

Greece Launches National ORCID Consortium

February 7, 2019: We are delighted to announce that Greece's national consortium for academic and research institutions, [HEAL-Link](#), has signed a consortium membership agreement with ORCID, starting on January 1, 2019. All 52 HEAL-Link members will participate in the consortium and will benefit from premium-level ORCID membership.

HEAL-Link (Hellenic Academic Libraries Link) will act as consortium lead, helping its members to coordinate their ORCID researcher engagement and system integration activities and to build shared tools and resources that can be used across the consortium. They will provide basic technical and implementation support -- backed up by the ORCID team -- as HEAL-Link members integrate ORCID at their organizations.

HEAL-Link joins a community of [ORCID consortia](#) active in 20 countries around the world. Its members span across all disciplines and research and scholarly activities and include Greek universities, research institutes, foundations, the National Library, and the General Secretariat of Research and Technology of the Ministry of Education. HEAL-Link provides a suite of services to its members, including authentication and authorization infrastructure, to support open research objectives.

Leonidas Pispiringas, Network Technologies and Infrastructure Manager – Software Developer for HEAL-Link noted that: “We are excited and eagerly looking forward to collaborating with ORCID in order for HEAL-Link members to embrace ORCID Premium services. Subsequently this collaboration will aid to the identification of the researchers of HEAL-Link members and to the connection with their affiliations and activities accordingly.”

Laure Haak, Executive Director of ORCID, welcomed the HEAL-Link agreement: “We are excited to be partnering with HEAL-Link and its members to support the adoption of ORCID in Greece as part of our shared open research infrastructure goals.”

About HEAL-Link

HEAL-Link, the Greek Consortium for the Academic & Research Institutions in Greece, is actively involved to projects, initiatives, developments to the scientific

publication landscape and its goal is to act in a way that is beneficial to its members and to the scientific community in Greece. Collaboration with ORCID would be of great benefit for all the researchers in Greece as identification of a researcher (name ambiguity problem, etc.) is an enduring issue over the years.

Contact: Leonidas Pispiringas (lpisp@heal-link.gr)

About ORCID

ORCID's vision is a world where all who participate in research and innovation, from imagining to building and managing, are uniquely identified and connected to their contributions across disciplines, and borders, and time. ORCID provides an identifier for individuals to use with their name as they engage in research and innovation activities. We provide open tools that enable transparent and trustworthy connections between researchers, their contributions, and affiliations. We provide this service to help people find information and to simplify reporting and analysis.

Contact: Laure Haak, Executive Director (l.haak@orcid.org)