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**Overview of goals.** ORCID is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing an open registry of unique person identifiers for researchers, and to working collaboratively with the research community to embed these identifiers in research workflows to connect researchers and research. This supports discoverability and ensures that researchers get credit for their work.

**Structure of project.** ORCID (<http://orcid.org>) was founded in 2010, a product of conversations among commercial and association publishers, research funders, universities, repositories, researchers, and data providers, who together determined that to solve the name ambiguity problem in scholarly and research communication required an organization that represented the entire research community without proprietary interest. ORCID spans sectors, disciplines, organizations, and nations. It is a community-driven effort to implement a standard and persistent representation of an individual contributor's name, and to link that standard to others, such as document and dataset identifiers, research sample identifiers, grant identifiers, association membership, other person identifiers, and other research activities as determined by the community. Together these linkages support the unique identification of an individual researcher.

**Participation.** Individuals may obtain an ORCID identifier and use the Registry without fee or membership. Organizations may use the Public API and ORCID sandbox for free. ORCID also makes its code freely available on GitHub. Members may use the Member API to support authentication, establishment as a trusted party to share certain data marked as limited access by individuals, and creation of records by employing organizations. ORCID launched its registry in October, 2012. By August 2013, over 220,000 researchers and scholars had registered for an identifier. Registry usage is widespread, from every country and territory, with traffic exceeding 10,000 users from more than 20 countries. ORCID has over 70 organizational members, many of which have embedded identifiers, including the US National Institutes of Health, Wellcome Trust, Europe PubMed Central, Nature, Elsevier, Thomson Reuters, Boston University, Chalmers University, Cambridge University, Chinese Academy of Sciences Library, Japan Science and Technology Agency, CERN, KISTI, ANDS, British Library, and several vendors.

**Main contribution to measuring science.** Through adoption and embedding in workflows, ORCID is becoming a part of the metadata for publications and other works, making it possible to automatically update ORCID records with new research works metadata. ORCID IDs are being embedded in publishing systems, grant application and reporting systems, university research information and personnel systems, repository submission systems, dataset management systems, and professional society

member and meeting management systems. Each of these workflows supports a validated linkage between a researcher and their works.

The image displays two panels from the ORCID user interface. The top-left panel is titled "EDIT PERSONAL INFORMATION" and contains several sections: "Names" with fields for First Name (Laurel), Last Name (Haak), Published Name (Laurel L. Haak), and Other Names (L. L. Haak; Laure Haak; L. Haak); "Websites" with fields for Website, Description, and URL; "Email Address" with an "Edit Email" link; and "About Me" with a Biography field (Laurel L. Haak, PhD, is the Executive Director of ORCID, an international and interdisciplinary), Keywords (science policy, science workforce, program evaluatio), and Country (UNITED STATES). The top-right panel is titled "IMPORT WORKS" and lists several import options: "CrossRef Metadata Search" (Search CrossRef's comprehensive metadata on journal articles, conference proceedings and monographs. Easily add search results to your ORCID profile.), "Europe PubMed Central" (Europe PubMed Central (Europe PMC) offers this tool to enable you to link anything in Europe PMC to your ORCID. Europe PMC contains all of PubMed, 500K records from Agricola that cannot be found in PubMed, 4 million Patents and 2.6 million full text articles that we share with PMC in the USA.), "ResearcherID" (ResearcherID is a global, multi-disciplinary scholarly research community where members can register for unique identifier, build a profile of their scholarly works, view citation metrics, and search for like-minded researchers.), and "Scopus to ORCID" (Import your Identifier, profile and publications. The wizard helps you find the correct Scopus profile and to confirm your publications. You can then import the identifier and list of publications into ORCID. Any changes you make will be submitted to the Feedback team to update your Scopus profile.).

**Next steps.** ORCID just launched an [Ambassador program](#) and multiple language versions of its Registry to better support its users internationally. In the coming year, we will be implementing support for linking ORCID identifiers with organization identifiers, and methods to support third-party validation of links between ORCID identifiers, works, and affiliations. We will continue to engage with researchers and members to grow usage, adoption, integrations, to build a sustainable organization. More information on ORCID events and activities is available through our blog (<http://orcid.org/about/news>) and events (<http://orcid.org/about/events>) pages.