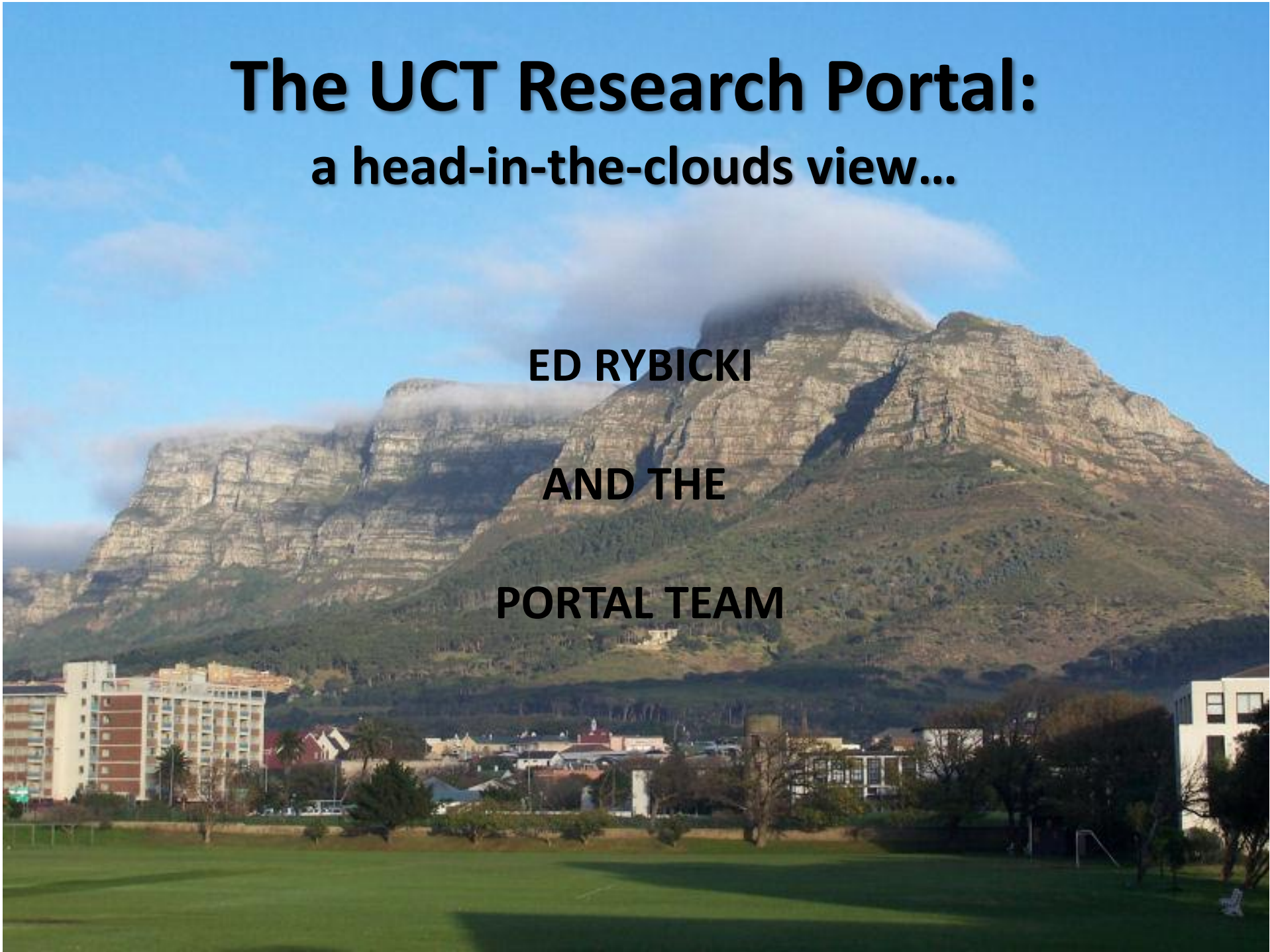
The UCT Research Portal:

a head-in-the-clouds view…



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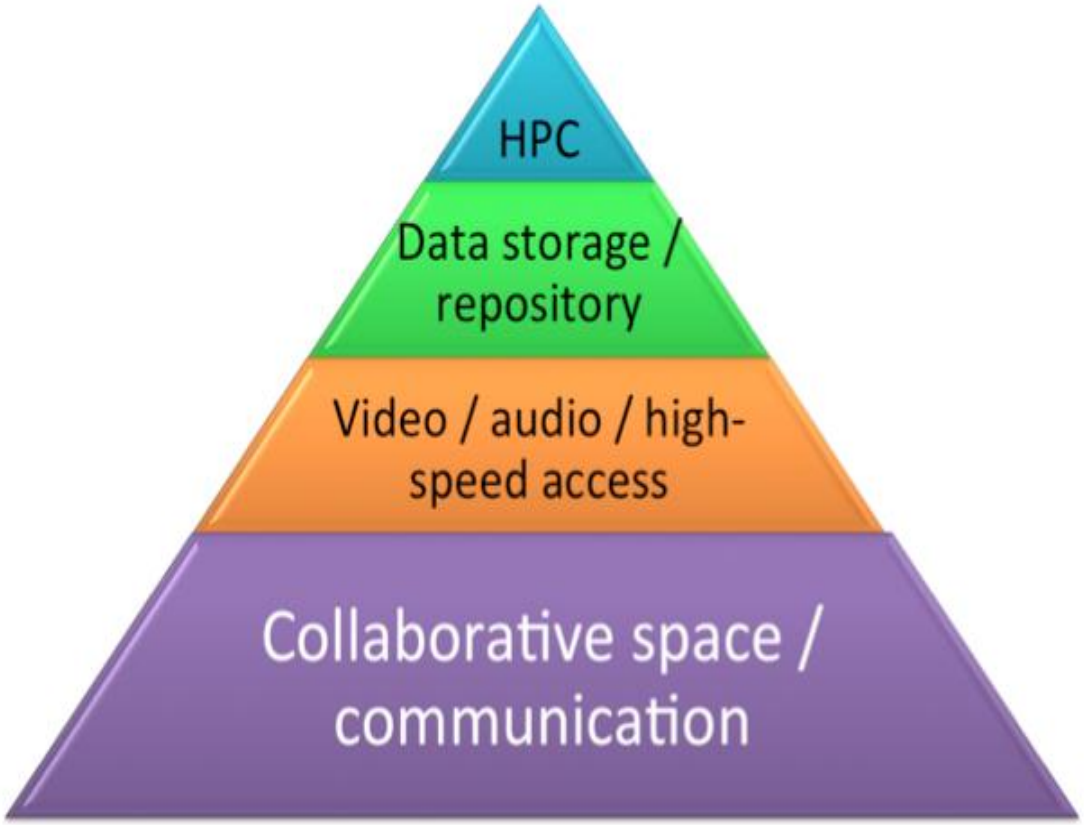
AND THE

PORTAL TEAM

Start With a Survey in 2010

Overall, the survey showed that the user needs at UCT were as shown by the following diagram:



After Australia Tour 2011

- "My UCT” and “My eResearch" (eg) tabs on a UCT home page visible after login on chosen PC - with only the standard UCT page available to non-logged in or outside users
- My EResearch goes to pages which can be personalised - eg: "My Publications, My Tools, My Library" eg.
- My Publications should have a dynamic link to some search engine (or several), like SCOPUS if we get it, ISI Web of Science - and should be seamlessly available when off-campus via login or a MUCH improved version of EZProxy. It should also have tools available like Endnote Web.
- My Library should go straight into an improved library front page, again available from off-campus.
- My Tools is important because this could be very personalisable - it should have links to a variety of chosen cloud tools and tools made available specifically to that user by tiered support from ICTS / eResearch support. One of these should be “My Storage”, which would allow easy drag-and-drop file storage, for example, and even complete machine backup services.

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Monash Research
Fundamental Research
• Outputs: papers, ...
High profile areas
• Outputs: branding/ reputation, ...
Platforms
• Outputs: utilised infrastructure
Faculty & Institute
Fabric
Research capability
IT capability
eResearch Capability
Improves effectiveness in delivery to the outputs
MONASH University
e-Research Centre

What is happening now? Phase 1, live Feb 2012

Created and linked / redesigned Web pages, linked a database, established Portal site

NOTE: we presently do not know what to use for Portal – several options exist
NOTE 2: FULL implementation has to wait for UCT Web renewal

We're live....

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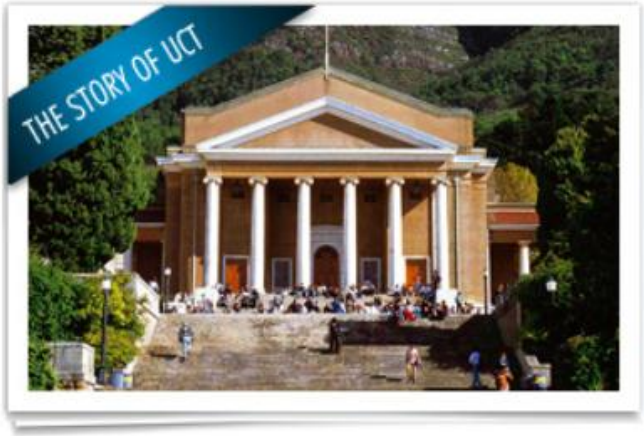

Click above to view the story of UCT, or visit our **YouTube** channel.

FEATURED NEWS STORY

President Zuma honours five UCT stalwarts

President Jacob Zuma has bestowed National Orders on UCT wastewater treatment expert, Professor George Ekama, of the Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment, as well as former political activist and UCT academic, the late Dr Neville Alexander. Three other UCT alumni, former politician Colin Eglin and opera star Pretty Yende and Herbert de la Hunt, were also on the honours list. **Read more ...**

Home Page – accessible via standard login

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RESEARCH NEWS

Research News Feed

Research Office

The ERP - 10 years on
29 April 2013 -

The Emerging Researcher Programme celebrates its tenth anniversary this year and is still thriving and growing. At its celebratory function, the Vice Chancellor, Dr Max Price, said the ERP has had to account for itself repeatedly over the years to its external and internal funders. Judging from their ongoing support, these indicators are a good measure of the success of the programme.

More...

eResearch site vs. Research Portal: where are we?
Check out the vision for the full UCT Research Portal.

eRESEARCH BLOG

Research Blog

Research Portal News

eResearch Australasia 2012: a conference report

MY LINKS

My Links (add your own bookmarks)

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UCT Library portal

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Funding
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Research Reporting
Research Facilities
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Research Funding Opportunities

URC Funding

- (University Research Committee): Internal funding for research is sourced from the university general operating budget (with a few exceptions), and is managed via sub-committees of the University Research Committee.

- Quick Start Guide_Research Professional Africa.pdf

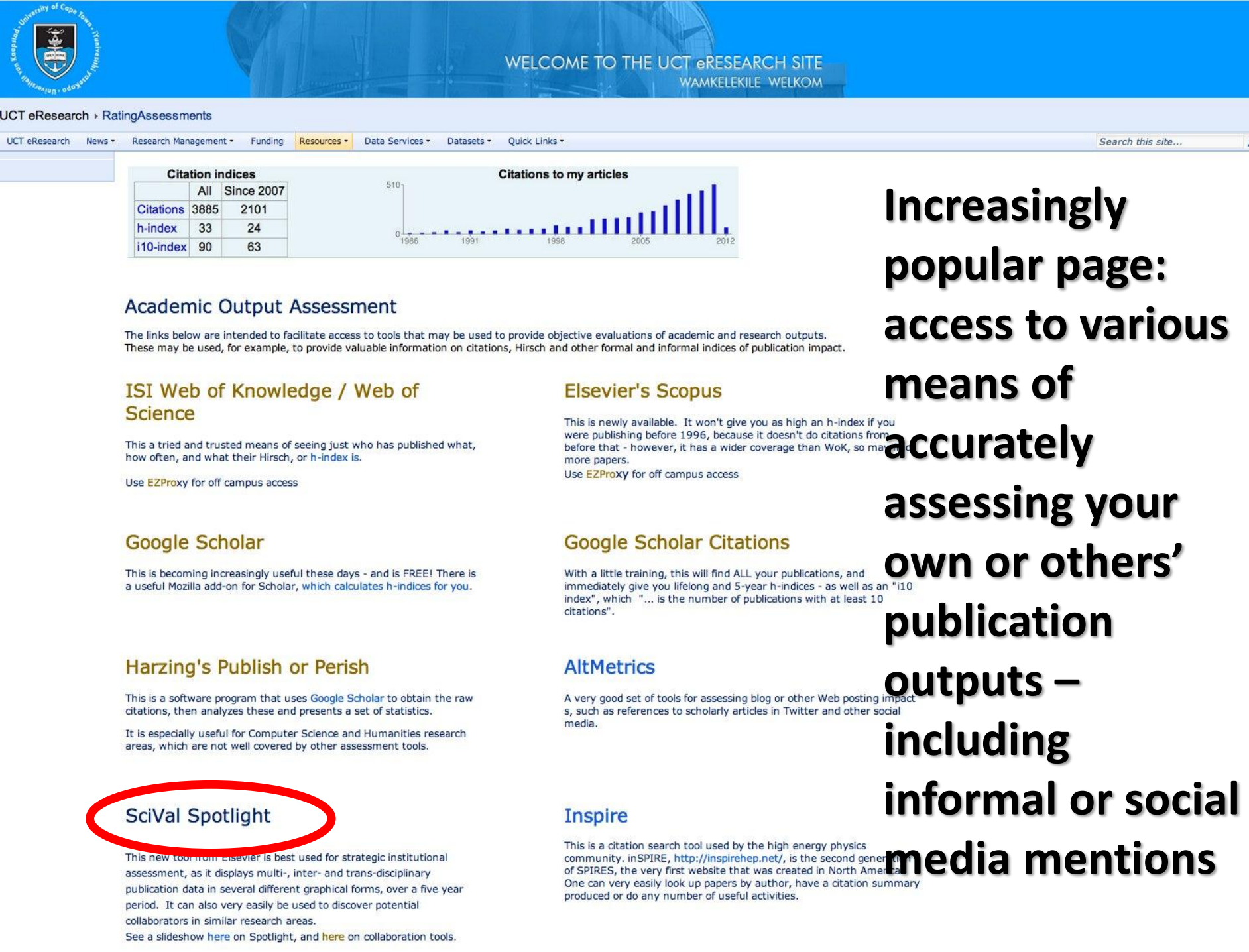
Research Professional Africa is a platform that allows access to the **latest global coverage of Research Funding Programmes** as well as Science and Technology news and Innovation policies.

This is an essential resource and we encourage all UCT staff to take full advantage of the funding opportunities which span the full spectrum of research disciplines and sponsors.

Please remember the following institutional procedurre when making a grant application:

- For NRF Funding Opportunities:
  - Applications must be submitted online on or before the internal deadline.
  - Internal Contact - Ms Mtembukazi Sibindlana (Research Office)
  - Postgraduate Student applications - Internal Contact - Ms Bongiwe Ndamani (Post Graduate Funding Office)
- For International Funding Opportunities:
  - All applications for international research grants **which require institutional approval** should be submitted to RCIPS (maghmuda.ockards@uct.ac.za). Prior to this, approval of the budget should be sought from the concerned faculty's finance manager. Where

Most accessed resource: note Research Professional Africa site is a highly comprehensive and up-to-date catalogue of Africa-specific funding opportunities worldwide



Increasingly popular page: access to various means of accurately assessing your own or others' publication outputs – including informal or social media mentions

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Research Facilities

The Research Facilities database contains information on major items of equipment that may be of interest to researchers in addition to those in the department in which the facility is housed. In many cases this equipment is available for use by researchers in other departments and in general there will be charges for such use. Many facilities will require a researcher to be trained in the usage of the equipment before it is made available to them and in some cases the equipment may only be operated by staff of that facility on behalf of an external researcher.

The information in this database has been provided by the departments housing the facility concerned and any queries should be directed to the contact persons listed for that facility. Please note that some of the information in the database may not be current and we are in the process of updating this information.

If you are a facility manager who needs to update or add new information to the Research Facilities database, please log a call with the IT Helpdesk using any of the following methods.

- Log an online call (www.icts.uct.ac.za | Helpdesk | Log a New call)
- Send an email to icts-helpdesk@uct.ac.za
- Phone the IT Helpdesk on 650-4500

Browse the Facilities Database

The Research Facilities database is a rapidly-growing interactive register of top-end research equipment and facilities at UCT. It provides instant access to information on what is available, whether it can be accessed by outsiders, and what the costs of operation / use are.

23 October, 2012 10:01

Autogoogling Your Way To Success

Posted by Ed Rybicki, Categories [General]

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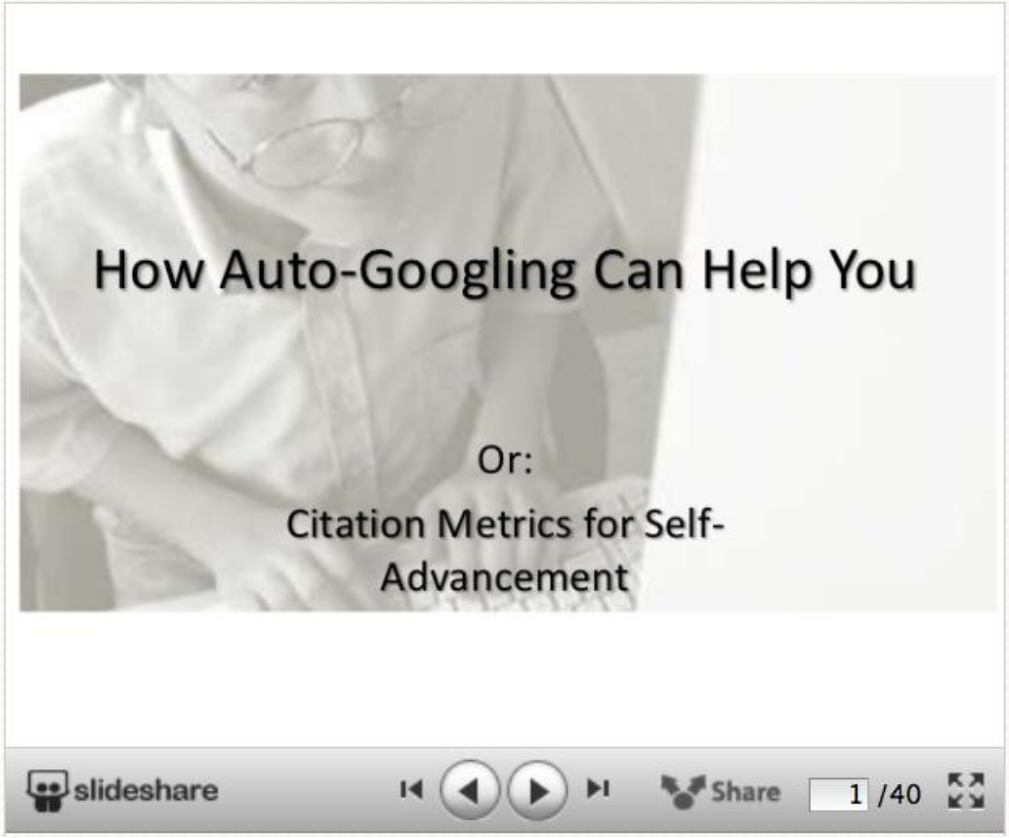
I gave a talk yesterday at the UCT Research Office that was apparently entitled:

"Research tools available to assist with NRF rating and other applications"

I had forgotten that, so I simply entitled it as shown below: this links to a Slideshare presentation, so you can view it at your leisure.



Self-assessment via web tools from Edward Rybicki

Creation of slide shows available via SlideShare to instruct researchers how to use resources

What is planned for longer term?
Phase 2, live by late 2013

Create some dynamic access links to Irma / other databases, create templated Profiles which include “Scholarly Resources” – publication lists and other forms of publication

NOTE: both Scholarly Resources and Profiles require significant development and policy decisions. Eg: SR not just database output; also represents “non conventional” publications for Humanities etc – video, digitised artworks?

Queensland Univ Technology Profiles: best exemplar

Academic Profiles

Search by name, keyword or group

Search

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Enquiries

- Media
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Featured profile

Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson

Professor of Indigenous Studies

Faculty of Education

Research Interests | Feminism, Indigenous Research Methodologies, Indigenous Research Capacity Building, Indigenous Sovereignty, Indigenous Studies, Law, Race, Whiteness

QUT News

- Bowel and breast cancer deaths avoidable
- Hold onto your vision: take an eye test at QUT during Glaucoma Week
- Conference to tackle road toll
- Jolt of the old in high-tech space
- Brisbane's newest landmark open: QUT's Science and Engineering Centre

Organisational groups

QUT Business School

- View All
- Accountancy
- Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations
- Economics and Finance
- Management
- Graduate School of Business
- QUT Languages Centre

Creative Industries Faculty

Faculty of Education

Faculty of Health

Faculty of Law

Science and Engineering Faculty

Institutes and Centres

Chancellery

Queensland Univ Technology Profiles

Professor Peter Timms

Faculty of Health,
School - Biomedical Sciences

Personal | Biography | Teaching | Publications

Name	Professor Peter Timms
Position(s)	Professor & Domain Leader, Cells & Tissue Faculty of Health, School - Biomedical Sciences IHBI Membership Institute of Health Biomedical Innovation (IHBI), IHBI Health Projects, IHBI Biomedical Sciences - Tissue
Discipline *	Microbiology
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Email	p.timms@qut.edu.au
Location	View location details (QUT staff and student access only)
Qualifications	PhD (University of Queensland), MSc (University of Queensland), BSc(Hons) (University of Queensland)
Professional memberships and associations	• Fellow, Australian Society for Microbiology
Keywords	Chlamydia, Microbiology, Molecular biotechnology, Sexually transmitted infections, Veterinary diseases

* *Field of Research code*, Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC), 2008

The Profiles are underpinned by a database and Portal – RAD – which, like the TARDIS, is far larger on the inside, and provides similar functionality to what we propose for UCT

Objective for UCT Profiles: 1

To reduce the number of times that a UCT academic has to provide the same information for different institutions or purposes

to one time only!

- To allow highly user-configurable output of curricula vitae for printing OR Web use
- Use by Departments, Faculty, Bremner, the UCT Research Office, IAPO, and the NRF, to "pull" data for specific purposes into (eg) forms for:
  - for academic assessment and leave,
  - applications for travel and research
  - equipment funding
  - to harvest information on collaborations, international partners, updated research activities

Examples:

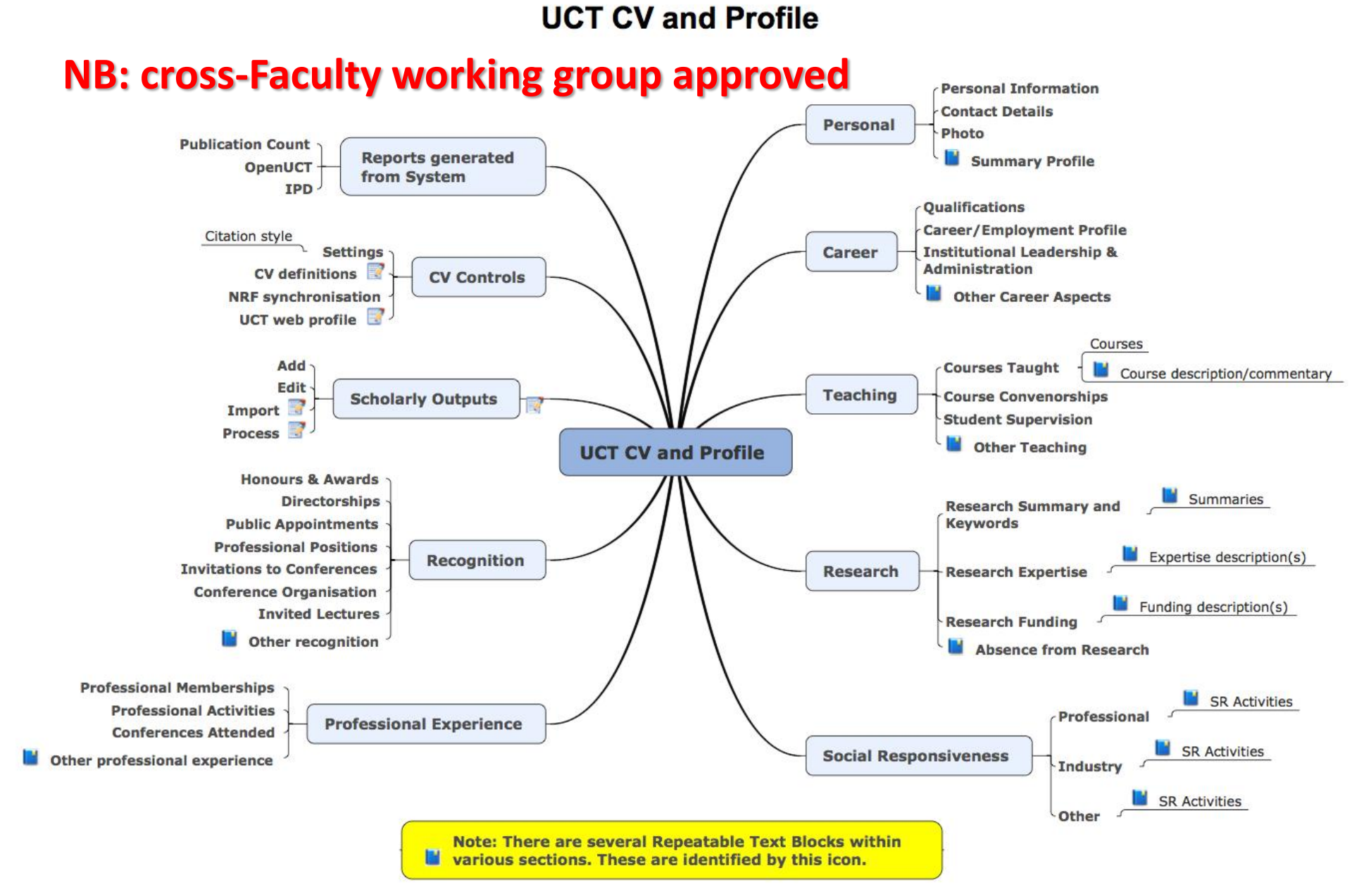
Research expertise, personal profiles, collaborations, publications, patents, open teaching material, reports….

Use by NRF:

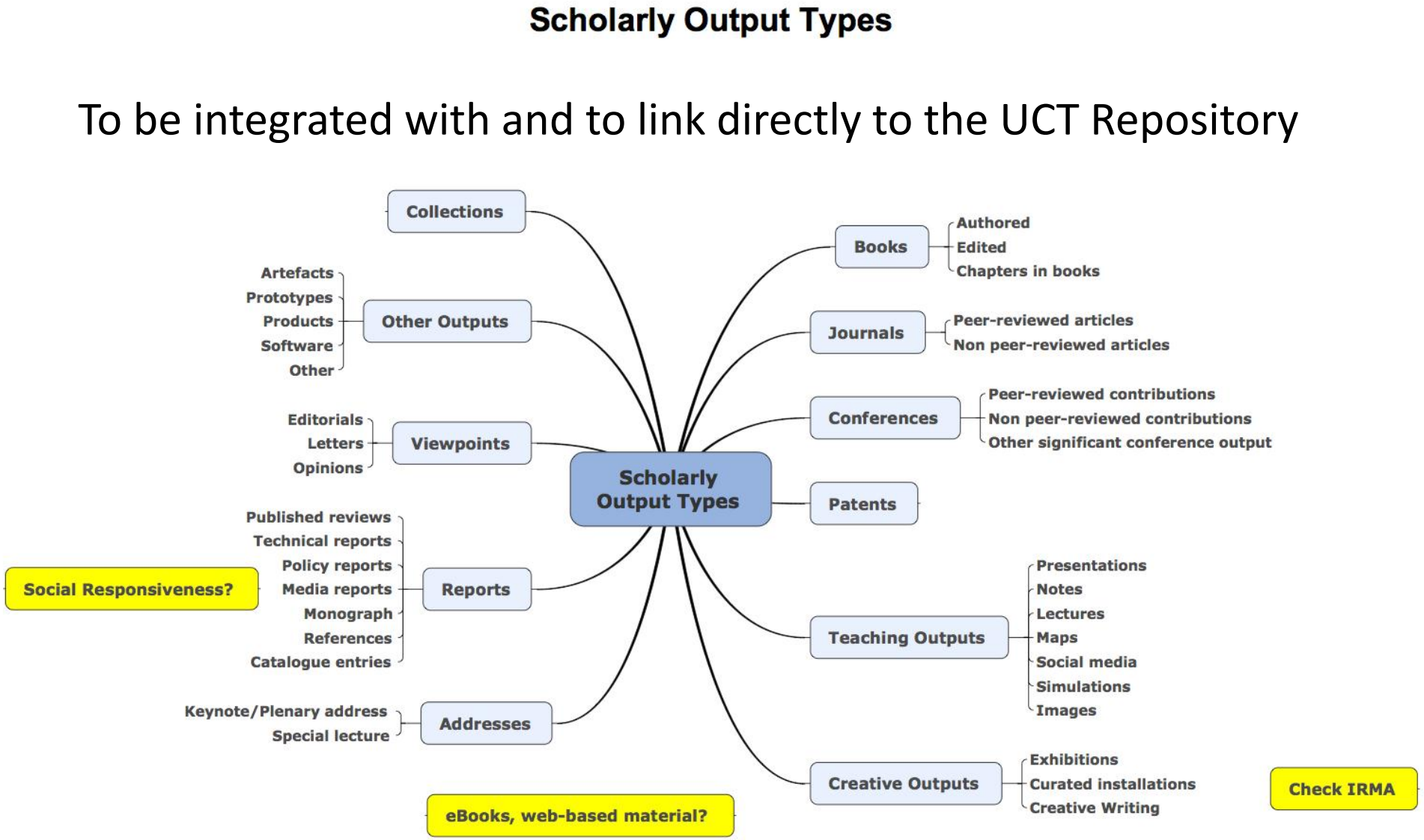
Synchronise information between UCT and NRF to reduce time spent on NRF systems, AND

ALLOW DIRECT IMPORT OF PUBLICATION DATA

Scope of the Profiles



Scholarly Works (and Open UCT)



To be integrated with and to link directly to the UCT Repository

Scholarly Works Database

DIRECT IMPORT FOR ALL SCOPUS / ISI / OTHER DATABASE PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

	Mandatory		Field Type			
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Journal Articles						
ISSN / ISBN Number	x			Text 25		
Title of Article	x	x		Text 500		
Authors (in order) with UCT linkages	x	x	Text 100			
Title of Journal	x	x		Text 300		
Volume	x			Text 100		
Issue			Text 100			
Start Page	x			Text 15		
End Page	x			Text 15		
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Year	x	x		Date-picker (Y)		
Own Contribution		x		Text 500		
URL		x		Text 200		
Article Number/DOI				Text 100		
Peer-reviewed?	x	x	Y/N			
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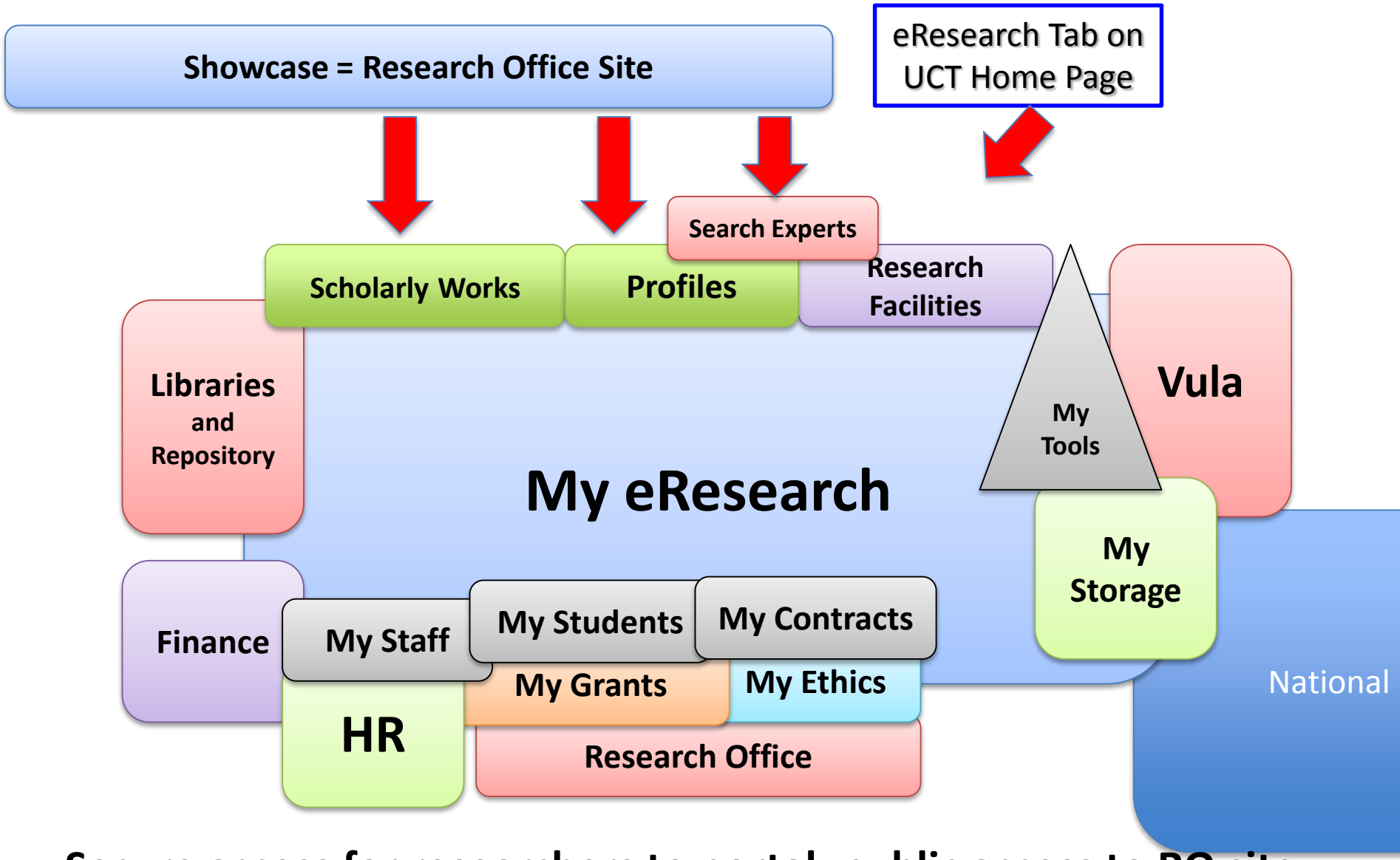
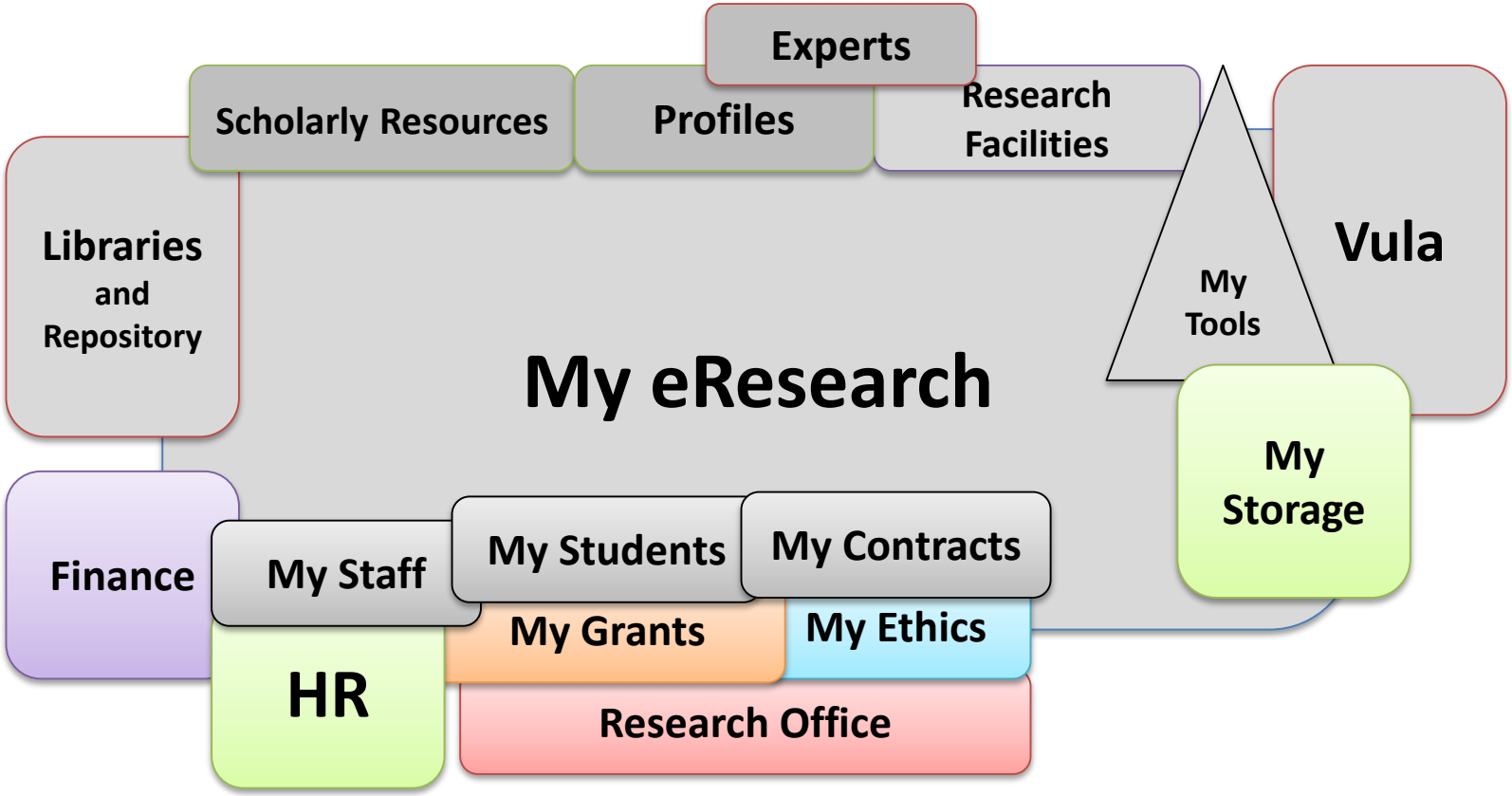
Concept as of mid-2012:



Secure access for researchers to portal; public access to RO site

What still requires serious integration?

All modules that get information from other systems: SAP for finances, PeopleSoft for student information, University Office for ethics, contracts and publication counts



…but IRMA / University Office may do some of this for us???

Research Portal News

The blog will deliver news on the development of the Research Portal Project at UCT, as well as serving as a discussion forum for ideas on its development.

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07 February, 2013 14:21

NRF Blues: Or, WHY Do We Have To Use This System??

Posted by Ed Rybicki, Categories [Open Content]

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Dear NRF folk; **LINKS TO SLIDESHOWS ON eRES RESOURCES**

I have just spent an unconscionably long time having to fill in, field by individual field, my 2011-2012 publications in the "new" NRF applications environment. This could have required 10 operations per record; however, I left out the first two fields, so it was only 8. As it was, the exercise took me the best part of an hour, for just 12 records: it interrupted my work day to the extent that I had to keep going back to it as other things obtruded, and in fact had to repeat two records because they got lost. I also had to correct a number of mistakes that occurred because of cutting-and-pasting into the wrong boxes – a MOST frustrating exercise, all around!!

I have written elsewhere about how I have simply not bothered to fix the records for all my book chapters and patents, or my papers before 2005: it is SO much work, for things THAT WERE IN YOUR DATABASE ALREADY, that I am simply not going to bother at all. In fact, I think some of those publications – dating back to 1981 – have been entered / altered in your systems AT LEAST THREE TIMES, as NRF systems have lurched from change to change, without being backwards compatible with previous versions.

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Retroid Raving

Free-form musings on life, UCT and everything. An erratic and unreliable hitchhiker's guide to the campus...B-)

[Raving] 11 April, 2013 11:36

NRF! WTF??!!

SIMPLY A FORUM FOR RAVING

Yes, weeeeeee're.....back! Sort of - that is, our front persona is, but as always, the views expressed here may or may not be considered as koming from the Kollectiv, which as always, is at least several people. Mostly. Meaning Ed Rybicki can't be blamed, necessarily. Or for everything, at least, not all the time.

And now that we've cleared that up - back to one of our favourite topics!! We refer, of course, to that evergreen generator of general anguish and widespread rage, the National Research Foundation. Long-time fans will realise that we have called them a number of things over the years - most recently, the "Not Real Funding Agency" - but they have really outdone themselves this time. Our polite persona has dealt with some of the recent problems to do with new grant submissions / funding reports in our more respectable sister blog; however, even after official representations were made to them concerning their complete lack of any facility to upload lists of publications, they came up with this....:

From: Xxxxxx xx Xxxx

Sent: 04 April 2013 08:14

To: undisclosed-recipients

Subject: CV on NRF Online Submission System - Removal of First Author field

Dear Designated Authorities

This is to alert you to the fact that the First (primary/main) Author field on the outputs screen on the CV is going to be removed.

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Comments are disabled because of the volume of spam getting through - sorry!

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