

ScholarlyStats and Thomson Scientific announce successful SUSHI test for University of Melbourne

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MPS Technologies and Thomson Scientific have successfully completed the transfer of data between their two systems, using the SUSHI (Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative, sponsored by NISO) protocol. This joint initiative came in response to the growing demand for more in-depth usage analysis, as well as the continuing need to ease the time consuming process of managing vendor usage statistics.

The recent test successfully provided the University of Melbourne with usage data for 21 vendors, automatically transferred by MPS Technologies into Thomson Scientific's *Journal Use Reports (JUR)* system using the XML SUSHI protocol. SUSHI allows completely automated request and delivery of usage reports, saving time and resources for the library. The ScholarlyStats usage statistics will be complemented by local publication and citation activity data from the JUR, providing the University of Melbourne with unique, in-depth analyses of how journals are being used at their library.

The University of Melbourne library already relies on ScholarlyStats for their monthly collection of journal and database usage reports, and has been working with Thomson Scientific to develop the new *Journal Use Reports*. Shirley Sullivan, Electronic Information Coordinator, said "Analyzing and understanding usage statistics is key to decision making within our library. With the integration of these two systems we have the benefits of the ScholarlyStats dashboard reports, and the integration of the valuable Impact Factor and publication information from *Journal Use Reports*. This will help us make the decisions that count."

"Thomson Scientific and MPS Technologies have had similar goals, trying to ease the pain points in bringing usage data to the libraries," said Reynold Guida, Director of Product Development. "Using the SUSHI protocol to help integrate these two data sets seemed the logical next step."

Jayne Marks, CEO of Global Operations at MPS Technologies said "We are delighted that we will be able to further enhance the analysis of usage statistics for our customers through this successful collaboration."

About the University of Melbourne Library

The University of Melbourne Information Services supports the research, teaching, learning and administration needs of the 6000 staff and 42,000 students of the University. Founded in 1853, the University is one of Australia's oldest and largest universities. It is a leading research-intensive, comprehensive, institution, with an international profile through its reputation for scholarship and teaching. It is a member of the Group of Eight Australian research intensive universities (www.go8.edu.au/) and a founding member of Universitas 21 (www.universitas21.com) an international federation of universities.

www.lib.unimelb.edu.au

About MPS Technologies and ScholarlyStats

MPS Technologies, provides a range of technology-driven services specifically designed to support libraries and publishers. These services include web analytics, fulfillment services and content delivery. MPS Technologies is part of the Macmillan group of companies and has offices in London, Boston, New York, Basingstoke, Hamburg and Delhi.

ScholarlyStats provides libraries across the globe with consolidated vendor usage statistics. ScholarlyStats collects, standardizes and consolidates journal and database usage reports, providing libraries with a single point of access to their valuable usage data.

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About Thomson Scientific and *Journal Use Reports*

Thomson Scientific is a business of The Thomson Corporation. Its information solutions assist professionals at every stage of research and development-from discovery to analysis to product development and distribution.

Thomson Scientific's Journal Use Reports will launch in July 2006 to provide libraries with a 360° view of usage within libraries, combining information on vendor journal usage with publication and citation activity customized for any institution. Thomson Scientific is also a Committee Member of, and Contributing Partner for, the NISO-SUSHI Committee.

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