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For 20 years, Floris van der Leest has been responsible for the development of Research Information Management Systems. He maintains database systems that support both internal research management as well as public accountability. Next to ongoing development of reporting systems, he manages their peripheral and web interfaces.

He is responsible for strategic analysis of information needs as well as the accuracy of data underpinning performance benchmarking. He monitors improvements of off-the-shelf research information systems and maintains a network of colleagues the world over.

After James Cook University in Townsville and Victoria University in Melbourne, Australia, he now works as Senior Systems Analyst at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology near Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Floris has been an active member of the Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS): he was part of its Queensland chapter committee from 2008, functioned as the chapter's

convener from 2012 to 2014, and of its Victorian chapter from 2014 to 2016.

Floris has presented regularly at international conferences (ARMS, INORMS, SRAI) on research performance and data management issues and offered stimulating sessions in-house and at other institutions on a range of research development topics.