Scopus announced as citation provider for Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) Initiative in 2010

The Australian Research Council (ARC) has recently announced that Scopus will provide citation information for the full Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative in 2010. QUT Library is now considering a subscription to Scopus for 2010 as currently we do not have access. More information will follow as it comes to hand.

For more about the ERA go to http://www.arc.gov.au/era/default.htm

eResearch session for Faculty of Science and Technology Research Staff and Postgraduate Research Students: 9 December 2009

An eResearch session for all Faculty of Science and Technology Staff and Postgraduate Research Students has been confirmed for Wednesday 9 December 2009 in Rm V714 (Lvl 7, Library).

The proposed program is as below:
9:30 – 9:35 am: Introduction (Faculty of Science and Technology Liaison Librarians)
9:35 -10.30 am: Open access publishing and QUT eprints (Paula Callan)
10:30 - 11:00 am: Australian National Data Service (ANDS) / Australian Research Collaboration Service (ARCS) / Mediaflux Digital Asset Management System: Overview: (Ashley Wright)
11:00 – 11:20 am: Morning tea
11:20 – 11:50 am: EVO Collaboration Tool (what it is, how to set up and get going etc) - Ashley Wright
11:50 – 12:00 pm: HPC postgrad session: Preview of the HPC Postgraduate Session, Semester 1, 2010 - Neil Kelson
12:00 – 12:20 pm: Bibliometrics – Overview of Thomson Reuters Bibliometric Products (Nina Prasolova and/or Brendan Sinnamon)
12:20 – 12:30 pm: Final questions and close

Please RSVP to Brendan Sinnamon at details below by Thursday 3 December 2009.

Brendan Sinnamon: 3138 1459: b.sinnamon@qut.edu.au

EBSCOhost: New Interface for Mobile Users

EBSCO Publishing have developed a new interface for their EBSCOhost platform (in which many databases are hosted) for users with mobile devices users known as EBSCOhost Mobile.

To access the new interface go to the QUT Library database record for EBSCOhost (just select it from the popular database list on the QUT Library databases page at http://www.library.qut.edu.au/find/databases/) and then select the link EBSCOhost interface for mobile users. To get started on using your mobile device to access EBSCOhost resources, go to http://support.epnet.com/knowledge_base/detail.php?id=4431

Visit EBSCO’s Support Site (http://support.ebsco.com) to learn about all of EBSCO’s products, search among thousands of FAQs, and download tutorials, Help Sheets or User Guides.
Research Support Seminar: Managing Research Data: Thursday 10 December 2009

In addition to the above session there is also an upcoming generic research support seminar that will outline how to manage your research data on Thursday 10 December 2009 from 10:30am - 11:30am in R614 (Library, KG Campus).

Presented by:
Paula Callan: eResearch Access Coordinator, Library.
Lance De Vine: IT Specialist, Research Support, High Performance Computing.

This workshop will discuss the main issues that should be the focus of any data management plan including:
- Establishing the ownership of the data
- Determining requirements for documentation
- Data organisation (including version-control and file naming)
- Durable formats which will last until the end of the retention period (and beyond)
- Storage options
- Managing access appropriately
- Options for publishing data
- Secure disposal

Please register by Friday 4 December at http://libcat.qut.edu.au/search/Q%20TILS%20Research%20Support%20Seminar


SciBX is a weekly publication that provides analysis of the scientific content and commercial potential of translational research papers from across the life science literature.


TechXtra: UK Based Search Interface for Engineering, Mathematics, and Computing

TechXtra is a UK based search interface that cross-searches 31 different collections as listed at http://www.techxtra.ac.uk/index.html?action=collectiondetails relevant to engineering, mathematics and computing, including content from over 50 publishers and providers. It doesn't just point you to these databases, but `deep mines' them, so you can search them direct from TechXtra.

Access at http://www.techxtra.ac.uk/index.html

Interesting Articles

ERA results a rank tool for students

The article makes the point that, in the future, each University's quality ranking for specific disciplines (based on ERA) will influence student enrolments. Current status indicators give no indication of the strength of any specific discipline within the University. Many students have enrolled at a prestigious university only to find that their specific discipline is not one of its strong points.


Let the Internet replace journals

This article exposes the absurdity of the current scholarly publishing system where universities pay for research articles to be written, they pay academics to peer review articles, they pay academics to act as editors for journals, some academics even copy-edit and present camera ready articles to the publishers – who then sell the articles back to those same universities at ridiculous prices.


Nina Prasolova is on secondment to Patent Lens

Any queries during this period:
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Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH)

This resource is on a short term free trial until 30 December 2009.

AMH is a formulary covering most of the drugs marketed in Australia. Drug information includes indications, precautions, interactions, adverse effects, dosage and drug comparisons. Access via http://www.library.qut.edu.au/find/databases/trials.jsp

Encyclopedia of Animals

The gratis database EBSCO Animals is no longer available for access as a separate resource. The content from EBSCO Animals has been improved and integrated into the Primary Search database as the Encyclopedia of Animals. You can obtain access via the catalogue record on the library website.

http://www.library.qut.edu.au/find/databases/trials.jsp
Hindawi Publishing Open Access Journals
Hindawi Publishing publishes over 160 open access journals covering a wide range of areas in science, technology, and medicine.
For a journal title list grouped by subject go to http://www.hindawi.com/journals/

Hindawi Publishing offers Institutional Memberships to enable institutions to encourage their authors to publish their research in a Hindawi open access journal free of charge without having to administer and pay “Article Processing Charges” from their individual research budget. QUT Library has paid the membership cost for 2010 of US$3,000 per annum so if you wish to publish in a Hindawi journal in 2010 it will be free to do so.

30 QUT authors have published in Hindawi journals as at November 2009.
For the list of articles already published by QUT authors in Hindawi journals go to http://www.hindawi.com/institutions/qut.edu.au/

Other information:
When publishing in any Hindawi journals, authors retain the copyright of their articles, which are freely distributed under the “Creative Common Attribution License,” permitting the unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction of the article in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited.

The current full complement of 161 Hindawi open access titles are also available in the catalogue.
Just do a Title search using ‘Hindawi’ to see the list.

Remember that QUT Library, in addition to the Hindawi Publishing open access journals, pays the article processing charges for QUT authors who wish to publish in PLoS journals and BioMed Central journals in 2009 and 2010.
See the individual database records for further information.

Please contact Jennifer Thomas, IHBI Information Manager for more information.

Course Materials Database (CMD):
Requests for Summer Semester and Semester 1 2010
Please note the upcoming submission dates for Semester 1 2010 units.

Semester 1, 2010 units:
Self activate multiple CMD documents : From January 1 2010
Self activate single documents : Able to be completed now
New CMD requests : To be submitted by 5 February 2010 (if required for Week 1)

Instructions and support:
Please direct all enquires about CMD submissions to the Library:
Email: cmd@qut.edu.au
Phone: 3138 3245

Instructions on how to use the CMD are available at:
http://www.library.qut.edu.au/services/teaching/cmd_for_staff.jsp
More information is also available on how to:
Reactivate documents:
http://www.library.qut.edu.au/services/teaching/cmd_for_staff.jsp#reactivating
Add new documents:
http://www.library.qut.edu.au/services/teaching/cmd_for_staff.jsp#ad

Common queries

The unit code has changed
If your unit has undergone a code change, but you require the same materials under the new unit code:
Use “Self Activation of a single item”; or send an email to cmd@qut.edu.au

Past exam papers
Further information is available at:
http://www.library.qut.edu.au/services/teaching/cmd_for_staff.jsp#exams

Using QUT Blackboard
If you require support for QUT Blackboard please contact the IT Helpdesk:
Email: ithelpdesk@qut.edu.au
Phone 3138 4000
Web: http://www.ithelpdesk.qut.edu.au/

Copyright issues
For more information on copyright, go to:
Or contact the University Copyright Officer:
Email: qut.copyright@qut.edu.au
Phone: 3138 4024
Web: http://www.tils.qut.edu.au/copyrightguide/
OCLC FirstSearch Databases : Change in access

The OCLC FirstSearch databases are no longer available as a transaction based searching model but instead by subscription. Based on usage of these databases in the past QUT Library has decided to only continue subscriptions to the FirstSearch databases PapersFirst and ProceedingsFirst.

These subscriptions are now active via username and password. The login details are listed at https://secure.library.qut.edu.au/databases/passwords.php#2480

Note that these products are now available to all current QUT staff and students (previously these products were available to staff and postgraduate students only).

PapersFirst contains citations to papers presented at worldwide meetings, conferences, expositions, workshops, congresses, and symposia. It covers every published congress, symposium, conference, exposition, workshop and meeting received by The British Library Document Supply Centre. Coverage from 1993-

ProceedingsFirst contains citations to the published proceedings of worldwide meetings, conferences, expositions, workshops, congresses, and symposia received at The British Library Document Supply Center from October 1993 to the present. In addition to including the papers presented, it provides an overview of the activities at these events. Coverage from 1993-

To access these 2 databases via FirstSearch go to the QUT Library homepage and select databases. In the Database title section enter firstsearch and click the Find databases button. On the next page click the database name hyperlink to connect to either of these 2 databases. Or you may click the More details link to bring up a full one page description for each database.

“Trailblazing”

Royal Society

The Royal Society has released a website that is an interactive timeline for everybody with an interest in science. It celebrates three and a half centuries of scientific endeavour.

If you are interested in looking at digitised copies of original documentation from such people as Newton and Einstein then this may be the site for you. http://trailblazing.royalsociety.org/