# *Open Access Repositories in New Zealand* [OARINZ] project: Summary and Progress Report 1 – August, 2006 http://www.oarinz.ac.nz

**Summary:**
Following a successful bid to the 2006/7 eLearning Collaborative Development Fund, CPIT is leading a consortium group of eleven New Zealand polytechnics and universities to implement the "Open Access Repositories in New Zealand" (OARINZ) project. The project team will collaborate with the National Library to design and build the infrastructure which will have the ability to connect and publicise all of New Zealand's digital research repositories that meet standards for interoperability and access. The project will also develop capability and confidence by providing Tertiary Education Institutions (and others) with a range of repository implementation options from which to select. OARINZ will interface with two other eCDF projects working in the research repository domain. For details of the outputs of the OARINZ project, see the newly-launched website: http://www.oarinz.ac.nz

The OARINZ Project Steering Group consists of the following people:

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National Library Representative: Steve Knight, Manager Innovation Centre & Programme Architect National Digital Heritage Archive

**Progress Report:**
A planning and information day was held in Wellington on 9/8/06, attended by representatives of consortium institutions and interested others. Having people with a range of skills and perspectives gathered in the one room – programmers, researchers, librarians, IT and eLearning experts – epitomised one of the significant strengths of this project. There were three components of the day: an open project briefing and information session, a meeting of the project steering group, and a meeting of the technical experts involved in the project.

A number of the project deliverables are now underway, including -

- a blueprint for the distributed repository network architecture (which also covers details of the planned metadata harvester solution, and associated services),
- an 'up to the minute' technical evaluation of leading open source repository solutions (which will underpin decisions made in relation to developing an independent research repository hosting service), and
- specifications for an 'easy-to-install CD' which will contain pre-configured EPrints repository software (dubbed the 'DIY' solution).

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