

ISI Web of Knowledge is dead! Long live ISI Web of Knowledge!

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As many of you know, nothing stays the same in the world of databases, we had just got used to using the BIDS ISI service; then the service was taken over and became ISI Web of Knowledge and now there are further changes happening this summer:

Firstly the service is no longer being hosted on the MIMAS server in Manchester but is being moved to an ISI Thomson server. Access will still remain via <http://wok.mimas.ac.uk>, although in order to use it fully University of Stirling staff and students should first logon to the portal <https://portal.stir.ac.uk>. Hopefully there will be a subsequent improvement in the speed of the service as it gets very slow during standard UK office hours.

The coverage of the main database Web of Knowledge (WoK) has been enhanced by JISC funding (Joint Information Systems Committee), so that every UK HEI now has access to back files

of the citation indexes. At Stirling University, additional funds were also available enabling the Library to purchase an extended backfile for the Science Citation Index, such that our coverage for Web of Science is now:

*Science Citation Index, 1945-
Social Sciences Citation Index, 1956-
Arts and Humanities Citation Index, 1975-*

Searching has been improved: there is an option to register (This is not essential for searching WoK but it does have many advantages: can create personalised home pages; easy to save and run searches; can personalise the way you search and you only need register once!); navigation has been greatly improved and several searches have been streamlined; it is now possible to easily combine search sets; there is a new analysis tool allowing analysis of results for the most prolific author; for where research is published the most and publication

trends for a topic; can also create citation alerts to keep track of a particular author; the number of results that can be displayed has increased as has the number of records you can mark and now the system tells you how many results you found.

Cross-searching has changed: CrossSearch now allows a simple search across all the WoK databases that Stirling University subscribes to and selected external collections. We no longer have access to the Current Contents eSearch. A link is provided to the source database so that you can view the full record and mark for exporting, printing, downloading or e-mailing. A single marked list is shown for all results.

Overall the visual changes should make searching much more user friendly and the changes you can't see should speed the process up.

Alumni News



Charlie Price, PhD student, won first prize for his poster at the World Aquaculture Society meeting in Bali earlier this year. Charlie is working on the impact of pesticides on farmers, fish and the environment in Southeast Asia. You can find out more in his article on page 23.



▲ Stirling alumni were very evident at the WAS conference in Bali this year. Having come from all over the world and now dispersed back across the globe, it is good to get together to catch up on occasions like this. Hope you can spot someone you know.



Many of you will remember (and still know) Matt Briggs and Simon Funge Smith. They are still enjoying life in Thailand and this year, of course, have been concentrating on rebuilding the region following the Asian Tsunami. Pictured are Matt (far right) with his wife Karina and 4 year old son Tiggy, who all live in Phuket where he consults widely (including for Stirling Aquaculture) and develops shrimp hatcheries. Simon Funge Smith (centre) is FAO Aquaculture Officer for the Asia Pacific office in Bangkok and is seen here with his wife Keow, son Anthony (age 5), step son Master and niece Yok.