

Crossref Updates

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Crossref is a not-for-profit membership organization for scholarly publishing, allowing the users to find content easy to find, link, cite, and assess. This is done in five ways: rallying the community; tagging metadata; running a shared infrastructure; playing with new technology; and making tools and services to improve research communications.

The theme for 2016 annual meeting is 'Smart alone, brilliant together'. Collaboration is at the core of everything Crossref does. It focuses on any matters that are best achieved by working together. All Crossref projects start with a working group. The most recent case is Crossref Event Data, a community-led service coming soon that will provide open data on events that occur around scholarly research objects on the web. Event Data will track shares, mentions, and likes from social media, sharing platforms and blogs, as well as links to datasets.

Another example is its project with ORCID to ensure author records are updated automatically. All the services are developed with member workflows in mind. For example, the auto-update service is designed so that when an article is published Crossref can automatically push that into the researcher's ORCID record.

A new initiative called Metadata 2020 is based around the notion that by working together Crossref can build a framework that will make scholarly content more discoverable.