

ORCID and ABES: Strategic Partner MOU

Discoverability of research works is essential for supporting public access and maximizing the impact of scholarly contributions.

ORCID and Agence Bibliographique de l'Enseignement Supérieur (ABES) are initiatives engaged in supporting discoverability in scholarly communications.

ABES (<http://abes.fr>) is a French government-funded organization dedicated to implementing and promoting French scholarship through the french Sudoc catalogue of higher education libraries, search engines and open access repositories for theses, serial publications, manuscripts and archives, authority records. ABES is also responsible for IdRef, a national identification system for French researchers and abroad.

ORCID (<http://orcid.org>) is an open and interdisciplinary community-based effort to provide a Registry of persistent identifiers for researchers, and processes and tools for embedding these identifiers into research systems and workflows.

Together, ABES and ORCID ("Parties") have an important contribution to make to the scholarly community: coordinating efforts to adopt identifiers and standards to manage access to and reporting of research works.

With this MOU we commit to dialog and cooperation between ABES and ORCID on the following topics:

- Encouraging use of persistent identifiers for researchers, works and organizations in thesis and dissertation data systems and scholarly publications and archives.
- Communicating the benefits of identifier systems for researchers. Including building awareness and encouraging interactions between ORCID IDs and IdRef in the French research community.
- Supporting non-ambiguous machine-readable and verifiable links between researchers, works, and organizations.
- Exploring the use of ORCID IDs in authority files, and data from authority files in ORCID accounts.
- Developing use cases and encouraging the use of ORCID APIs in ABES systems such as theses.fr, Sudoc and IdRef, including investigating the integration of ORCID IDs to support discovery in these systems.

To support these goals, ORCID and ABES will engage in regular strategic conversations at the leadership level; will support specific engagement with steering groups; will explore options for coordinated communications regarding upcoming features; will explore ways to cross-advertise each others activities and documentation; and will investigate opportunities for engagement on a technical level.

To acknowledge such cooperation, ABES will list ORCID as a Partner on the ABES website, and ORCID will list ABES as a [Partner](#) on the ORCID website. There will be no monetary exchange between ORCID and ABES as pertains to this MOU or the activities described therein, for services or membership purposes. Each Party shall have the right to review and approve prior to dissemination any press release or similar communication about the nature of the relationship between the Parties.

From the date of signature by official parties of ORCID and ABES, this MOU will remain in effect for a period of two years, with option to renew. Either party may terminate the agreement after giving two month's notice to the other party, though it is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other organization. If either Party terminates, the Parties shall remove from their websites and other literature the fact that they are partners.

Signatures:

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