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The following questionnaire is designed to investigate your experience in using your Institutional Repository and other repositories on the Web. Your participation will help to support a masters dissertation study examining managers' attitudes towards and users' experiences of their Institutional Repositories.

This study is an extension to a JISC funded digital repositories project called User Needs and Potential Users of Public Repositories: An Integrated Analysis, for more information on this project please visit http://cybermetrics.wlv.ac.uk/DigitalRepositories/.

If you have any questions or queries about the questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact Rajveen Dhiensa at Loughborough University: R.Dhiensa@lboro.ac.uk.

Before you begin, please note:

- The information gathered from the questionnaire will be kept in strict confidence, and analysed only in aggregated form.

- The questionnaire will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

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ABOUT YOU

1 Gender

◯ Male   ◯ Female

2 Age

◯ 17 years and below   ◯ 18 - 24 years
◯ 25 - 65 years   ◯ 66 years and above

3 Occupation

◯ Administrative Assistant/Secretary
◯ Lecturer/Professor
◯ Librarian/Information Professional
◯ Research Assistant/Associate
◯ Student Undergraduate
◯ Student Postgraduate
◯ Student Research
◯ Retired
◯ Other please specify: [_____]

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YOUR INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY AND USAGE

4 Please select your Institutional Repository from the list below:

- ◌ Edinburgh Research Archive
- ◌ Glasgow Dspace Service
- ◌ King's EPrints
- ◌ Loughborough University Institutional Repository
- ◌ LSE Research Articles Online
- ◌ Nottingham EPrints
- ◌ UCL EPrints
- ◌ University of Lincoln Applied Computing Sciences EPrints Service
- ◌ White Rose Consortium Eprints Repository (Leeds, Sheffield and York)

5 Thinking about your use of your Institutional Repository, please select one of the options below:

- ◌ I use the repository ONLY to DEPOSIT material
- ◌ I use the repository ONLY to RETRIEVE material
- ◌ I use the repository to BOTH deposit and retrieve material

6 How did you first learn about the existence of your Institutional Repository?

- ◌ Through a journal/newsletter announcement
- ◌ Through an advertisement on a flyer or pamphlet, or by email
- ◌ At a trade show/conference
- ◌ Through a Web search engine query

○ From a   please
  colleague/friend specify:

7 What is your usual access point to your Institutional Repository?

○ My personal home page links directly to the site

○ I follow a link to the site from another page on the Web

○ It is bookmarked on my Web browser as a favourite site

○ I search for it by name through a Web search engine

○ I type in the URL to go directly to the site

○ Other please specify:

8 How often do you use your Institutional Repository?

○ Everyday

○ Once a week

○ Approximately every 2 weeks

○ Once a month

○ Only a few times throughout the year

○ I have only ever used it once

9 For what purpose(s) do you use your Institutional Repository?

10 Please indicate your agreement with the following statement: The material on my Institutional Repository is usually relevant to what I need.

○ Strongly Disagree   ○ Disagree

○ Agree   ○ Strongly Agree

11 Is there any type of information, currently not there, that you would like to see available through your Institutional Repository?

12 Have there been any unexpected benefits as a result of your use of your

Institutional Repository?

○ Yes ○ No

13 If your answer to question 12 is YES, please explain or comment on the benefits:

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DESIGN OF YOUR INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY

Read the following statements concerning the design of your Institutional Repository and tick one of the responses

14 The Institutional Repository is easy to use

○ Strongly Disagree   ○ Disagree
○ Agree   ○ Strongly Agree

15 I tend to find the information that I need quite quickly

○ Strongly Disagree   ○ Disagree
○ Agree   ○ Strongly Agree

16 Navigational assistance is available and helpful

○ Strongly Disagree   ○ Disagree
○ Agree   ○ Strongly Agree

17 The files are quick to download

○ Strongly Disagree   ○ Disagree
○ Agree   ○ Strongly Agree

18 The material is usually displayed in a format that is compatible with my PC

○ Strongly Disagree   ○ Disagree
○ Agree   ○ Strongly Agree

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OTHER REPOSITORY USAGE

19 Have you used any other Institutional Repository or Subject Repository?

○ Yes   ○ No

20 If your answer to question 19 is Yes, please specify the name(s) of the repositories that you have used:

21 For what purposes did you use another Institutional Repository or Subject Repository?

○ To retrieve and use text-based resources for personal learning purposes

○ To retrieve and use images, maps, diagrams or other visual aids

○ To retrieve teaching materials for lesson plans

○ To contribute or deposit material into the repository for others to use

○ Other please specify:

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Thank you for your cooperation.

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