RefWorks Announces New Release

Author linking with profiles from COS Scholar Universe and Non-English/Multi-language custom formatting make research more efficient for RefWorks users worldwide

Bethesda, MD USA (August, 2008) - RefWorks is pleased to announce the latest release of features and enhancements to its web-based research management, writing and collaboration service for the academic and research communities. These enhancements, many made in direct response to requests by RefWorks users, have been developed to increase the utility of the service.

Users can now further their research and collaboration efforts by learning more about authors through the new Author Linking feature. The Author Resolver service links author names from your RefWorks database to possible matching profiles within the COS Scholar Universe™ database. Scholar Universe™ is a multi-disciplinary database containing profiles of over 1.7 million authors, university faculty and other scholars. Organizations subscribing to the Scholar Universe database will automatically have access the complete profiles; non-subscribing organizations are provided with a more concise complimentary version of the scholar profiles.

"Author Resolver allows our users to quickly discover information about scholarly authors that was previously unavailable or time consuming to find," said Tina Long Moir, Senior Director, Business Development and Marketing. "Being able to offer a well-rounded view of an author’s current professional status provides RefWorks end-users with an added benefit --- the ability to expand upon their network of collaborators."

RefWorks has new features for users with non-English or multi-language bibliographies. These features include special handling and automatic formatting of ordinal numbers and ignoring leading articles in titles when sorting the bibliography, as well as the ability to customize output styles for formatting in multiple languages.
In response to recent changes in publication formats by the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), new fields have been added to RefWorks: PubMed ID (PMID) and PubMed Central ID (PMCID). Accordingly, import filters have been adjusted to accommodate these new fields, and output styles can be modified to include such fields. In addition, for users with visual difficulties, RefWorks has upgraded its interface to offer greater screen-reader compliance. This feature is easily enabled from several access points throughout the RefWorks service.

To help users more easily update their database of citations, a Global Edit feature now enables moving, deleting or replacing information throughout all references. Several other additions and improvements have also been made, including enhancements to search functionality, attachment file sizes, user-defined fields, and administrator functions.

As always, RefWorks helps its users become familiar with the new features through online tutorials and by offering end-user based webinars to review these enhancements. A complete listing of scheduled webinars can be found on the RefWorks homepage.

About RefWorks
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