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## **The need for author/researcher identifiers**

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Pablo -  
Indeed the 'other keith jeffery' is a well-known academic / professor specialising in history. The other well-known keith jeffery is into martial arts!  
Actually I do not have an ORCID ID so I'm afraid I cannot help with this. However the problem is a real one. Although unique IDs are meant to be the answer you know my view that true disambiguation only comes with comparison of multiple attributes; for example research domain would distinguish the 3 commonly known keith jeffery persons and certainly address, email and other attributes could also do so.  
Good luck at the COAR conference and indeed, look forward to seeing you in Bonn  
Best  
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### When Mike Taylors collide

April 12, 2013

Yesterday I was in Oxford for the *Rigour and Openness in 21st Century Science* conference (web-site here, tweets here though they also include newer ones from Day 2 which is happening as I write this).

There was a lot to enjoy about the day, including meeting Cameron Neylon of PLOS and Jason Hoyt of PeerJ, both for the first time. The highlight for me, unsurprisingly, was the debate at the Oxford Union in the evening, of which more in following posts.

Another highlight was meeting my anti-particle – the *pro-Elsevier* Mike Taylor. There are quite a few odd coincidences linking him and me, and he has been using us both as a motivating example of the need for ORCID: skip to 5:50 in this video for an example.



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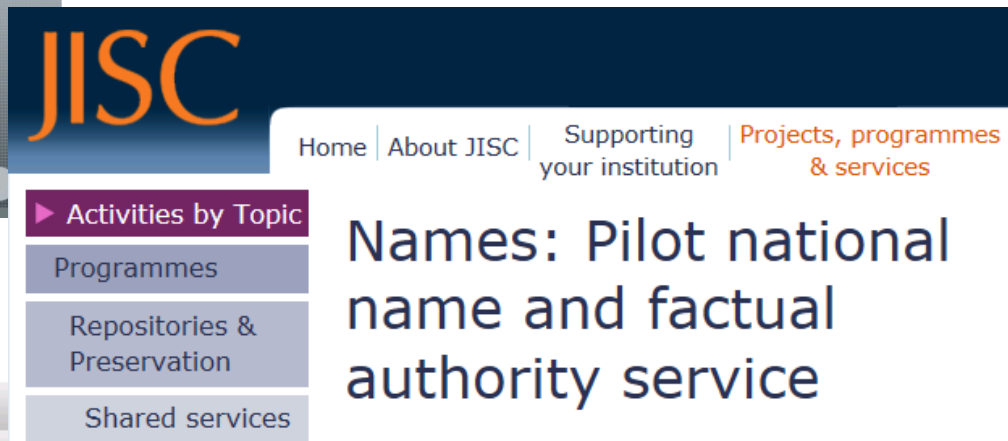


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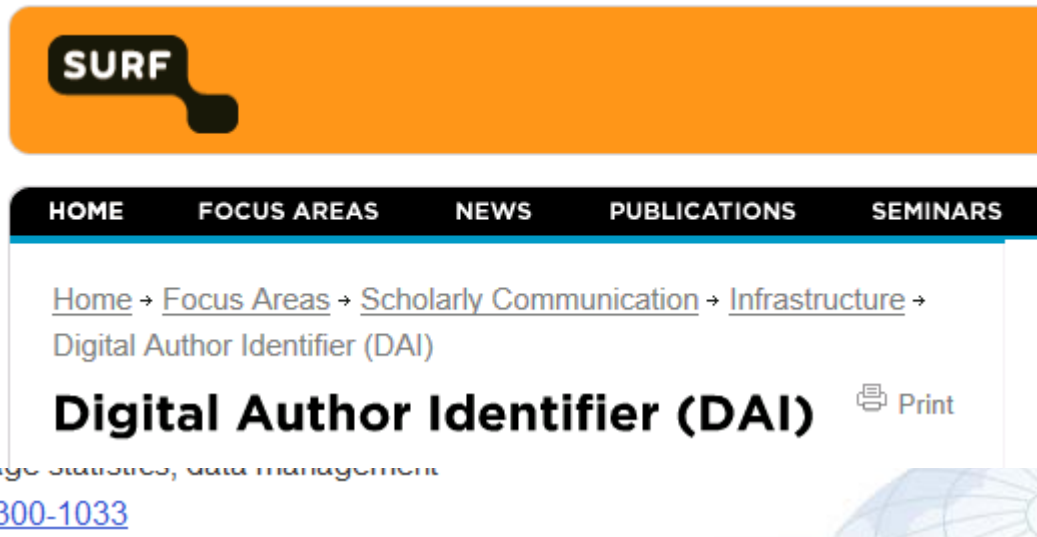
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## Researcher identifiers

UCISA are members of a group convened by Jisc to analyse the need for identifiers for researchers and to propose a solution for the UK. The Group analysed the need for identifiers for researchers, looked at the options available and their various merits and made a series of [recommendations](#). Chief amongst these was the recommendation that the UK should move to adopt the Open Researcher and Contributor Identifier (ORCID). Jisc, on behalf of the group, commissioned a consultation on these recommendations to gather feedback from the UK research community. This found broad support for the main recommendations and, after discussion with the group, a final set of principles that have been endorsed by the group is being released alongside the consultation report.

### What ORCID offers

With more academic articles being published than ever before and more co-authorship, there is a need to be able to identify authors correctly. This requires a unique identifier for each author that can be used to link to their publications. ORCID provides this link and if widely used would:

- Ensure researchers get credit for their own work;
- Ensure researchers and learners looking for information will be able to find academic papers more accurately;
- Enable better management of researcher publication records, making it easier for them to create CVs, reduce form filling and improve reporting to funders;
- Create a means of linking information between institutions and systems internationally;
- Enable researchers to keep track of their own work with funders, publishers and institutions around the world.

Researchers would have their own ORCID and would be able to control how much information it holds about them and with whom that information is shared. The adoption of ORCID is a solution to the current challenges of being able to search for work accurately and by researchers volunteering to adopt its usage could improve discoverability and accurate referencing.

UCISA is one of a number of organisations encouraging the adoption of ORCID; the following also endorse the approach:

- The Association of Research Managers and Administrators (ARMA)
- JISC
- The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)
- [The Higher Education Statistics Agency \(HESA\)](#)
- [Research Councils UK \(RCUK\)](#)
- [The Wellcome Trust](#)

The Group recognise the importance of establishing a business case for the adoption of ORCID. The benefits and potential costs of a national scale implementation of ORCID, to the sector as a whole, to universities and colleges and to individual researchers need to be assessed. This is one of a number of work packages the Group has identified going forward.

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## The Names Project

### Background

The Names Project is working to uniquely identify individuals and institutions involved in research in the United Kingdom. Our aim is to make it easier to link individuals with the results of their research.

The pilot Names system currently identifies over 40,000 of the UK's top researchers. We are working with universities and other research institutions to increase the number of individuals who have a Names identifier. Individual researchers who do not already have a Names unique identifier can obtain one by completing the Names [submission form](#).

Universities can obtain unique identifiers for their staff by [submitting information](#) in bulk to the Names team.

The Names Project is funded by [JISC](#) as part of the Information Environment Programme's Shared Infrastructure Services Strand. It is a collaboration between Mimas and the British Library.

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## SOME ISSUES TO DISCUSS

- **Can we do without persistent identification of organisations?  
HEIs, publishers, funders**
- **The author affiliation issue (not just ORCID but publishers, repositories, CRISes...)**
- **Could author identification be a first step in the way towards a more comprehensive identification approach?**
- **Hard logistics issues: central vs distributed office; institutional approach; parallel multi-stakeholder implementation**

