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Remote Bibliometrics – our department in pandemic mode

Bibliometrics and Publication Strategies – Vienna University Library

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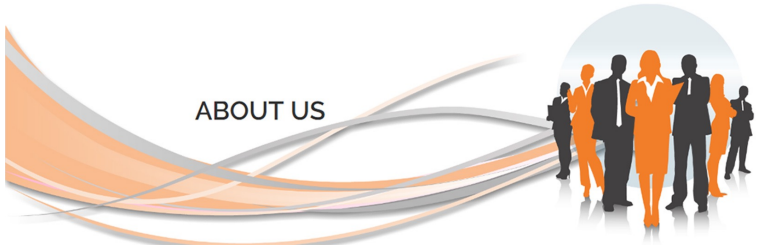
Agenda



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Our organizational embedding

Research Support Services of the Vienna University Library

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Our activities

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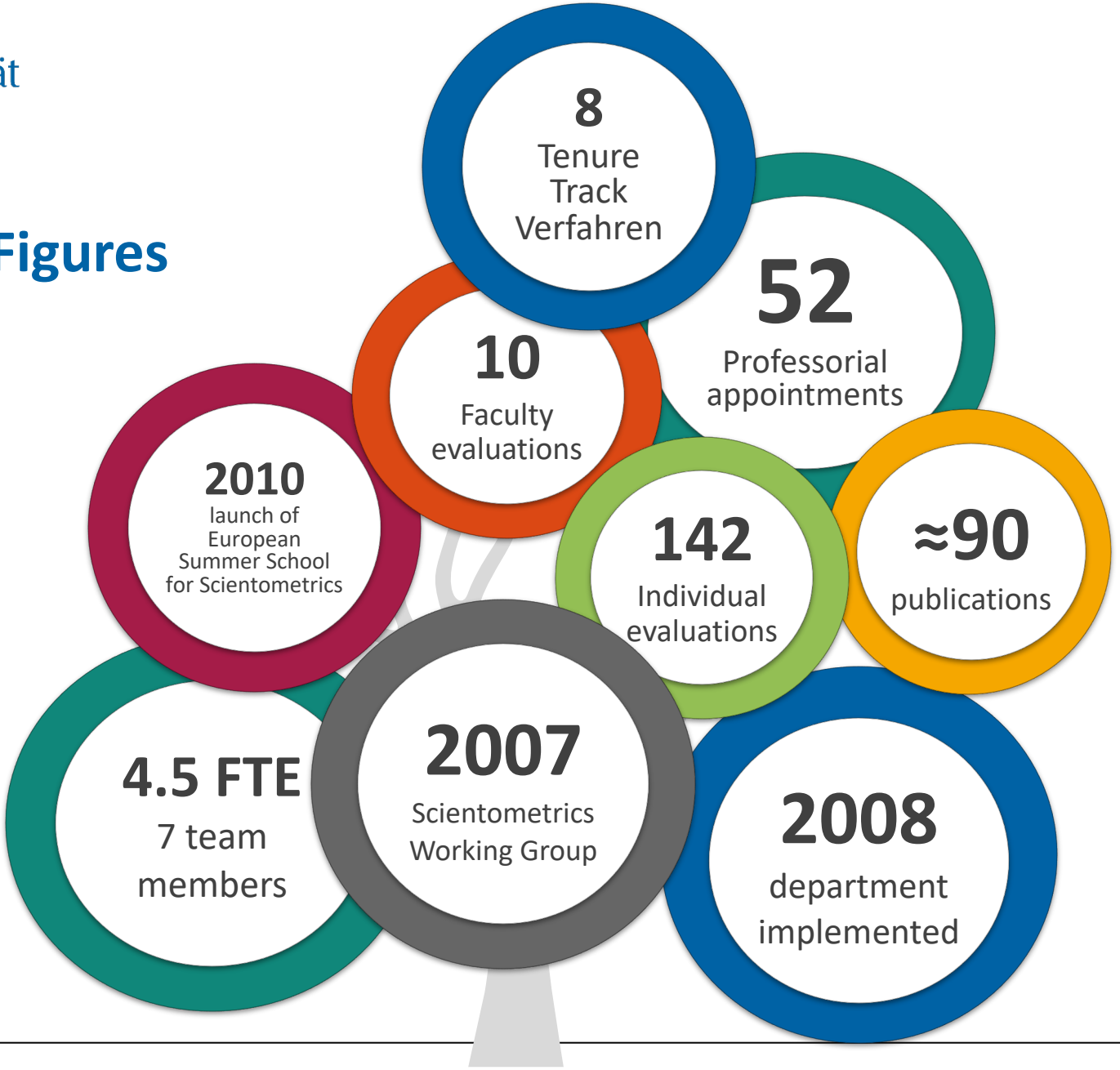

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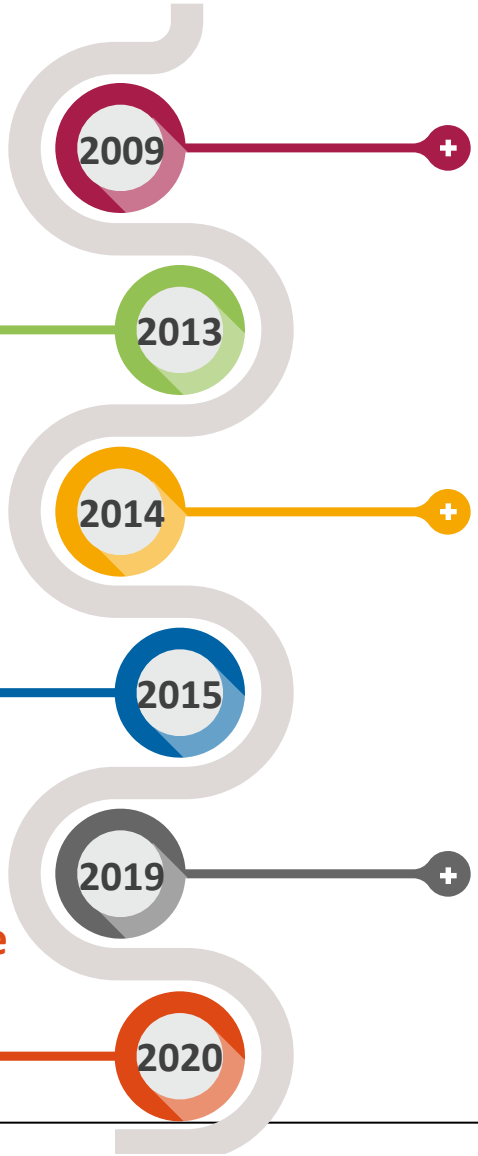
Major milestones



2009

STI Conference

Hosted at the University of Vienna, co-organized by the Bibliometrics Department

2013

ISSI Conference

Hosted at the University of Vienna, co-organized by the Bibliometrics Department

2014

ORCID Workshop

Hosted at the University of Vienna, co-organized by the Scientometrics Working Group

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- **Affiliation Policy**
- **Workshop Altmetric.com**

2015

2019

ORCID Austria Consortium

Recommendations to increase the visibility of academic publications

2020

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Sound bibliometric analyses require a multidimensional approach and therefore much expertise and time!

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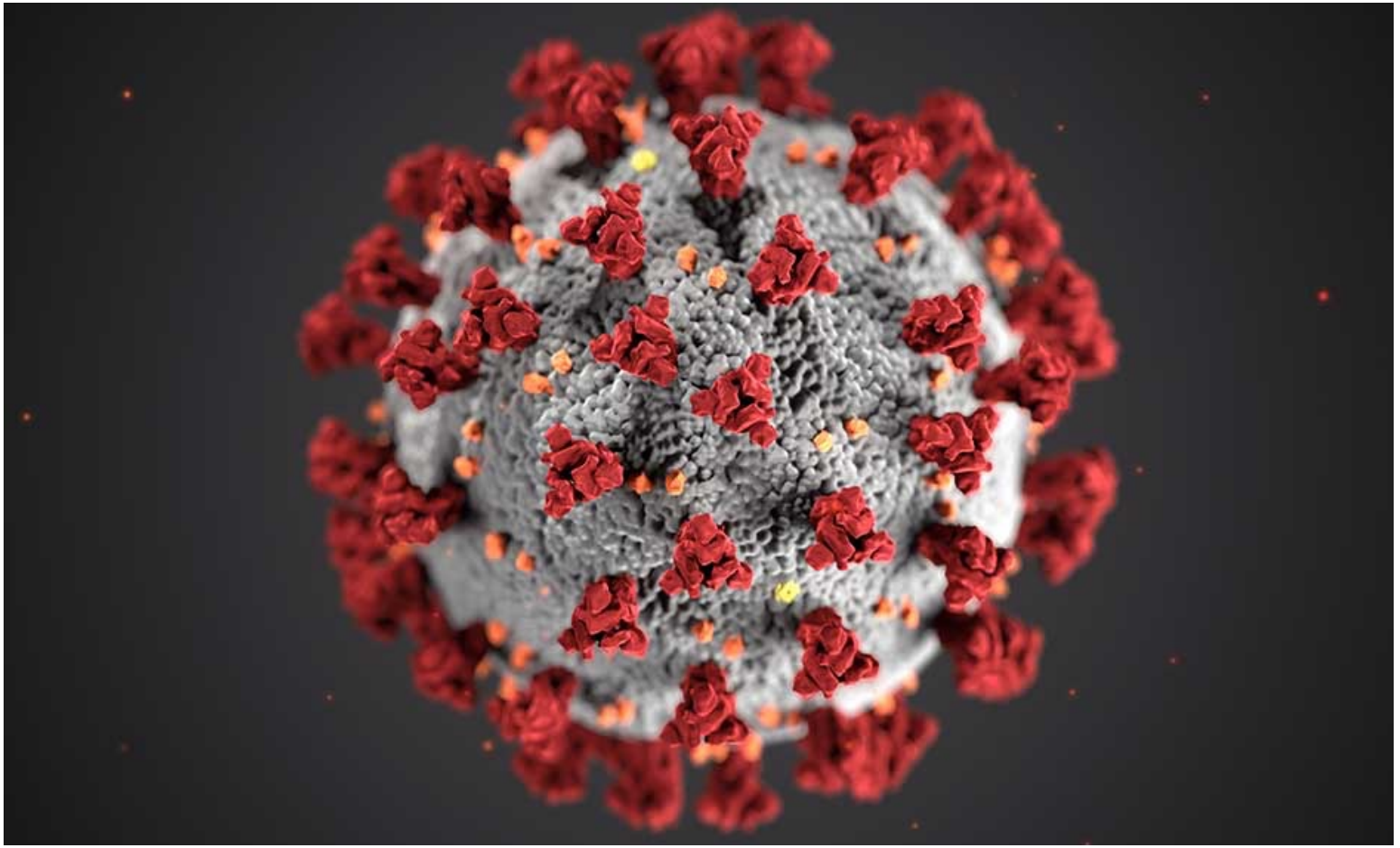
And suddenly there is a pandemic!



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And suddenly there are many additional challenges!

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Staff-related challenges

- Change of leadership
- Termination
- Recruitment
- Remote interviews
- Remote onboarding
- Remote training

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Technical challenges

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- Hardware
- Software
- New digital competencies
- Internet stability
- Remote access to licensed products and share drives

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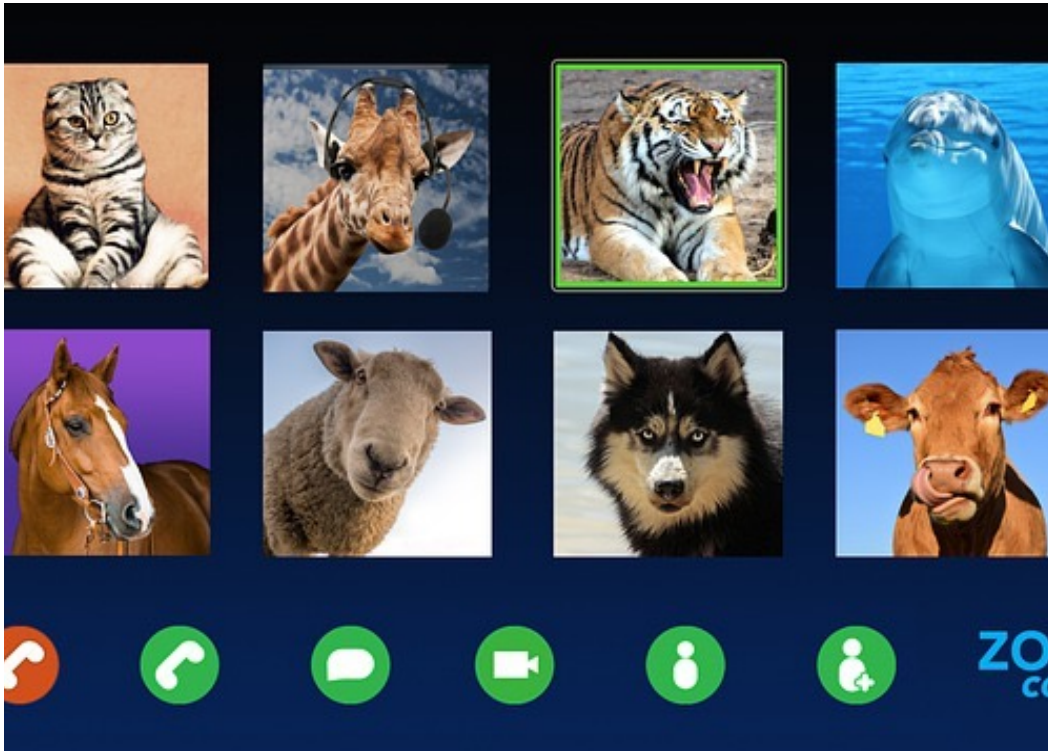

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Organizational and management challenges

- Communication with team
- Communication with colleagues
- Communication with stakeholders
- Time management
- Time recording
- Documentation

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Personal challenges

- „One man‘s joy is another man‘s sorrow!“
- Work-Life-Balance
- Zoom Fatigue
- Health issues
- Hardly any physical contacts and very restricted casual and informal exchange

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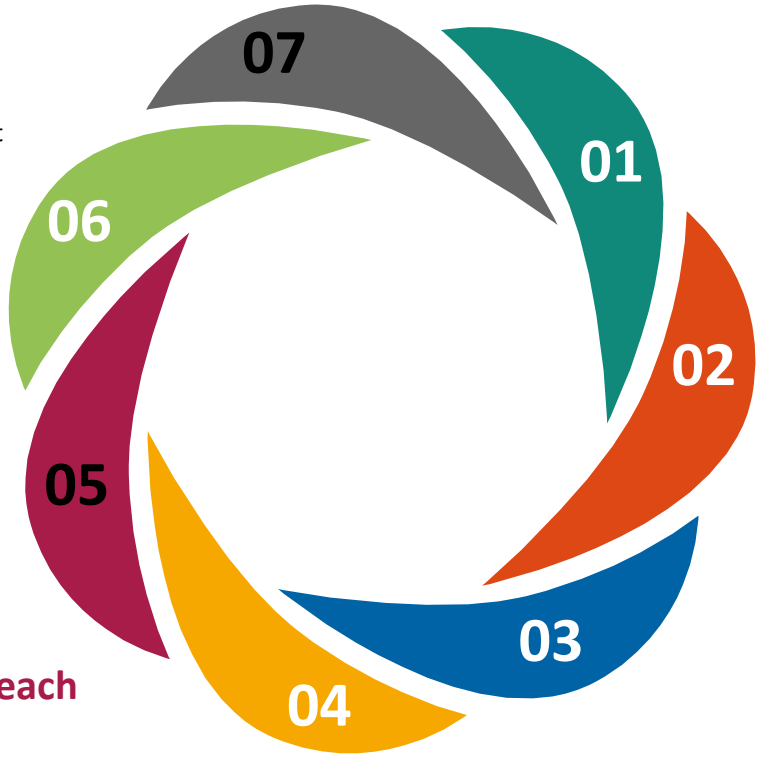
2020-2021: Against all odds



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Switch to a sole online event

Uninterrupted growth in analyses

- Faculty evaluations
- Individual evaluations
- Professorial Appointment Procedures
- Tenure Track Procedures
- on-demand analyses for the Rectorate

International activities

- Webinars
- Peer-reviews
- Workshops
- Conferences
- Tender processes

Focus topics Increased Visibility, Affiliations and SDGs

- Recommendations for increased visibility
- Updated Affiliation Policy
- SDG Project

Institutional outreach

- Individual consultancy
- Lectures and workshops for doctoral students, research groups, faculties

Automation & Documentation

- APIs
- R
- Expanded functions in Excel
- Process documentation

Altmetrics, ORCID

- Licensing of Altmetric.com
- AT2OA2 TP5
- ORCID Integration OJS
- ORCID Austria Consortium

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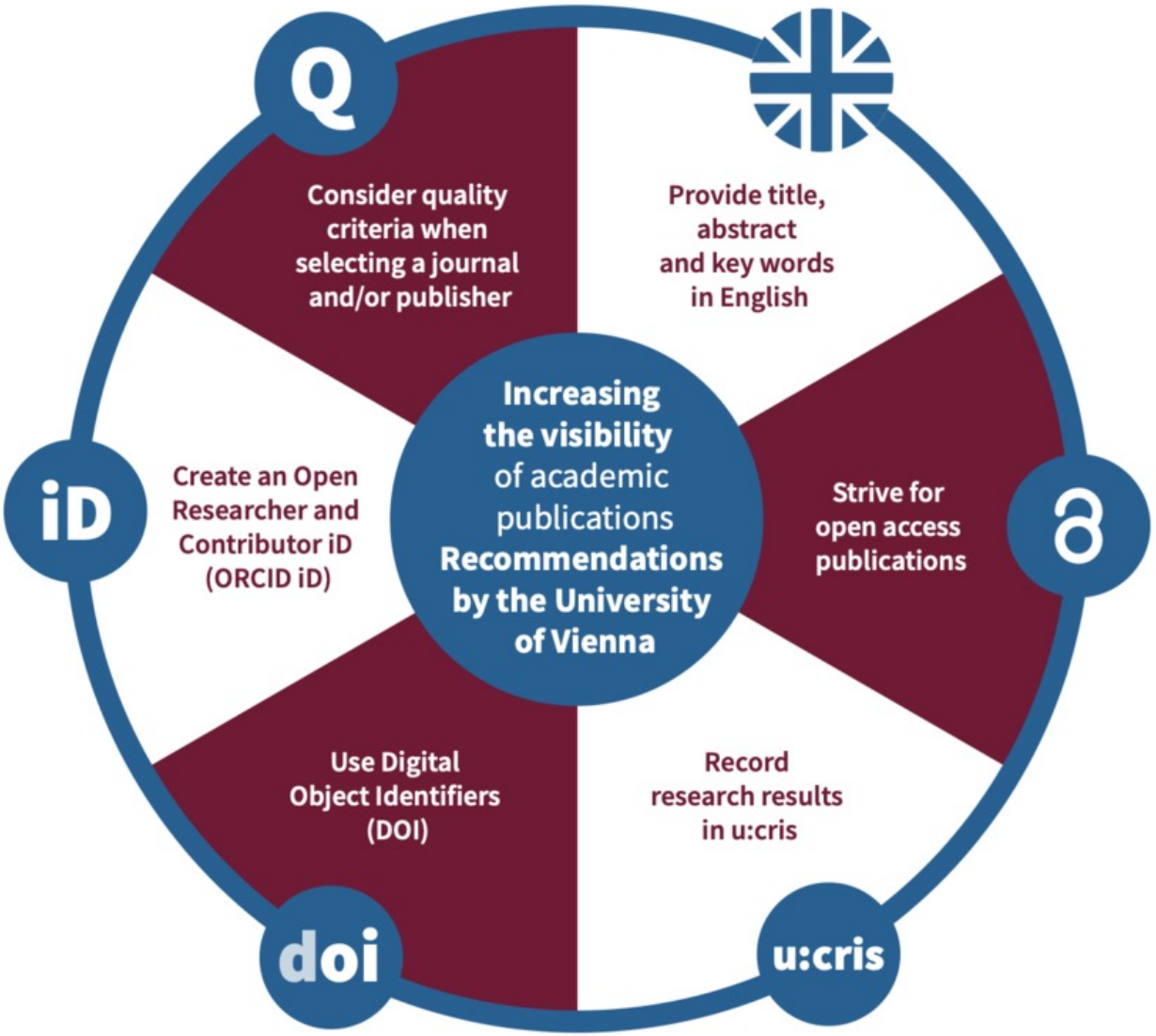

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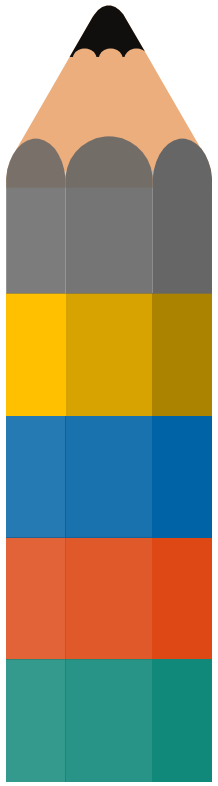
Lessons learned

Recognition

Growing reputation and expertise.
Appreciation and positive feedback from researchers, research managers and peers

Standardization & Automation

Aiming for standardization (standards for bibliometric approaches & methods) and increasingly automated processes



Increasing demand

Increasing demand for expanded and customer tailored service portfolio

Zeitgeist

Facing the challenge of an increasingly complex and multidimensional research assessment and the need for up-to-date and responsible quantitative approaches
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Collaboration

Need to join forces with researchers, research administrators, peers and industry for added value.

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