

The Australian Research Council Selects Scopus for the evaluation of the Australian research landscape

AMSTERDAM – February 20, 2009 – Elsevier announced today that Scopus®, its flagship product and world's largest abstract and citation (A&C) database, was chosen by the Australian Research Council (ARC) for its Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative.

The ERA initiative will assess research quality within Australia's higher education institutions using a combination of indicators and expert review by committees comprised of experienced, internationally-recognized experts.

Scopus Custom Data will be the sole provider used to assess the country's higher education research output for the ERA's first group of science disciplines: Physical, Chemical and Earth Sciences (PCE).

By leveraging the broad and rich content available in Scopus the ARC's ERA initiative will evaluate 41 Higher Education Providers (HEPs) using international and national benchmarks.

"The ARC is committed to the development of a world-class research quality and evaluation system" Professor Sheil said, CEO of the ARC.

"Identifying research excellence in this global environment is incredibly complex, which is why we are proud that the ARC will utilize Scopus to reach its ERA goals," added Herman Van Campenhout, CEO Science & Technology for Elsevier. "Through this relationship, we hope to open doors for Australian universities by giving them a better understanding of where they stand in the research playing field, and where to invest scarce resources."

More information available at http://www.arc.gov.au/media/media_releases.htm

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The Australian Research Council (ARC) is a statutory authority within the Australian Government's Innovation, Industry, Science and Research portfolio. The ARC advises the Australian Government on research matters and manages the National Competitive Grants Program, a significant component of Australia's investment in research and development. Through the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative the ARC will assess research quality within Australia's higher education institutions using a combination of indicators and expert review by committees comprising experienced, internationally-recognised experts.

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About Scopus Custom Data

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