

RDM Ghana Advocacy Group supports the organisation of ORCID workshop to promote Research Visibility

As a group that is enthused about data, specifically, making it findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable, the RDM Ghana Advocacy Group on Thursday, July 31, 2024, was proud to support the organisation of a train-the-trainer workshop on ORCID adoption, held in collaboration with ORCID, the Regional Maritime University (RMU), the Ghana Library Association (GLA), and the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Ghana (CARLIGH).

The workshop at the Seminar Room of the Balme Library, University of Ghana, witnessed the participation of about fifty (50) library professionals from diverse institutions in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana. The workshop was spearheaded by Dr. Amy Asimah, an RDM Ghana Advocacy Group member, the University Librarian of RMU, and the recipient/PI of the ORCID Global Participation Fund.

This workshop sought to equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote ORCID adoption in academic institutions across Ghana, enhance the discoverability of research outputs and contribute to a more transparent and connected research ecosystem. The workshop further stressed the importance of ORCID in establishing a persistent digital identifier for researchers, strategies for promoting ORCID adoption in academic institutions, and best practices for integrating ORCID with research information systems and workflows, explicitly focusing on Institutional Repositories. Members engaged with participants, practically helped them to create ORCID profiles and uploaded their respective metadata.

The team also took the opportunity to introduce the RDM Advocacy Group to the participants, who were mainly librarians, and further explained the aims and strategic objectives to them, including forging collaboration with all participating institutions. The aim is to help build capacity among key stakeholders, propose policy directions, and suggest appropriate infrastructure to support research data management.

After the workshop, the Team visited the University Librarian of the Balme Library, University of Ghana, Dr. Theodosia S. A. Adanu. Again, the aims and objectives of the group were shared with her, and she sought to solicit support for the group. On her part, Dr Adanu shared her vision for the University of Ghana to strategically lead the movement of research data management in the country. She further highlighted her library's commitment to research data management, including establishing a dedicated department and hiring an expert to manage it. She praised and encouraged the members to keep up with the good initiative and promised her support for the group.