

Introduction to the Journal Usage Statistics Portal (JUSP)

Libraries spend millions of pounds on electronic journals each year, but gathering statistics about their use hasn't always been easy. Diminishing budgets must demonstrate value for money, and reliable data is key. Comparative usage statistics help evaluate the impact of e-resources and inform future purchasing decisions. The Journal Usage Statistics Portal (JUSP) provides a "one-stop shop" for libraries to view, download and analyse their usage reports from NESLi2 publishers <http://www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/nesli2/>. It responds to current financial challenges with time and cost saving benefits.

About this newsletter

This monthly newsletter will inform you of JUSP progress as the project develops. Please let us know about the type of information you would like to see included here by mailing us at jusp@mimas.ac.uk

Which libraries are involved?

Five libraries were involved in the original prototype project (Cranfield University, University of Birmingham, University of Glasgow, University of Liverpool and University of Westminster). A further group of libraries were invited to join in this first phase of the JUSP development. We now have usage statistics dating from 2007 loaded into the portal for a total of twenty-one institutions.

The following institutions have now joined the original five: Cardiff University, Glasgow Caledonian University, Imperial College London, Kings College London, Loughborough University, Newcastle University, Northumbria University, UCL, University of Bath, University of Bristol, University of Edinburgh, University of Kent, University of Leicester, University of Manchester, University of Portsmouth, and University of Warwick.

A further two institutions have been invited to participate in the project during the first phase of development. We expect to add to the number of libraries in the New Year, but at present are working with this group to add more publishers and in particular to implement SUSHI.

Which publishers and intermediaries are involved?

Publishers and intermediaries currently involved in the project include Oxford University Press, Swets, AIP, Publishing Technology and Project Muse. Publishers are continuing to sign up to JUSP as the project develops.

Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative (SUSHI)

We are implementing the Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative (SUSHI) protocol, which automatically gathers usage statistics from publisher websites to present cost and time efficiencies. Once set up, your statistics will be automatically updated on a monthly basis. The gathering of Oxford University Press statistics via SUSHI has been set up for all institutions, with plans to extend this form of data collection to other publishers over the next few months.

Contact us

You can keep up-to-date with project developments by visiting our website www.jusp.mimas.ac.uk. We welcome your views on your experience of using the website and portal. Please get in touch if you have comments, questions or ideas for future developments via our email address.