Professor Howard White: Measuring scholarly output

You are invited to one or all of a series of seminars by Professor Howard White, Professor Emeritus, Drexel University, distinguished visitor to the University of New South Wales, and an internationally-recognised expert on issues related to the measurement of scholarly output. Given the level of interest in developing suitable measures in relation to the Research Quality Framework, the topics to be addressed by Professor White will be highly relevant to many.

During his visit to the University of NSW during August 2007, Professor White has kindly agreed to share his expertise by conducting three public seminars to be held from 10am to 12 noon. The seminars are:

- Monday 30 July: Citation measures & patterns – what do they mean?
- Thursday 2 August: Citation patterns as institutional performance measures
- Friday 3 August: Personal uses of citation patterns

Each of these seminars will be held in the Pioneer International Theatre, AGSM Building, UNSW Visitors to the University, enter Gate 11, Botany Street.

Please feel free to make these seminars widely known. For further information please contact Fletcher Cole (f.cole@unsw.edu.au). To reserve a place (seating is limited) please contact Mary Anne Kennan (maryanne.kennan@unsw.edu.au), Information Systems, Technology and Management, Australian School of Business.

A brief biography: “After taking his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley, Howard D. White joined Drexel University’s College of Information Science and Technology, where he is now Professor emeritus. He has published widely on bibliometrics and co-citation analysis, the evaluation of library reference services, expert systems applications in library reference work, social science data archives, American attitudes toward library censorship, and information & document retrieval for meta-analysis and interdisciplinary studies. In 1993 he won the Research Award of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST) for distinguished contributions in his field. In 1998 he and Katherine McCain won the best JASIS paper award for Visualizing a Discipline: An Author Co-Citation Analysis of Information Science, 1972-1995. He was a Drexel Distinguished Professor for 1998-2002, using the associated grant to develop the AuthorMap system. In 2004 he won ASIST’s highest honour for career achievement, the Award of Merit. In 2005 the International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics honoured him with the biennial Derek de Solla Price Memorial Medal for contributions to the quantitative study of science.” Further details, including his numerous publications, can be found at his web site: http://www.cis.drexel.edu/faculty/HUD.Web/HUD.html.

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