Global network for organizations

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Comments for this web portal:

It looks interesting, to form network from organizations. Current most academic social network is based on Coauthorship or collection of academic faculties’ profiles. However we do not know the detailed features for this website. It seems a lot of work will come out in early 2010.
**ORCID**

Main function: providing non-ambiguous researcher id.

ORCID is a doi (http://www.doi.org/) like system for authors and contributors to scientific literature. It's just starting, but perhaps worthwhile to track by eagle-i/vivo teams.

http://www.orcid.org/

**target of this ORCID**

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Accurate identification of researchers and their work is one of the pillars for the transition from science to e-Science, wherein scholarly publications can be mined to spot links and ideas hidden in the ever-growing volume of scholarly literature. A disambiguated set of authors will allow new services and benefits to be built for the research community by all stakeholders in scholarly communication: from commercial actors to non-profit organizations, from governments to universities.

Thomson Reuters and Nature Publishing Group convened the first Name Identifier Summit in Cambridge, MA on Monday, November 9, where a cross-section of the research community explored approaches to address name ambiguity. The ORCID Initiative is moving ahead with broad stakeholder participation ([view member gallery](#)). As the Initiative develops, we plan to engage researchers and other community members directly via social media and other campaigns. Participation from all stakeholders at all levels is a cornerstone of the Initiative’s mission.

For additional information, please see the [December 2009 announcement](#). We will also be updating this website and adding new features as the ORCID Initiative develops.