Illinois Experts Fall 2017 Update
September’s featured guest was Mark Zulauf, Coordinator for Researcher Information Systems in the University Library’s Office of Research. Mark discussed Illinois Experts, a comprehensive campus database that facilitates the search of Illinois faculty and researcher profiles, the discovery of cutting edge research and scholarship, and the collaboration of researchers across campus. Mark’s presentation can be found [here](#). Highlights from the discussion included:

Goals of Illinois Experts
- Showcase the important research at the university.
- Facilitate discovery of research and scholars.
- Keep existing funding dollars and generate more through new collaborations.

Quick Overview of Experts
- New researcher profiles are being added (375 specialized and emeritus faculty, AP researchers).
- Every tenured faculty member automatically gets an account and their own unique fingerprint.
- Maximum capacity for the database is 2,500 profiles, and it’s getting close to reaching that number.
- 2,000+ profiles are currently on the site.
- Experts runs on Elsevier—the platform is being used by approximately 60 institutions around the U.S.
- RSS feed options are available for new publications.

New Web Service: API
- Citations and other info can be found through API.
- Searches can be expanded beyond the Illinois campus.
- The service provides an improved developer experience, including a simpler format, increased support, and streamlined search functions.
- The service also incorporates increased documentation.
- Different units are using the API service to enhance their profiles.

Integration with ORCID Registry
- ORCID provides a unique, persistent digital identifier.
- An increasing number of publishers and funders require an ORCID ID.
  - Funding agencies (NIH, U.S. DoT, Wellcome Trust).

Developing Richer Profiles for Faculty in the Arts and Humanities
• Aiming for representative coverage for research outputs in these areas.
• New and improved data—4,000 humanities publications have been manually entered and job titles have been corrected.

**Unit Delegate Roles**
• Unit delegates can now be added to act on behalf of their faculty.
• Several different responsibilities can be added to a unit delegate’s duties—research output, activities, press/media, and prizes.
• Unit delegate needs the approval of the department head. Contact Mark Zulauf for this.

**More Data Coming from PlumX**
• Available metrics will include:
  o Usage—clicks, downloads, views.
  o Captures—bookmarks, favorites, readers, watchers.
  o Mentions—blog posts, comments, reviews.
  o Social media—likes, shares, tweets.
  o Citations—citation indexes patent/policy citations.

**Other Illinois Experts Updates**
• A new organizational profile for the Carle School of Medicine has now been added.
• Feedback from using Experts is welcome and should be sent to Mark Zulauf.
• Latest system refresh will be added this week. Delay until it’s public as things become live.
• The annual adding of new unit members will be happening soon.
• Experts is nearing a point where a media push will be needed. More details on this to come.

**Updates from the OVCR**
**Leadership Transitions**
• No information yet on the new Vice Chancellor for Research.
• Peter Schiffer is currently scheduled to leave the university in the first week of October.

**Research Communications Book Club**
• The first discussion focused Alan Alda’s book *If I Understood You, Would I Have This Look on My Face?*
• Book club will happen quarterly
• If you want to be on the book club mailing list, please email Melissa Edwards.
• In November, we’ll be discussing Richard Harris’s book *Rigor Mortis: How Sloppy Science Creates Worthless Cures, Crushes Hope, and Wastes Billions*.
• Richard Harris will also be on campus for a talk and book signing on September 21 from 1:00 to 2:30 at Beckman Institute (Room 4269).
Crowdfunding
- Crowdfunding is an issue that’s been on the minds of many researchers. The OVCR is developing some guidance. Provide feedback on the draft to Melissa by September 15.

Updates from the Group

Beckman Institute
- On Friday, September 15, Beckman Institute is hosting “The Future for Everyone,” a public lecture by producer, designer, writer, and animator Rose Eveleth. This talk will explore where science and technology come from, where they have taken us so far, and how to open the door for people who are imagining futures for everybody.
- The Theoretical and Computational Biophysics Group will be featured in the Pygmalion Demo on Thursday, September 21.
- A reception for NPR Science Correspondent Richard Harris will also be held on September 21 from 1:00 to 2:30 at Beckman Institute (Room 4269). A book signing will follow.

Carle Illinois College of Medicine
- Accreditation for the College of Medicine gets voted on in October.
- Student recruiting is beginning and will need a huge group effort, so any help with promotion is appreciated. Contact Libby Kacich for more information.
- Two research advisory boards, both internal and external, will be named in October.

Family Resiliency Center
- Ryann Monahan has officially started as the new communications specialist for the FRC.

IGB
- Join IGB on September 19 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. to celebrate their 10th anniversary. Remarks begin at 3:30 p.m., and guests will receive a special IGB commemorative item and can view the planting of the 10th anniversary tree. No registration is necessary.
- On October 20-22, IGB is hosting “The Enduring Legacy of Sol Spiegelman,” an event featuring a public lecture and a series of plenary talks from a national panel of speakers that includes two Nobel Laureates.

IHSI
- Bridget Melton has officially started as the new director of communications for IHSI.

iSEE
- The iSEE Congress 2017 on climate change resilience starts on September 18th. The event will assemble leading national and international scientists to advance scientific understanding on the impacts of climate change on the agricultural sector, on ecosystem services, and on human wellbeing.

iSchool
• The iSchool will be hosting their Fall 2017 Open House on September 15. Find complete details here.

NCSA
• On October 20 and 21, NCSA is hosting MobileMe&You 2017, a journalism and technology conference focused on mobile media storytelling and highlighting new and innovative techniques and best practices for newsgathering. Presenters will include journalists from newsrooms such as The Washington Post, CNN, Quartz, Univision, and the Onion.

PRI
• On September 19, PRI is hosting Curious Encounters of the Natural World. The event will feature Michael R. Jeffords and Susan L. Post, long-time employees of the Prairie Research Institute, who have circled the globe collecting images of the natural world.

Public Affairs
• Allison Vance is back on campus as Content Strategy Director within Public Affairs.
• Four finalists for the role of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost will make presentations on campus in the coming weeks. More details here.

Office of Technology Management
• On September 21, OTM is hosting Share the Vision, an innovation and start-up showcase. This year’s event focuses on healthcare-related technologies emerging from both engineering and life sciences. RCC members are welcome to use promo code STV2017 to waive the registration fee.

Technology Services
• The university has signed a contract with Microsoft to be able to provide access to Microsoft Azure cloud resources. Further announcements will be made when Azure is ready for campus clients.

University Library
• The University Library offers free statistical consulting throughout the semester. Consultants have expertise in a variety of statistical software, including R, Stata, SPSS, and SAS.