

Publishing Research Consortium publishes new Guide to Text and Data Mining

London, 28 February 2013 – The Publishing Research Consortium (PRC), a group representing publishers and societies supporting objective global research into scholarly communication, has published a new ‘start here’ Guide which aims to explain text and data mining. With 2000 downloads to date, the report, *Text Mining and Scholarly Publishing*, is a much needed Guide at a time when related policy changes are currently being debated at Government level. Aiming to enlighten readers and to dispel confusion and misconceptions, *Text Mining and Scholarly Publishing* includes straightforward descriptions of what text and data mining is all about, how and why they are used, what they entail for publishers and researchers, its challenges and a glossary. The report’s author, Jonathan Clark, is an independent advisor on strategy and innovation, and former chair and Director of the International DOI Foundation.

Graham Taylor, Chair of The Publishing Research Consortium, said: *“Text and data mining are important and growing features of today’s scholarly research. With government now looking at reform of copyright in this area, it is of the utmost importance that any misconceptions about text and data mining be dispelled. This Guide will provide answers to the most basic and commonly asked questions about text and data mining and will hopefully assist policymakers to make better informed decisions”.*

Notes to Editors

The Publishing Research Consortium

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