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## Researchers and Discovery Services

**Monday 18 December, 13:00 -16:30**

**at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LE**

### A Research Information Network workshop

In January 2006, the RIN commissioned a study aimed at analysing the behaviour, perceptions and needs of UK academic researchers as users of key research resource discovery services. The project involved extensive canvassing of views, notably through in-depth interviews of some 400 researchers, across all disciplines and career stages, and 50 librarians. The task of undertaking the work was entrusted to the Rightscom consultancy, working in collaboration with IRN Research. The project has now concluded, and the resultant report - whose findings are intended to help determine priorities for the future development of discovery services - was published in November. Further information on the project, along with the report itself, is available at [www.rin.ac.uk/researchers-discovery-services](http://www.rin.ac.uk/researchers-discovery-services).

The purpose of this workshop is to present and explain the conclusions of the study; to consider the implications of its findings, from the point of view of librarians as well as researchers; and to discuss ideas about what steps might be taken next.

### PROGRAMME

- 12:00 **Registration and buffet lunch**
- 13:00 **Welcome and introduction**  
**Michael Jubb** – Director, Research Information Network
- 13:15 **Researchers' use of discovery services: presentation of the report**  
**Hugh Look** – Senior Consultant, Rightscom
- 13:45 **Researchers, discovery and the internet: what next?**  
**David Smith** – Business Innovations Manager, CABI
- 14:15 **Researchers, discovery services and librarians**  
**Martin Lewis** – Director of Library Services & University Librarian, University of Sheffield
- 14:45 **Questions**
- 15:00 **Tea break**
- 15:15 **Panel discussion: what are researchers' needs and how do we meet them?**  
Chaired by **Michael Jubb**
- 16:15 **Synthesis and conclusions**
- 16:30 **Close**

**This event is free, and everyone is welcome. Registration is available at [www.iceconferences.com/discoveryservices](http://www.iceconferences.com/discoveryservices)**

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