2016-12-01 Outreach Call

Attendees: Ralph from UAB, Eric from UCSF, Graham from VIVO, Javed from Cornell, Marijane from OHSU, Julia from Duke.

Without a specific topic today, we went around to see what's up with everyone.

Ralph has been working with Mike Conlon on the VIVO Pump. More about that later.

Javed gave us a quick demo of Scholars@Cornell, which they are planning to roll out before the 2017 VIVO conference. Javed showed us visualizations of grant dollars by organization or by person, although Cornell won't show the amount of specific grants. He also showed the shared keywords visualization which lets you select an organization, and then see the common keywords between individuals. Currently they are using keywords from publications.

Javed reports that they have been doing lots and lots of demos, showing Scholars to all kinds of stakeholder groups. Typically Javed preps for a meeting in advance by determining the groups' interest and then tailoring the demo to their needs. The Scholars team is building support by asking for feedback about Cornell's VIVO and collecting requirements.

Eric told us that the UCSF Profiles team is working on ways to get users more engaged by looking for ways to make Profiles a part of their research transactions. In other words, how can they make Profiles essential for doing research?

One way is by displaying research opportunities for postdocs from Research Connections. RC has an API that Eric uses to consume public info about opportunities at UCSF and display this info on public profiles. Duke has also worked with RC (but probably needs an update about opportunities).

We talked a bit about other research documentation like Stanford CAP Network (https://profiles.stanford.edu/) which is heavily used by its faculty for research workflows.

Marijane mentioned that OHSU is planning to do an ontology release fairly soon but she has been working very hard on another project.

Javed told us about their "Uber records" that combines publication metadata into one publication record.

Julia says that Duke is planning to release a new version of Scholars@Duke at the end of January.

Thanks everyone for joining the call!