

1 VITAL Installed!

Dr Peter Sefton and Caroline Ayres of the RUBRIC Central technical team received training in the use of the Vital repository product, which is one of the outputs of the ARROW project, at UNSW on 12 and 13 December 2005.

We are pleased to announce that we now have our own version installed on a new server, and will resume our evaluation of Vital next week.

Vital installation is somewhat different to the other products we are evaluating because it is installed by VTLS staff remotely, whereas DSpace and Fez are both very much DIY systems.

The Vital evaluation will conclude our first round of trials, and we will be producing a draft document outlining our early experiences during February, while simultaneously revisiting all three products (DSpace, FEZ and Vital) prior to starting partner-specific demonstrator mini-projects in March 2006 (subject to board approval of a draft plan).

2 FOSTER Info Day

Will your Project Manager be appointed and ready to attend this day? Please let Cameron (loudon@usq.edu.au) know ASAP so we can reschedule if necessary.

The FOSTER Info Day is designed to welcome RUBRIC Partner Project Managers to the RUBRIC Project.

[View the FOSTER Info Day agenda »](#)
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[Read more about the FOSTER Toolkit »](#)

3 Changing your SharePoint password

Included with your SharePoint username and password information was a request to change your temporary password.

The link to change your password can be found on the RUBRIC website in the 'Board Meeting' section. You will see the link to 'Password Change' in the second paragraph.

[Change your Password here »](#)

4 New resources on SharePoint

New RUBRIC Project resources have now been added to SharePoint. This includes this Newsletter template, PowerPoint Template, digital letterhead and print quality RUBRIC banner. Please look in the templates folder.

[RUBRIC SharePoint »](#)

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5 RUBRIC website updated

The FOSTER Toolkit pages on the RUBRIC website have been updated to include information on Metadata. Neil Godfrey, RUBRIC Metadata Specialist, has selected some relevant resources for our review.

[FOSTER Toolkit links »](#)

6 Welcome Vicki Picasso

The University of Newcastle has appointed Vicki Picasso as their RUBRIC Project Manager. Vicki will be the initial point of contact for the IRUA and started her first week with the fun of moving office. The RUBRIC Central team welcomes Vicki to the project and are looking forward to meeting her in person at the Open Repositories Conference.

[Vicki's contact details »](#)

7 It's a boy!

Deidre Lowe, the RUBRIC Project Manager, had a new addition to her family on Friday 27th of January. Reilly William Walker Bryson was born at 6.56 AM and weighed in at 6lb 13oz (3kgs +). Mum and the baby are doing fine but no word on how Dad is recovering! The RUBRIC Project team sends their best wishes.

8 Coming soon

8.1 Board Meeting.

The next RUBRIC board meeting has been set for **Monday** the **13th** of February at **10am** and will be conducted via teleconference. Recently Louise Williamson (williaml@usq.edu.au) emailed for agenda items to be submitted by 5pm on Friday Feb 3. Please reply to have your topic added to the discussion.

[Read more about the draft agenda »](#)

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8.2 Open Repositories 2006

(31st January to the 3rd February). The RUBRIC Project will be represented by Vicki Picasso (Newcastle Uni), Dr. Peter Sefton and Cameron Loudon from the RUBRIC Central team.

If you are attending and would like to catch up please contact Cameron on 0412 673 941.

[Open Repositories 2006 »](#)

8.3 MAMS meeting.

Peter and Cameron from RUBRIC Central will meet with Prof James Dalziel and Dr. Erik Vullings from MELCOE on Wednesday the 1st of Feb to discuss the Meta-Access Management System.

[MAMS Project »](#)

8.4 Trac access.

Access to the RUBRIC Central web based project management system is in the pipeline. RUBRIC Central uses Trac to log all tasks in a given development cycle against a project milestone.

8.5 del.icio.us

The RUBRIC Central team use del.icio.us community book marking to tag websites of

interest to the project. So what exactly is del.icio.us?

[del.icio.us RUBRIC Project links »](#)

Don't panic! We'll tell you more about all this and how to use it in the coming weeks.