Scotland. It is hoped that Tobar an Dualchais will stimulate the culture and economy of different parts of Scotland, including some of the areas which provided many of the original recordings.

The first phase of the project will cost around £2.9 million. Just under half of the funding will come from the Heritage Lottery Fund, with the remainder from a wide range of organisations, reflecting a high level of interest in this very exciting project.

- <http://www.smo.uhi.ac.uk/dualchas/indexbeurla.html>



Early oral history recording. Photo from Tobar an Dualchais web site

New related resources for the Statistical Accounts of Scotland

Three additional related resources were recently added to the collection within the Statistical Accounts of Scotland Service.

- *Census for the Parish of Stow, 1801*: One of the few local returns to survive from the date when the official census of Great Britain was inaugurated, it perfectly complements the description of the parish to be found in the First or 'Old' Statistical Account.
- Sir John Sinclair's *Analysis of the Statistical Account of Scotland, 1826*: Published in two volumes totalling over 700 pages, this analysis gives an account of Sir John's purpose in compiling the First Statistical Account, and assesses the information from his statistical enquiries, covering a wide range of topics, such as the longevity of the people of Scotland, the diseases of Scotland, the present state of the population of Scotland, the productive classes, and the commerce of Scotland.
- *The Statistical Account and the Stages of Society: An Introduction to Sir John Sinclair's Specimens of Statistical Reports (1793)*, by Richard B. Sher (2005) Distinguished Professor of History at New Jersey Institute of Technology and Rutgers University, Newark.
- <http://edina.ac.uk/stat-acc-scot/>

Interim outcomes from geo-data repository project

GRADE (see *Newslines* 11.1) is an EDINA project that promotes the reuse and sharing of geospatial information data, and has investigated cultural issues of data-sharing alongside issues of digital rights and copyright law.

Now nearing completion, the project has brought together people and practices from across various domains (research, information services, management and administration, etc.) to ensure coordination in the technical and social development of digital repositories.

The main findings of the project to date are as follows:

1. The law on copyright and licensing for geospatial data in the UK is not as well understood nor as clear-cut as it might be. The AHRC Research Centre for Studies in Intellectual Property and Technology Law have issued

a report challenging current legal limitations on the (re)use of digital geospatial data for research and teaching.

2. There is a perceived need among potential users for a national geospatial data repository. A demonstrator repository has been set up to elicit feedback from the community as to user requirements for a repository capable of managing licensed geospatial assets. The demonstrator has proved popular, with 145 deposited datasets, over 100 registered users and 60 requests for access from those unable to register.

3. There is a significant degree of informal data sharing occurring, but it is predominantly via conventional methods e.g. email, CD/DVD, FTP. The main barriers to data sharing within the community are the complex licensing and digital rights issues, lack of quality metadata, and concerns over

the protection of depositors' intellectual property. Factors that would encourage geospatial data sharing and reuse are less restrictive licensing, and the establishment of a national geospatial repository service.

4. There are currently no UK geospatial subject-specific/community repositories in operation, and that although there are growing numbers of IRs, none of them currently manage any geospatial content. A survey would seem to suggest that there is room and a need for both types of repository (i.e. a geospatial data repository and IR).

The GRADE project ends in April 2007. Remaining project deliverables and a final project report will be available on the GRADE project web site.

- <http://edina.ed.ac.uk/projects/grade>

JISC consultation on WellcomeFilm



Still from "Fundamentals of Immunization", 1961, WellcomeFilm

JISC Collections is running a consultation with the community on a proposal to include **WellcomeFilm** (a collection of historical medical film material sourced from the world-famous Wellcome Library) in **Film & Sound Online**.

WellcomeFilm is a virtual collection of 100-plus hours of historical medical moving images and sound selected from the historical medical film collections of the Wellcome Library. The collection comprises a century (c.1900–2000) of medical, health and social care provision and practice in the UK. The material which has been identified for inclusion will interest people engaged in learning, teaching and research in science and bio-medicine as well as historical, social and media studies.

The scope of the collection is wide, encompassing an eclectic mix of genres across educational, instructional and public-awareness films made with very different audiences in mind, be it policy-makers, clinicians, GPs, medical students or the general public.

The inclusion of WellcomeFilm will cover many topics where, until now, there have been no moving image materials readily available. Film & Sound Online also permits a range of alternative search strategies which cross the subject disciplines and reflect how very versatile some of these materials can be.

To take part in the consultation, go to http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/consultations/coll_consultations/wellcomefilm.aspx

The deadline for responses is 9 May 2007.

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Home > Geospatial Search

To use the map interface to search for items, use the icons at the top left to pan and zoom, and drag the markers at the upper right and bottom left of the box displayed on the map to define an area you wish to use to search for items. You can also drag the map at any point to move to a different area.

Alternatively, you can also type coordinates manually into the boxes below the map.

There are two options for specifying how the search retrieves items: 'within' and 'intersects'.

Search Type: Within Search Reset

DSpace Software Copyright © 2002-2005 MIT and Hewlett-Packard

News in Brief

CAB Abstracts and Land, Life & Leisure

EDINA is pleased to announce new pricing for the coming academic year 07/08 for two related services – CAB Abstracts and Land, Life & Leisure, both largely unchanged.

Thirty-day institutional trials are available for each service by contacting us at edina@ed.ac.uk.

- <http://edina.ac.uk/access/>

Date set for EDINA GeoForum

The EDINA GeoForum 2007 will take place at Leeds University on 15 June 2007. This all-day event will include speakers from other relevant organisations and provide a briefing on a range of current and future geo-related activities.

- <http://edina.ac.uk/events/>

e-MapScholar update

As an update on the e-Map-Scholar Virtual Placement Nant Carfan Visualisation Case Study mentioned in the last edition of Newsline, we are pleased to announce that the software is available as open source under GPL licence at <http://vplace.sourceforge.net/>

- <http://edina.ac.uk/projects/virtualplacement/>

EuroGeoNames

Work has commenced on the EU-funded EuroGeoNames project, to implement multi-lingual geographical names data held nationally across Europe. EDINA is involved in developing the conceptual database model, the application schema and in implementing this across a selection of European national mapping and Cadastral Agencies. EGN runs for 30 months from September 2006.

- http://www.eurogeographics.org/eng/03_projects_EuroGeoNames.asp

Time to sign up with UK Federation

The UK Access Management Federation for Education and Research (or, simply, "UK Federation") will eventually manage access to web resources for the higher and further education and research communities in the UK – and to all the primary and secondary schools in the country as well.

Before organisations can play an active part in the UK Federation they have to go through a membership process. Despite the need to negotiate these legalities, the membership of the UK Federation has been growing fast (see the membership list at the web address below).

Members of the original Shibboleth Development and Support Services (SDSS) Federation were given provisional membership of the UK Federation, but this will run out at the end of March 2007, when the SDSS Federation is due to close down.

Implications

A member organisation of the UK Federation can register any number of 'service providers' or 'identity providers'. A university, for example, might register an identity provider, so that all of its staff and students are then able to use the federation to gain access to services which the University has signed up for. A service provider does just that – provides a web service.

Technical provision to install, configure and maintain the software required to be an identity provider or a service provider, can be out-sourced to a third party, as described in the federation web site.

Finally

The UK Federation web site contains copious amounts of information: implications and benefits of membership, briefing notes for senior staff, technicalities of the software, etc. Now is the time to get involved – it will affect you sooner or later.

- <http://www.ukfederation.ac.uk>

SUNCAT provides linking options

To widen access to SUNCAT, the UK national serials catalogue, connections can now be set up from a range of Z39.50 clients.

For example, users can now search directly for UK journal holdings from their local library catalogue or preferred reference management software.

By creating OpenURL links to SUNCAT, institutions can lead users directly from web services such as online reading lists, catalogues, table of contents services and bibliographic databases to

details on the holdings and location of serials in the UK.

Users finding an article of interest can link directly to the appropriate journal record on SUNCAT providing details on where it is held in the UK, so facilitating access, either in person or via document delivery, to articles not immediately available to them online.

Information and advice on setting up the Z39.50 connections and OpenURL links are available at the following:

- <http://www.sunecat.ac.uk/support/>

Forthcoming Events

EDINA Geo Forum

Seminar on current and future geo-related activities at EDINA and elsewhere.

15 June 2007

Leeds University

<http://edina.ac.uk/events/>

Conferences and Exhibitions

UKSG - Serials Group annual conference

16–18 April 2007 at University of Warwick
<http://uksg.org/events/annualconf07.asp>

The 3rd RSC East Midlands e-fair

21 June 2007 at University of Derby
<http://www.rsc-east-midlands.ac.uk/events.asp?id=153>

UMBRELLA - CILIP conference

28–30 June 2007 at University of Hertfordshire
<http://www.umbrella2007.org.uk/>

HE Academy Annual Conference

3–5 July 2007 at Harrogate International Centre
<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/events/conference.htm>

ALLCU - 2007

18–20 July 2007 at Writtle College
<http://www.allcu.org.uk/conferences.html#2007>

Training Courses

Digimap Training

24–26 April 2007 at The Open University, Milton Keynes

Film & Sound Online and Education Image Gallery

18 April 2007 at University of Gloucestershire

See the latest events and training information at:

- <http://edina.ac.uk/events/>