News from Research Portal Denmark

Welcome back from the summer holidays! The NORA team is back at the office and looking forward to the tasks and plans of autumn, which include planning a start-up meeting of [FORAN](#), a first prototype of a grants- and funders database, further development of the green research module, and not the least the inclusion of [OpenAlex](#) data as part of the data foundation for the portal's publication databases. Read more about the latest news from the NORA team below.

Advisory Board News

In spring the portal's Advisory Board gathered. At the meeting feedback about the portal's current project plan was given, as well as the first discussions about the portal's future focus areas for 2025. Advisory Board has been expanded with new members from The Danish Centre for Studies in Research and Research Policy, the Think Tank DEA, and The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters.

The next meeting in Advisory Board is set for December 3, 2024 – find the list of members of the portal's Advisory Board [here](#).

More Open Data in the Portal

As also stated in the theme for the [spring launch of Research Portal Denmark](#) – "*Research Discovery and Analytics in the Age of Open Science*" – one of the NORA team's main focuses is to use open data and make it as openly accessible as possible for the portal's users. Today, we harvest open publication data from the CRIS systems of Danish research institutions and are now looking forward to also testing and including open data from OpenAlex in the portal. This work has started over the summer, and we will keep you updated when a publication database prototype based on OpenAlex data is ready for testing as part of the portal's services.

The work with open data sources is characterized by international collaboration and inspiration, as many similar initiatives around the world are beginning to explore how open data can support research data infrastructures – some of the key knowledge sharing takes place in the initiative [Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information](#), which NORA is a signatory of.

The work, testing and use of data from OpenAlex adds another piece to the foundation for the NORA team's further work towards providing a consolidated publication database so that users in the future only need to search in one place to find Danish research publications, instead of today where the portal offers several search entries.

New Colleague in the NORA Team

As of May 1, 2024, we have a new colleague in the team – welcome to Yang Shen! Yang is employed as a Data Engineer and is already busy using his knowledge of programming, data technology, and data processing to collect and test data from mainly OpenAlex. Read more about Yang and his background on the website [here](#).

Communication and Follow-up on Operation Status

Remember that you can visit our website under [About Data & Documentation](#) to find answers to the most frequently asked questions about Research Portal Denmark's databases, as well as find tips and tricks when, for example, searching in the publication databases. You can also always see when the individual databases and services in the portal are updated and get information about data and update status on the subpage [Operational Status](#).

Read more about NORA's work with the portal in the article "[Portal med al dansk forskning til alle](#)" (in Danish only).

As always, we welcome your questions, feedback, good ideas, etc., at nora.info@dtu.dk.

The NORA Team, August 30, 2024