

Intersect newsletter

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eResearch requirements survey

Our online survey into eResearch requirements is collecting responses at the following campuses: UTS, Southern Cross University, Charles Sturt University and Macquarie University. We encourage people to participate at <http://tinyurl.com/lymr3f>
The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete.

Changes to HPC Services

The super computer Barossa was decommissioned last weekend (31/10). For those users interested in using the National Computational Infrastructure (NCI), we have arranged early access and are able to assist users to trial the NCI systems. Interim access is flexible, and can range from an NCI startup grant of 50 service units to something more sizable. We think we have been in touch with all the formerly active projects on Barossa, and are looking for any other projects that want to trial or migrate to NCI in the short term.

There will be a resource allocation round for McLaren and NCI, called in late November to start 1 January 2010. If you would like any assistance, please contact hpc_support@intersect.org.au

Barossa hardware available

We have had some expressions of interest in (fractions of) the Barossa hardware. If you are interested, understand the costs of space, power and cooling, and can cover the costs of moving the hardware, please contact hpc_support@intersect.org.au ASAP. The hardware is described at <http://www.ac3.edu.au/HPC/Hardware/Barossa>

Research Data Storage Paper

The Education Infrastructure Fund (EIF) consultation process continues, and as part of this process, Intersect has prepared a paper on NSW research data storage infrastructure, based on feedback received from key players over the last month, ([see here](#)).



We encourage any interested parties to work through their university representatives to make their views. If you don't know who your campus representative is, please feel free to contact us at enquiries@intersect.org.au

Intersect first Annual Report online

Intersect has published its first annual report. Hard copies can be requested from fayette.fung@intersect.org.au or the PDF downloaded from ([here](#))

Intersect at eResearch Australasia

Come visit us at the Intersect stall at the eResearch Australasia conference, 9 – 13 November 2009 at the Novotel Manly Pacific Hotel, Sydney, Australia.

eResearch Australasia is an opportunity for delegates to meet peers, develop their knowledge, exchange experiences, and gain an understanding of eResearch developments. See www.eresearch.edu.au for more information.

caTissue in acceptance testing

Intersect has been engaged in localising the components of the related caTissue application. caTissue is an application developed to keep track of biospecimens and related annotations from dispersed repositories. This will enable participating institutions to tailor the display of the content to better suit local and regional preferences including date formats, ethnicity and location information. caTissue is installed at UNSW's Lowy Biorepository and is currently undergoing acceptance testing.

Learning and Development Specialist starts

Joining us this week is Adam Gill, a Learning & Development professional with a decade's experience in government, not-for-profit and private enterprises. Adam will work with internal and external stakeholders to design and deliver professional development materials including manuals, online modules and workshop material.

Kind regards

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