# Austria Forms ORCID Consortium

**February 13, 2019:** We are delighted to announce the recent formation of an ORCID Austria Consortium, which aims to increase the uptake and relevance of the ORCID iD as a unique identifier for researchers. The ORCID Austria Consortium is the result of several years of nationwide discussion, initiated by the Scientometrics Working Group of the University of Vienna in 2014, about the introduction of a person identifier in the Austrian scientific community.

The consortium has signed a two-year agreement with ORCID, and 11 member institutions have joined the consortium at its launch. It will be jointly led by consortia lead organizations, TU Wien (represented by the TU Wien Bibliothek) and the University of Vienna (represented by the Vienna University Library).

As consortia leads, the TU Wien and the University of Vienna will engage with the community to foster open research activities and best practices for research data management. Together, they will provide basic support for ORCID Austria Consortium members as they implement ORCID -- with backup from the ORCID team as needed. The lead organizations are also developing a joint statement of principles for the ORCID Austria Consortium, as well as planning a series of outreach activities, including workshops, webinars, and an official launch event in June 2019.

"Vienna University Library has actively participated in the ORCID initiative as a development partner since the very beginning. Providing a wide range of research support services in general and internationally renowned bibliometric services in particular, the University of Vienna has embraced ORCID as an institutional member and has also been acting as a forerunner for an ORCID Austria Consortium. Since ORCID will increase the individual, institutional and national visibility of research achievements, Vienna University Library is proud to continue to be part of this development within the ORCID Austria Consortium." Maria Seissl, Head of Vienna University Library and Archive Services

"As lead institution of the ORCID Austria Consortium, the TU Wien Bibliothek aims to raise awareness of the importance of persistent identifiers for the researchers' unique identification and data interoperability within the Austrian research landscape. We consider the ORCID Austria Consortium an important strategy that goes perfectly in accordance with the requirement of the national funding bodies, such as FWF. The TU Wien Bibliothek is already involved in other initiatives to promote Open Scholarship among their researchers. We see ORCID as an opportunity to co-shape further developments in research libraries." Beate Guba, Library Director, TU Wien Bibliothek

"The Austrian research community is dedicated to improving data sharing and research information system interoperability, between researchers and across universities, research

institutes, and funders.  ORCID is honored to be part of their work.  We look forward to participating in this effort with them." Laure Haak, Executive Director of ORCID

**About TU Wien Bibliothek (www.tuwien.ac.at)**
The TU Wien Bibliothek is the library of Austria's most important tertiary educational institution in the natural and technical sciences. It has a keen interest in open science and open access, and has implemented several services to support this, including a Center for Research Data Management -- with a focus on persistent identifiers -- and he creation of policies on open access and research data management to support the GO FAIR initiative. TU Wien Bibliothek has also hosted relevant conferences, such as the Focus on Open Sciences series in 2018. Contact: paloma.arraiza@tuwien.ac.at

**About the University of Vienna (www.univie.ac.at)**
The University of Vienna is one of the oldest and largest universities in Europe, and its library has already been providing e research support services, including bibliometrics, for many years. The university joined ORCID as a development partner and became an institutional member in June 2018.  Their commitment to ORCID goes hand in hand with the implementation of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs), Uniform Resource Names (URNs) and Handle-IDs as persistent identifiers in the university's  digital asset management system, Phaidra. ORCID was successfully implemented in the university's CRIS system u:cris in late 2018.
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**About ORCID (https://orcid.org)**
ORCID's vision is a world where all who participate in research and innovation, from imagining to building and managing, are uniquely identified and connected to their contributions across disciplines, and borders, and time. ORCID provides an identifier for individuals to use with their name as they engage in research and innovation activities. We provide open tools that enable transparent and trustworthy connections between researchers, their contributions, and affiliations. We provide this service to help people find information and to simplify reporting and analysis.
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