

Introduction

The key strategic elements formulated for 2010 were: (a) consolidate the position of euroCRIS as THE expert organization in CRIS and related areas: CRIS + bibliographic repositories, CRIS and data repositories, CRIS + facilities/equipment + innovation (e-infrastructure); (b) make it known via website, events and project proposals; (c) make it happen via funded projects and activities.

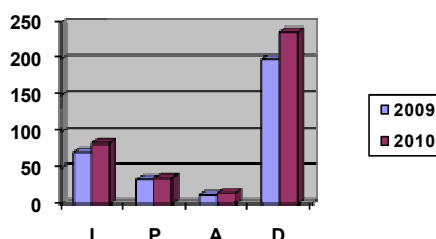
This report demonstrates that most of these goals have been achieved. Particularly the wide recognition of CERIF, increasing implementation of CERIF-CRIS (or CRIS wrapped for CERIF interoperation) and requests for courses are satisfying developments. (EC funded) projects have not yet been awarded, but currently there are many new opportunities and requests for co-operation in proposals.

More information on the euroCRIS activities in 2010 may be obtained from issues 35 through 41 of our series of Newsflashes, which are also increasingly used by the members for bringing their news.

Membership

The membership is growing at an ever-increasing rate. At the end of 2010 euroCRIS membership stands at 84 institutional (I), 36 personal (P) and 16 affiliate (A), with 238 named delegates (D) (out of a potential delegate count of 472) from 37 countries. Net growth of institutional membership was 16.7 %; the increase in the number of delegates was 19%.

[Membership directory](#)

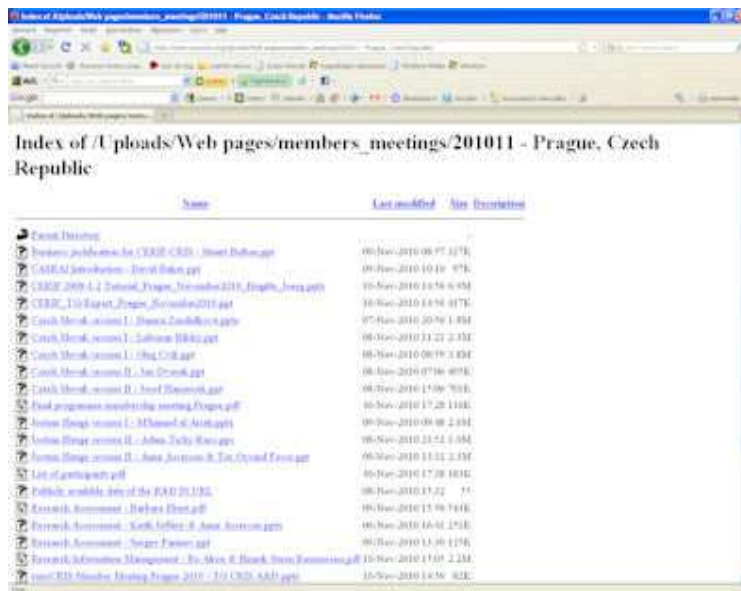


Website

In 2010 we launched a new website, driven by a CERIF database system to demonstrate clearly the benefits of CERIF. The URL remains www.eurocris.org. The website has public, member and Board areas. A forum facility for e-discussions especially within Task Groups will be set up.



The website also provides a wealth of information on CRIS, CERIF and euroCRIS activities and has a massive resource of publications and presentations.



May 2010: Workshop on CRIS and Institutional Repositories in Rome

Working jointly with Daniela Luzi of CNR-IRPPS a workshop was organized in Rome on the 10th and 11th of May 2010 on the topic of CRIS and Institutional Repositories with a special emphasis on metadata. There were over 50 attendees and the outcomes included a clearer understanding of the issues, an enthusiasm for closer working between the euroCRIS and repositories communities and a plan for a project proposal to the EC. The abstracts and presentations, as well as a white paper "*State of the Art and Roadmap for Current Research Information Systems and Repositories*" written as a result of the workshop are available on the [event website](#)



June 2010: Members meeting in Aalborg

The purpose of the biannual members meetings is to inspire the local communities that are planning to or using a CRIS. Members meetings are an opportunity to talk inside the euroCRIS community.

The first members meeting of 2010 on the 2nd of June was a brief meeting associated with the conference and covered essentially the business agenda of euroCRIS and a CERIF tutorial.

June 2010: Conference in Aalborg

Purpose of the biennial CRIS conferences is to be in touch with communities outside euroCRIS.

The CRIS 2010 Conference (2-5 June) was very successful with about 100 attendees. Session topics covered were Science to Society, National Systems, Integration within University, and Future Developments.

Keynote speakers were Ton van Raan of the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) of Leiden University on 'New bibliometric mapping methods to identify structures and new developments in science', Finn Kjærdsdam, Rector of the University of Aalborg on 'The Aalborg model: problem based project work in teams' and Aris Kaloudis of the Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education (NIFU STEP), Oslo on 'Monitoring Policy Making: goals, processes and information demand'.

In addition a business session and workshops on Research management in CERIF & CRIS/OAR interoperability as well as a final panel session were held.

The programme was complemented by an excellent social programme.

For papers and presentations, see the [CRIS 2010 page](#)



September 2010: Strategic Seminar in Brussels

The purpose of the annual Strategic Seminar is to talk to strategic partners and to form policies. Participation is on invitation only and speakers and audience reflect expertise related to the topic.

The 2010 Strategic Seminar (13-14 September) took the topic 'Evaluation of Research using a CRIS', since there has been an increased use of CRISs for evaluation and an increased emphasis of both



institutions and governments for the evaluation of value for money. The attendees provided thoughtful presentations and discussion leading to clear conclusions on the benefits of a CERIF-CRIS for evaluation purposes. Strategic partners involved in this seminar were ALLEA, CODATA and the European Commission DG INFSO Unit C3 – Evaluation and Monitoring.

On the seminar page you will find the [presentations](#) and [report](#)



November 2010: Members meeting in Prague

This second members meeting (8-9 November) was very dynamic and successful taking the theme ‘Evaluation of research’ (following on from the strategic seminar) but also featuring presentations from the Czech and Slovak communities and the usual ‘Jostein Hauge’ session on member presentations of new aspects of their CRIS. On the website the [presentations](#) are available.



CODATA Data Science Journal

During the 21st CODATA International Conference, which was held October 2008 in Kiev, euroCRIS organized two sessions: “*Structure and use of a CRIS – The Common European Research Information Format Model (CERIF)*” and “*CRIS and the European e-Infrastructure, Enabling European research*” under the theme “*CRISs for European e-Infrastructure*”. As a result of this euroCRIS was invited to produce a special issue on this topic of the CODATA Data Science Journal. In 2010 [this issue](#) appeared, with

contributions by Keith Jeffery, Anne Asserson, Brigitte Jörg, Simon Lambert, Elly Dijk and Marga van Meel.

Board elections

In accordance with our rules a Call for Nominations was sent in September to the voting members together with a document describing the roles and qualifications for Board members. With the closure of nominations it appeared that the number of candidates matched exactly with the number of electable positions, so there was no further voting procedure.

The assignment of positions was discussed between the incumbent and new Board members and assessed. The new euroCRIS Board for the term 2011-2012 was presented during the euroCRIS members meeting in Prague on the 8th of November. Barbara Ebert and Danica Zendulková were welcomed as new Board members.

Hereafter the results of the work of the Task Group leaders and Executive Board members are briefly described.

Task Groups

As usual, the Task Groups formed the ‘engine room’ of euroCRIS activity in 2010 and their leaders have positions on the Board.

The CERIF Task Group (leader Brigitte Jörg) has been particularly active pushing forward on semantics and on defining CERIF compatibility in a series of meetings through the year. The [final CERIF 2008-1.2 version](#) was released by the beginning of November.

The Best Practice / DRIS Task Group (leader Sergey Parinov) has been prototyping various environments and developing the DRIS, also working with the website team.

The Projects Task Group (leader Nikos Houssos) has coordinated the submission of several proposals for EC funding. A response to tender for a system to support the European Research Council was unsuccessful, as was a resubmission of a COST proposal for a network of CRIS. Further proposals - one jointly with strategic partner the Alliance for Permanent Access to the Records of Science and one with the DRIVER project team - were submitted with more in the pipeline for 2011.

The CRIS-IR Task Group (leader Ed Simons, replaced from 2011 by Danica Zendulková) has defined its mission and objectives, issued a call for membership and has done some work on metadata. Further activities will be developed according to the [workplan](#)

The newly-formed Architecture and Development Task Group (leader Max Stempfhuber) has defined its objectives and started work.

Executive Board

The part-time euroCRIS-funded Secretary (Harrie Laliou) has continued the great work in keeping euroCRIS running in the sense of governance. The Treasurer (Geert van Grootel) reports a healthy (if not wealthy) state of the accounts. The executive responsible for Conferences retires from euroCRIS at the end of 2010; we thank Wolfgang Adamczak for his work on conferences stretching over almost 10 years. The position is taken over by Barbara Ebert from 2011. The executive responsible for Strategy (Anne Asserson) has continued to drive euroCRIS forward creating a wide pathway of opportunities, as well as organising the strategic seminar and liaising with our strategic partners. From 2011 a new executive position is created to manage the website (Ed Simons). Keith Jeffery remains as President.

Plans for 2011

Looking forward we have to continue to build on our past success but also – using our base of expertise and achievement - influence more strongly policy in Europe and wider on research information – including digital libraries, research datasets and software and the supporting e-infrastructure for research. Already the two members meetings in 2011 are in detailed planning, more project proposals are in the pipeline, a second joint workshop to bridge the CRIS-digital libraries gap is announced, we have a joint meeting with the VOA3R project – and the work of the Task Groups continues as does that of the executives within the Board.