Management and Sharing of Research Information through ResearchNet <u>http://ResearchNet.org</u>

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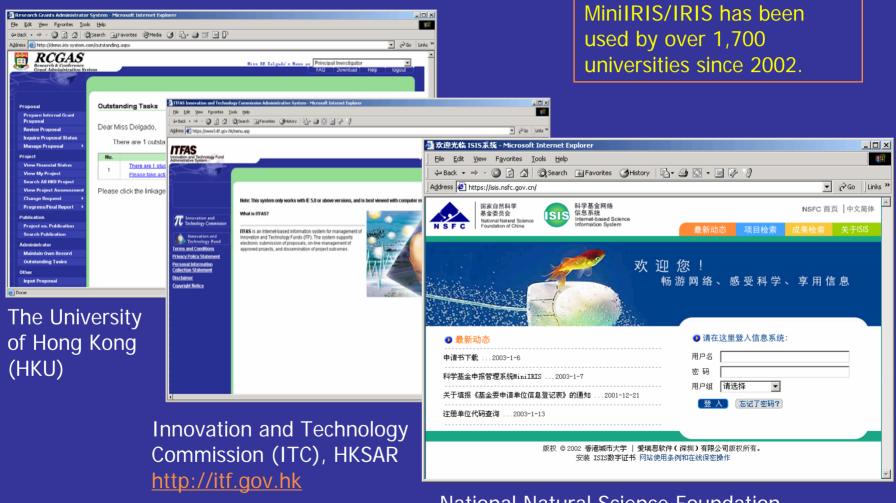
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Background

- Current Research Information Systems (CRISs) have been developed and used in
 - Government funding agencies:
 - ITFAS (<u>http://itf.gov.hk</u>) at Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) of Hong Kong SAR Government
 - ISIS (<u>http://isis.nsfc.gov.cn</u>) at National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)
 - Universities/Research institutions:
 - IRIS at City University of Hong Kong
 - RCGAS at the University of Hong Kong
 - MiniIRIS/IRIS at over 1,700 universities/research institutions in mainland China

There is an urgent need for sharing and exchange of research information among funding agencies and research institutions

Current Research Information System (CRIS)



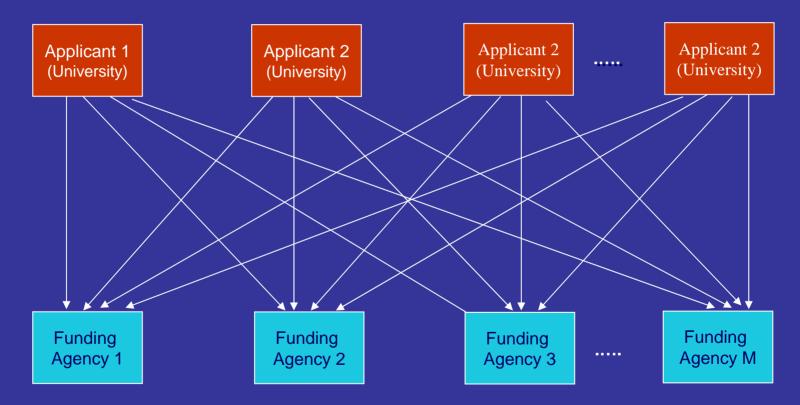
National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) <u>http://isis.nsfc.gov.cn</u>

Problems with Existing CRISs

CRISs are developed in individual organizations

- Isolated systems result in the difficulties of information exchange
- Repeated data entry results in data inconsistency problems
- Research information can hardly be shared and disseminated to the public
- Scientists have to follow different standards for writing research proposals

Need for Sharing and Exchange of Research Information



Objectives of the Project

- To design standards for research information exchange using XML and Web Services
- To develop a research information exchange platform (<u>http://ResearchNet.org</u>):
 - Information exchange among universities and funding agencies
 - Information retrieval and sharing by public
- To promote the sharing and exchange of research information among funding agencies and research institutions

Key Elements of Research Information

Business Process

Research Data

Function

Sharing of Research Data

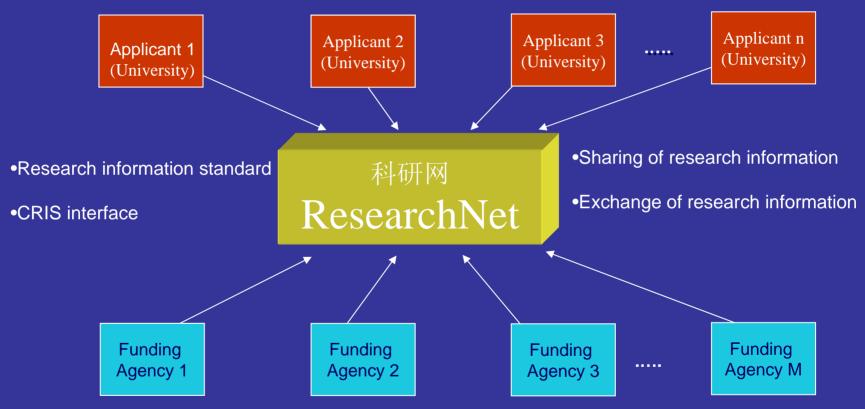
Design XML standards for research data

- Researchers
- Research institutions
- Research projects
- Publication
- Funding opportunities

Sharing of Functions

- Set up Web Services standards for CRIS functions
 - Announcement of funding opportunities
 - Proposal review
 - Project search
 - Project statistics
 - Check duplication

ResearchNet: A Platform for Sharing and Exchange of Research Information



Creates a Win-Win situation for scientists, research institutions and funding agencies

Main Functions

- Exchange of Research Data
 - Grant access rights
 - Extract research data from reliable sources
- Sharing of Research Information
 - Project search
 - Search for funding opportunities
 - Search for research outputs
 - Search for researchers
 - Search for research institutions
 - Email alert

Interfaces of ResearchNet.org

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Advantages

- For funding agencies
 - Promotes the standards for grant opportunity announcement
 - Enables the use of off-the-shelf grant management software
 - Encourages the use of best practices within agencies
- For research institutions/scientists
 - Find research information (e.g. projects, researchers, institutions, etc.) from a single source
 - Learn more about available opportunities in a standardized manner, saving time and money

Summary

- ResearchNet.org is a simple and easy to use software platform
- It enables the exchange and sharing of research information among funding agencies and research institutions
- It provides a single source to find research information and grant opportunities

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