

Rome Declaration on CRIS and OAR

At the second workshop on CRIS (Current Research Information Systems) and OAR (Open Access Repositories) held in Rome May 23-24 2011 there was broad agreement on the need to coordinate the developments in CRIS and OAR for the benefit of the wider research community.

We, representing the communities concerned with CRIS and OAR hereby declare:

- That high quality research information is critically important to research institutions, research funders, policymakers and society at large;
- That information on publicly-funded research should be available, shareable and integrated seamlessly;

therefore we commit:

- To develop, support and promote an architecture (including data model and services) suitable to pursue these principles;
- Jointly to adopt, develop and promote applicable open standards;
- To advocate these principles among all stakeholders.

ANNEX: Definitions

Architecture: an ICT environment (including data model and services) to support sustainable, flexible, portable and interoperable implementation of the principles

Conceptual Model: a formal representation of the real world, commonly expressed in entity-relationship or UML (Unified Modelling Language) form

CRIS: current research information system

OAR: open access repository

Open standard: a formal or de facto agreement on requirements, model, criteria, methods, processes and/or practices, including recommendations from recognised bodies e.g. EU, W3C