Sharing information about research infrastructure through Wikipedia, Wikidata, and Wikimedia Commons

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What is Wikimedia?

- We all know Wikipedia high profile, high readership
- The Wikimedia movement has multiple projects, e.g.:
 - various Wikipedias in over 200 languages
 - Wikidata: structured data (multilingual)
 - Commons: Media (multilingual)
 - Wikisource: documents (many languages)
- Volunteer editors: Wikimedia community
- Operated by Wikimedia Foundation, US 501(c)(3) non-profit
- Supported by Wikimedia affiliates, inc. Wikimedia UK (charity)

How to engage with Wikimedia

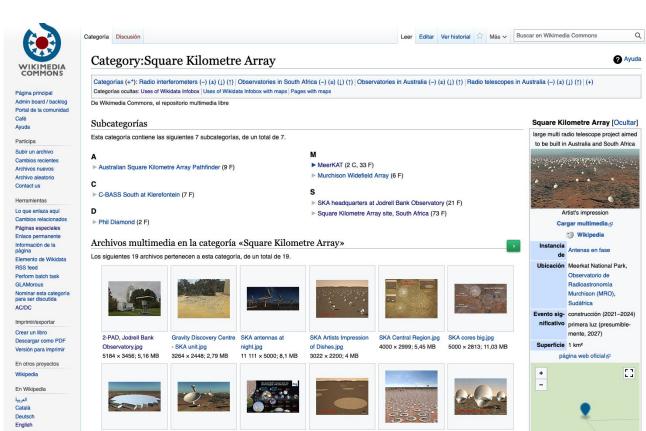
- Not a PR exercise! Closer to citizen science.
- Don't edit Wikipedia about your facility or topics you are involved in
 - en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WP:COI
 - uploading media to Commons, adding to Wikidata, ... normally OK!
- If you edit for pay, disclose it on your userpage
- Releasing media is much easier
 - Photographs, illustrations, publications (open access!), etc.
- Get Wikimedians to come to you
 - Share your knowledge, let Wikimedians share on-wiki experience
 - offer tours, run editathons (w/scientists/students/etc.) inexpensive
 - Wikimedian in Residence good for big institutes, but expensive
 - Suggest contacting WMUK about these: wikimedia.org.uk

Freely licenced

- Everything on Wikimedia has to be freely licenced
 - Creative Commons
 - Attribution
 - Share-alike
 - Not: Non-Commercial or Non-Derivative!
 - Public domain
 - CC-0 public domain declaration
 - Out of copyright
 - Various others, e.g., GPL, available but limited.
- Aim: can reuse and remix for any purpose
- Different from: personality rights, trademark law
- Maybe you're already doing this through open access publishing?

Wikimedia Commons

- Media files
 - Photos
 - Audio
 - Video
 - Infographics
 - Papers/PDFs
- Multilingual
- Category structure
- Automatic infobox
- Links to Wikidata,
 Wikipedia, etc.



Wikidata

- Structured data about identifiable topics
 - Wikipedia articles + journal articles + ...
- Authority control: links between many databases (inc. yours?)

Identifiers

- Stable QIDs (can use elsewhere reliably)
- Queryable + API Map of radio telescopes: https://w.wiki/5TTg



Square Kilometer Array: Q258499

Identifiers		
ISNI	0000 0004 0569 9009	▶ 1 reference
Freebase ID	€ /m/03ch7z	▶ 1 reference
Gran Enciclopèdia Catalana ID	0263103	€ → 0 references
GRID ID	grid.452213.3 •••	€ → 0 references
KBpedia ID	SquareKilometreArray	▶ 1 reference
Microsoft Academic ID	2911059103 •••	€ ▼ 0 references
Quora topic ID	Square-Kilometer-Array	▶ 1 reference
Ringgold ID	€ 368585	→ 1 reference
ROR ID	€ 01wtjj434	€ → 0 references

If you want to edit, start small

- Find articles that you're interested in but don't have a COI
- Try adding a reference (everything should be referenced!)
- Fix typos/grammar
- Upload an image (one you own, properly licenced)
 - o and add it to an article (being careful it's not promotional!)
- Suggest edits on a talk page (this is also OK with a COI)
- Get used to the system + community before making bigger edits
- Feel free to ask me on the slack channel for help!

Thanks for your attention!

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