2015 REFEDS Workplan

These are the final top level areas for the 2015 workplan.

REF15-1: REFEDS Coordination and Management

Lead: Licia Florio / Nicole Harris

Aims:

- To progress REFEDS position as an important player within the access and identity management space internationally.
- To build on established relationships with GÉANT project, ISOC and Kantara.

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF15-1A	REFEDS BOFS at appropriate meetings throughout the year.	First BoF held at APAN. Second BoF to be held as Townhall meeting with EWTI in Vienna.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	01/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-1B	Replace refeds.org website.	New framework proposed to SC, ready for implementation work.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	03/2015	06/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-1C	Maintain and develop the REFEDS blog.	Ongoing.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	02/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-1D	REFEDS annual meetings.	TNC15 (REFEDS birthday) and I2 TechX.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	02/2015	12/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-1E	Implement 2015 REFEDS Survey.	Survey distributed - collating responses.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	02/2105	03/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-1F	Manage REFEDS contracts with third parties.	1 x contract with Ian Young. (done) 2 x contract with Heather Flanagan. (done) 1 x contract with Emergya.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	01/2015	03/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-1G	Manage REFEDS Sponsorships.	Current sponsor list.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	As appropriate	As appropriate	ONGOING

REF15-2: Federation Operator Best Practice

Lead: Nicole Harris

Aims:

- To complete work on metadata registration, publication and federation key management documentation and to feed in for dissemination and use within the GÉANT project (GN4) harmonisation task.
- To maintain and monitor use of existing entity categories.
- To shepherd proposals for 2-3 new entity categories (library / affiliation and academic) through to conclusion.
- To carry out a lightweight review of contacts in metadata.
- To liaise and work with projects focusing on assurance profiles

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF15-2A	Documentation for federation operator practice statements.	MRPS work underway - needs summary and pushing back out.	Nicole Harris	01/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-2B	Report on uptake of R&S and Hide from Discovery Entity Categories.	Figures now being collated.	Nicole Harris	10/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-2C	Develop supporting material for Entity Categories focused on risk assessment.	Initial guidelines on release implemented on wiki. Looking at a small leaflet to support promotional work.	Nicole Harris	04/2015	06/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-2D	Consultations for new Entity Categories.	Academia consultation completed. Affiliation to be discussed.	Nicole Harris	04/2015	09/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-2E	Complete survey / review on how contacts in metadata are being used / implemented.	Work now included in SIRTFI work planning.	Nicole Harris	07/2105	08/2015	COMPLETE

REF15-3: Virtual Organisations and Groups

Lead: Licia Florio

Aims:

- To provide supporting material for organisations carrying out a needs assessment for VO / group management usage.
- To support the standardisation of namespace usage by VOs / attribute authorities.

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF15-3A	Update of VO / group management needs assessment documents.	Available on the REFEDS wiki.	Heather Flanagan	04/2015	12/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-3B	VO / Groups Problem Statement Document	Overview presented at Cleveland meeting, paper to be prepared.	Heather Flanagan	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-3C	Value Proposition of federations for VOs document.	Draft available on REFEDS wiki. Seeking further commentary.	Heather Flanagan	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-3D	3 x conference call to discuss namespace requirements.	Work postponed until 2016.	Licia Florio	04/2015	12/2015	POSTPONED
REF15-3E	Draft proposal on standardising namespace for groups.	Work postponed until 2016.	Licia Florio	04/2105	12/2015	POSTPONED

REF15-4: REFEDS Services and Monitoring.

Lead: Licia Florio

Aims:

- To provide support for existing REFEDS pilots as well as for the new ones
- To define a lightweight process for federation operators to work together on incident response management

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF15-4A	REEP Operations.	New contract with Emergya delivered, LF working to evaluate deliverables to date and make proposals moving forward.	Licia Florio	01/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-4B	Operational version of MET.	GARR working on final service version, inc updates to MET code and hosting. Need ot put small SLA in place with GARR for availability.	Nicole Harris	02/2015	06/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-4C	Liaison work with Fed Lab.	Cross GN4-AARC-REFEDS-KANTARA Work area kicked off. Funding proposal to REFEDS received.	Nicole Harris	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-4D	Incident Response Framework.	Initial charter and workplan for SIRTFI circulated with stakeholders. Consultation out	Licia Florio / Nicole Harris	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS

REF15-5: Standards and Harmonisation

Lead: Nicole Harris

Aims:

- To provide support for the development of standards and specifications under the REFEDS banner.
- To pilot specification work to support implementation requirements.
- To put in place structures to ensure specification and schema sustainability.

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REF15-5A	Federation at scale: work to pilot the Metadata Query Protocol within multiple federations and report on readiness to manage more complex metadata management.	New contract in place with Ian.	Ian Young	02/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-5B	Federation at scale: review of further work needed to support large-scale metadata management, including discovery.	To do.	Nicole Harris	02/2015	06/2015	POSTPONED
REF15-5C	SAML Entity Categories: finalising RFC for core documentation.	New contract in place with Ian. New version of the document ready to be released before end 2015.	Ian Young	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-5D	SCHAC development and sustainability.	All work on updating SCHAC documentation now complete. Not enough work to consider adding a further contract in place.	Heather Flanagan	01/2015	06/2015	COMPLETE

REF14-6: Specialist Working Groups

Lead: According to WG Chair

Aim:

- To provide infrastructure and support for evolving ideas and areas in the REFEDS community.

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF15-6A	FOG: Federation Operators Group	Ongoing operation as usual.	Peter Schober	01/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-6B	MARI: Manging Attribute Release in Interfederation use cases	On hold pending further discussions. Recommendation not to continue with this group.	Ken Klingenstein	01/2015	12/2015	CANCELLED
REF15-6C	OIDC(re): OpenID Connect for Research and Education	Not started yet. Roland H working on workplans.	Roland Hedberg	04/2015	12/2015	MOVE TO 2016
REF15-6D	SIRTFI	Work developing well, continuing to support.	Nicole Harris	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS