



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A MEMBER OF RIAN?

Factsheet 1 explains why membership of RIAN has multiple benefits.

2. WHO CAN JOIN RIAN?

Membership of RIAN is open to organisations based in Ireland who have a functioning research repository. Participation in RIAN is open to all public organisations that are able to comply with RIAN's specifications and data quality standards.

3. HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF RIAN?

Factsheet 2 details the process of membership.

4. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO JOIN RIAN?

Contributors to RIAN will be asked to share the costs of maintaining and developing RIAN on an equitable basis; modest contributions from participants will cover the ongoing costs of software application maintenance and development as well as the hosting of RIAN's supporting technical infrastructure.

5. WHAT IS A CROSSWALK?

A Schema crosswalk is a table that shows equivalent elements (or "fields") in more than one database schema. It maps the elements in one schema to the equivalent elements in another schema. A crosswalk is required for new participants to RIAN. This will identify metadata elements in a repository which will map to the database schema used by RIAN.

6. HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR MY REPOSITORY'S ITEMS TO BE HARVESTED BY RIAN?

The length of time will vary, depending upon a number of factors, e.g. the extent to which a repository has metadata in place which will map easily to RIAN. The average time is 3-6 months. Following the initial harvest, RIAN does incremental harvests daily and a full refresh weekly.



7. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF RIAN?

The purpose of RIAN is to make Ireland's research outputs discoverable to the global community. This is accomplished through both the technical infrastructure, <http://rian.ie>, and the network of repository managers, librarians and interested parties from the major Irish research funders.

8. IS RIAN OPENAIRE COMPLIANT?

RIAN will be OpenAire compliant with the next iteration of RIAN.

9. HOW DO I SOLVE A RIAN TECHNICAL ISSUE?

Factsheet 3 explains how to log a call with the Technical Group in RIAN.

10. WHO CONTRIBUTES TO RIAN?

	All Ireland Public Health Repository
 CUAL Repository <small>Connacht Ulster Alliance Libraries</small>	Connacht-Ulster Alliance
	Dublin City University
	Dublin Institute of Technology
	Dundalk Institute of Technology
	Lenus
 Marine Institute <small>Faras na Mara</small>	Marine Institute
	Mary Immaculate College
 Maynooth University <small>National University of Ireland Maynooth</small>	Maynooth University



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