The Journal Usage Statistics Portal (JUSP)

The Journal Usage Statistics Portal (JUSP) is a Jisc-funded service that provides a "one-stop shop" for libraries to view, download and analyse their journal usage reports from multiple publishers. It responds to current financial challenges with time and cost saving benefits.

Publishers and SUSHI

We are pleased to report that usage data for two new publishers, the American Physical Society (APS) and Multi-science Publishing are now available in JUSP.

Community survey

Those of you on the JUSP libraries mailing list will have received details of the community survey that we are now running. We hope as many of you as possible will complete the survey and help us plan for the future development of JUSP.

The closing date for the survey is 20 December - and there's a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher. You can find the survey at http://bit.ly/juspsurvey2013

New libraries

We are pleased to welcome Liverpool Hope University, who have recently joined JUSP.

Forthcoming workshops and webinars

Workshops

JUSP will be running three workshops in the New Year. The first of these will be in Birmingham on 26 February and others are planned later in London and the West Country. Details of the Birmingham workshop are now being circulated. It will bring you up to date with the latest JUSP plans and developments, including interoperability with KB+ and other services and is intended both for those who are new to JUSP and for any who want to have the opportunity to explore JUSP further.

Webinars

Also planned for the New Year are a further series of webinars. The first one will be on 30 January and will be on the subject of 'titles and deals' and how to get the most out of JUSP by keeping your deal details up to date. Details of this live webinar will be sent round shortly.

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.

E-books

UK academic institutions are increasingly being asked to provide information on the value for money and return on investment of all subscriptions, whether they're databases, journals or e-book collections. For many institutions, finding the time to manually collect, aggregate and analyse this information is difficult. Institutions value access to the time saving benefits of journal usage statistics provided via JUSP, and many have expressed an interest in seeing JUSP extended to include a wider variety of usage statistics. In response to this interest the JUSP team decided to conduct a small e-book trial in 2nd quarter of 2013 involving a small selected group of publishers and Community Advisory Group (CAG) members.

The JUSP team collected Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) BR2 reports for 4 institutions and Oxford University Press (OUP) reports for 2 institutions and covering the period January to December 2012. Data was presented to institutions within a test interface and they were asked to provide feedback on the value of access to e-book data through a portal such as JUSP, the type of reports they'd like to see and future areas of investigation.

The trial received positive feedback and indicated firm support for the idea of an automated e-book usage statistics service. Comments included:

"It would be very useful to have all our usage stats in one place and we don't have any other means of automating e-books usage so this is welcome."

"JUSP, by harvesting the data to a single point via SUSHI, would potentially save us lots of time and also hopefully provide some consistency between reports from publishers. All the benefits libraries have now had for journal reports via JUSP would be realised for e-book data."

Institutions felt this had the potential to save time and also to provide some consistency between reports from publishers. Several institutions provided valuable feedback on priorities for this type of service. Responses indicated a keen interest in e-book aggregator content.

A second phase of activity will commence shortly. The trial will be extended to involve a wider range of institutions and we hope to conduct a small scale trial to include titles hosted on e-book aggregator platforms.

CAG meeting

The JUSP Community Advisory Group (CAG) met in London on 25 November.

Among items discussed were updates on the e-book trial and usage profiling, joint working with KB+, COUNTER release 4 and the new GOA (Gold Open Access) report.

As always, the JUSP team are very grateful to the support they receive from the CAG, both in the face to face meetings and in helping to trial new developments.

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