CUL and Symplectic

The Library is looking at a better way of gathering a quality list of faculty publications than the current manual entry process.

Updates

2/16/16: I met with Michael and Frank regarding my efforts on this topic. Frank reports Tu (A&S IT) and Mark (A&S Comm.) working on to understand the Symplectic service from a technical level. No need for me to do more unless asked by Chemistry folks.

Oliver discussed topic with Jon Corson-Rickert in January, opportunistically on short walk from bus to our homes. Turned out this was just days before his retirement.

* Oliver's understanding from that conversation is that VIVO will change but remain, and the Symplectic service will have a large role.

Prior notes

~June 2013:

* http://www.symplectic.co.uk/
* Cornell University Library (CUL) poster regarding Symplectic effort at IT@Cornell June 2013 day-long event. Contact on sheet is <VIVO-CONTACT-L>.

Notes from an email the Library sent to Oliver:

The library is able to fund a one year pilot using Symplectic and "we're hoping the AI Colleges will see investing in this as a better way of gathering a quality list of faculty publications than the current manual entry process. We're going to start with a small test group @50 faculty to work through how to set things up, and then we're hoping to do a full test late in the fall."

From CCB, CUL's Leah is helping to vet any 'must includes'.

Next steps, as of late June 2013:

Right now we're assembling the stakeholders (which includes Oliver) and then there will be a slightly overlapping involvement of librarians (including Leah) and somehow everyone will get to see how the system works and will give us advice on how to set up some of the administrative components (who can edit, etc.). The librarians will provide some database expertise if necessary.