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Dear Colleagues

I am pleased to announce a number of new additional features in Pure (the institutional Research Information System) and dates for a number of information workshops about Pure which are open to all research staff.

The additional features in Pure are important and relevant to all research staff. Please take the time to read over this message (including the further information accessed via the links below).

- **YOUR PUBLIC RESEARCH PROFILE IN PURE**

Pure includes a facility to display information on research outputs and activities stored by users to external viewers, via a web interface, similar to staff web-pages. This is called the Pure Public Research Profile. All University Pure users (staff and research students) have their own Public Research Profile page. Please note, each user's Public Research Profile is automatically set to display all research output and research activity information held in his/her Pure account.

However, Pure users have full control over which content they display on their Public Research Profile; if a user has research output or research activity information stored in their Pure account which they do not want to display via their Public Research Profile, they can change the visibility settings for the relevant research outputs and activities.

The University will launch the Pure Public Research Profile on 30 March 2012.

For further information on how to control which research outputs and activities you display on your Public Research Profile, click here: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/documents/pure-public-research-overview-guidance.docx>

- **RCUK – RESEARCH OUTCOMES PROJECT**

The University of Aberdeen is using Pure to centrally coordinate returns to the RCUK Research Outcomes Project. This is directly relevant to all AHRC, BBSRC, ESRC and EPSRC grant holders. The aim is to minimise the workload of individual researchers. It is imperative, however, that researchers who currently hold grants with these research councils link any outputs from these grants with the grants themselves.

For further information and instructions, please click here:

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/documents/pure-rcuk-research-outcomes-emails.docx>

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- **REF2014 MODULE**

The latest release of Pure now includes the REF2014 module, which is predominantly a management tool for preparing and administering our submission to the REF2014. In order to use the REF2014 module, we need all research active staff to upload details of all of their research outputs published since 1 January 2008. There is also an opportunity for individuals to indicate which outputs they would like to be considered for submission to the REF2014.

For further details and instruction on how to do this, please click here:

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/documents/pure-ref2014-module-instructions.docx>

- **PURE UPDATING INFORMATION SESSIONS**

To complement the release of these new features in Pure we will be hosting a number of updating information sessions. These will include an overview of Pure and its general functions (probably particularly useful for new staff but also a useful reminder for existing staff). The sessions will then include information on:

- the Pure Public Research Profile, including guidance on how to control visibility settings;
- how to nominate research outputs for consideration for the REF2014 submission;
- information on how to link research outputs and activities to research projects

The training dates are below. Staff interested in attending are asked to contact Marina Glennie on m.glennie@abdn.ac.uk to register for their preferred slot.

- Wednesday 7 March 2012, 1pm – 2:30pm, KCF7, Old Aberdeen
- Thursday 8 March 2012, 1pm – 11am – 12:30pm, Rowett Lecture Theatre, Rowett
- Tuesday 13 March 2012, 10am – 11:30am, IMS Level 7 Conference Room, Foresterhill
- Wednesday 14 March 2012, 10am – 11:30am, KCG8, Old Aberdeen

If staff have any queries relating to any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Marlis Barraclough on m.barraclough@abdn.ac.uk or 27(2038), or Iain Grant, i.grant@abdn.ac.uk or (27)2776.

With best wishes

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