Reference Management

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Symposium on referencing

Quality referencing is key to the success of anyone gathering information and yet is an area many users – whether students or staff – often find perplexing. Imagine then how difficult it must be if English is not your first language or you are from a culture that is less concerned with the issues of academic writing. If you deal with international students and academic writing you will find like-minded professionals at the Symposium scheduled for 9th June in Bradford. It is organised by Colin Neville, and funded by the LearnHigher and WriteNow Centres of excellence in Teaching and Learning. It promises to be a symposium that will encourage discussion of the issues and a sharing of experiences, and will be a must for anyone who works in this area. Further details from

http://www.learnhigher.ac.uk/learningareas/referencing/international-students-referencing

Book on referencing and avoiding plagiarism

Aside from organising the Symposium Colin has revised his popular "The complete guide to referencing and avoiding plagiarism" which now includes sections on dealing with international student concerns on referencing and plagiarism. A review of the book can be found later on in *Elucidate*.

Reference software update

Owl document repository is a multiuser knowledge-based system, written in PHP for publishing files and documents on the Web. It allows Microsoft PowerPoint indexing of documents, custom document types and an integrated search tool. You can also upload multiple files at the same time and have file expiry dates where files can be removed on those dates. A useful way of keeping track of full text documents for referencing. Further details from http://owl.anytimecomm.com/.

Knowledge Tree is a content management programme which is available on open source and helps in version control of documents so that you reference the most appropriate item. It also helps in reducing paper – a worthwhile option ☺. Further details at www.ktmds.com/.

ResourceMate offers a two-minute challenge to see if this product will help with managing your references. Primarily a cataloguing and circulation system, it has some features to enable it to be a useful reference tool if your collection is on the large side. Of particular note is allowing users to help the librarians from their home computers and have their work merged into the main computer. A useful feature if your organisation runs with volunteers.

Further details from http://www.resourcemate.com/.

Endnote and Reference Manager

Adept Scientific, main providers of training to these two software packages, is hitting the road and taking the training up to Scotland. Given recent strikes in the air and on the rail this is a useful development to ensure you get the most out of these products.

http://www.adeptscience.co.uk/media_room/2010/03/26/calling-all-endnote-reference-manager-users-in-scotland/

The APA 6th Edition Style update is now available for Reference Manager versions 8-12, to ensure citations follow the latest formatting requirements of the American Psychological Association. You can download the new files from

http://www.refman.com/rmapa6th.asp.

2Collab and Mendeley

Some may have already heard the news that 2collab, a product of Elsevier, is no longer accepting new users. A reading list alternative for these users could be Mendeley which provides an opt-in transfer of any 2collab public library folders.

Further details from http://www.mendeley.com/blog/press-release/2collab-users-can-now-import-their-libraries-into-mendeley/

Factsheets on referencing

The ever popular factsheets on referencing and reference software have now been updated and you will find them on the UKeiG website. Feel free to circulate them as you see fit.