



NUI MAYNOOTH  
Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad

# NUI Maynooth Teaching and Learning Showcase 2011/12

**Title:** What Bibliometrics Can Do For You?

**Subject:** Bibliometrics: evaluation, research and how the library can help you

## Overview of Best Practice/Innovation:

Our aim is to increase awareness of the importance of bibliometrics to evaluate and support research

To provide advice and training and be involved in the support and development of their use in NUIM in cooperation with the Research Support Office



## How it Worked:

At NUI Maynooth we provide access to the Web of Knowledge, Incites and Scopus Databases

These are useful to:

- Determine the top ranked journals in a subject area
- Track the impact factor of published research
- Support career development and applications for grant support.
- Study Institutional rankings

The Library took part in the MyRI (Measuring Your Research Impact) project which produced an open access bibliometrics toolkit (funded by the National Digital Learning Resources) which is available online

The use of Bibliometrics and its importance is promoted to faculty, student groups and at individual level. In house training is provided, as are guides to the bibliometrics resources available via the Library website and elsewhere. Links to various resources and training tools are also on the Library website

## Lessons Learned:

- Marketing is very important to increase awareness
- Communication is vital to encourage participation
- It is vital to keep the datasets up to date so we can stand over their validity
- Trainers need to be sensitive to anxieties about the use of metrics and knowledgeable of the options available to each subject area

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