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OpenAIRE and ICSU World Data System Announce Cooperation to Advance Open Science

Tokyo, Japan – 30 May 2017 – OpenAIRE and the ICSU World Data System (ICSU-WDS) today proudly announce the signing of an agreement to strengthen existing collaborations in the field of research data and to further develop joint activities to support the Open Science agenda.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two organizations clearly states their intention to coordinate efforts in areas of mutual interest.

‘OpenAIRE is already contributing to the ICSU-WDS Metadata Catalogue and we are cooperating within the OpenAIRE-Connect project on interoperability guidelines and brokering’ said Mustapha Mokrane, Executive Director of ICSU-WDS.

To achieve their common objectives, the two organizations will cooperate more closely through existing and new working groups which will deliver outputs to benefit their communities. Both organizations will also enhance strategic exchanges and communication on activities supporting Open Science.

Paolo Manghi, OpenAIRE Technical Director says: ‘The establishment of communication and technological bridges between WDS and OpenAIRE represents an important step in identifying global practices in data sharing, publishing, and citation, and fostering Open Science generally. OpenAIRE is very excited indeed about this collaboration and working to make it as fruitful as possible.’

Under the conditions of the MoU, OpenAIRE becomes a Partner Member of ICSU-WDS.

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OpenAIRE

OpenAIRE is an EU initiative to support and implement open scholarship in Europe. It is a socio-technical infrastructure, comprised of: (1) a human expert network of 33 National Open Access Desks supporting researchers, libraries, national centers, and funders with policy formulation and implementation at the local level; and (2) a diverse set of value-added services which interlink research information to enable and accelerate open scholarship at all levels of the scholarly communication e-Infrastructure ecosystem.

ICSU World Data System

ICSU-WDS is a membership organization committed to improve the trustworthiness of scientific data services by fostering the compliance with international and agreed-upon community standards, increasing data accessibility and the sustainability of scientific data infrastructures. Accredited ICSU-WDS Regular and Network Members have a national or international remit for scientific data stewardship while co-opted Partner and Associate Members support the shared endeavour. The ICSU-WDS International Programme Office is hosted in Japan by the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT).

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