

## JIBS Ovid Enhancement Group meeting

### November 2012

**Present:** Robert Kimberley (host); Mark Clowes (chair); Betsy Anagnostelis; Nicola Darlington; Mike King; Karen Poole; Rowland Somers

**Apologies:** Catriona Kemp

#### Updates from Ovid

- **OvidSP 3.6 launched** (including Open Access results alongside subscribed results)

There was some discussion of the value of these additional results being displayed alongside search results – while the results are context-sensitive, they are not relevance ranked in the same way as the main results list and some users may be misled if they assumed them to be so.

However, after some discussion it was agreed that there was merit in highlighting OA materials and since they only appear in Basic search mode they were less likely to cause problems since most libraries encourage users to opt for Advanced mode.

- **OvidSP 4.0 to be launched in 2013-14**

It was not possible to confirm an exact date at this stage. The group reminded Robert of the importance of launching a new interface at a time which would give librarians opportunity to update their teaching materials ahead of the autumn term (the busiest period for teaching literature searching skills).

The group also expressed a willingness to be involved with the development process, since we have a vested interest in the search functionality; indeed, it is the robustness and dependability of the OvidSP search engine which has made us loyal Ovid customers for many years.

Due to commercial sensitivities, there may be limits to the extent to which it is possible to involve the committee in the process but Robert thanked the group for this offer and promised to bear this in mind – he also invited us to send him suggestions of improvements we would like to see.

**ACTION:** Group to send enhancement ideas to Robert.

One suggestion was a better way of presenting subject headings which occur more than once in the subject tree, so that users can see both contexts and what would be included if they “explode” in each case. Robert asked for examples for the development team.

**ACTION:** Group members to send Robert examples of headings with multiple contexts.

## **Content:**

Robert highlighted some of the resources recently added to Ovid:

### **E-book content:**

- Fast Facts: a popular reference series from Health Press Ltd.
- Hodder Arnold: Anaesthesiology & Pain Management Collection (acclaimed by Doody's); these titles are also available to purchase on an a la carte (title-by-title) basis.
- Joanna Briggs Institute – Australian texts and tools on evidence-based medicine.
- Future Medicine – very graphic, highly visual books

### **E-journals:**

- New titles from Future Medicine
- New Wiley titles
- Archive Collections available for one-time purchase: the “Definitive” collection; the slightly larger “Extended” collection; and the “Bridge” collection (to fill gaps between the two).

Robert highlighted the fact that 250 Journals@Ovid titles are indexed in PsycINFO; subscribers to this database would therefore have the advantage of full-text linking were they to buy these titles via Ovid rather than from other suppliers.

### **Databases:**

- Natural Standard: evidence-based decision tool specialising in complementary / alternative medicine.
- Joanna Briggs EBP database: including full text systematic reviews. Also evidence summaries, patient information sheets, and tools to help with every stage of the EBP process (including producing Trust manuals).

### **Primal Pictures**

Carl Austin gave a demo of Primal Pictures' new 3D human anatomy software, which includes the facility to rotate views, remove layers, add labels and create quizzes for assessment purposes. For more information, see <http://www.primalpictures.com/>

Mauro Castillo gave a tour of some of the OvidSP features for advanced users, including the facility to create “Expert Searches” to share with other users. For more information about these features, see:

[http://resourcecenter.ovid.com/site/resources/index\\_expert\\_search.jsp](http://resourcecenter.ovid.com/site/resources/index_expert_search.jsp)

Mauro also reminded us of the option to create Ovid widgets which can be embedded into a web page or VLE allowing users to search Ovid directly (see:

[http://resourcecenter.ovid.com/site/resources/library\\_tools\\_widgets.jsp](http://resourcecenter.ovid.com/site/resources/library_tools_widgets.jsp) for details).

**Items raised by JIBS Community:**

- Social Policy & Practice: this database, which comprises four separate UK databases, had attracted criticism from York University for the inconsistency of its metadata, making it difficult to export records to reference management software and in some cases causing link resolvers to fail. The problems are caused by the varying quality of the source data, which may be beyond Ovid's control; however Robert promised to look into it. The group stressed that even though the current inconsistencies were not leading to subscriptions being cancelled, they would be a deterrent to potential new subscribers.

**ACTION: Robert to liaise with the database owners regarding the issues around quality of metadata.**

- A suggestion had been made by Justin Hodds from the University of Bath to improve the presentation of the "Find Citing Articles" feature so that the number of citing articles was displayed in brackets. At the moment users have to click on the link to find out whether or not there are any citing articles – an unnecessary click, if there are none. Robert explained that it was not possible to implement this with the current platform as it would slow down the system too much; however, it is expected to be possible with the new launch.

**ACTION: Robert to pass this enhancement request onto the development team for OvidSP 4.0**

**Date of next meeting:** to be confirmed (summer/autumn 2013)