The message below was sent to all PIs with an NIH eRA Commons account to inform them of the new publications requirement. To facilitate the transition, I am currently updating roles in the eRA Commons. For those of you with the AO role, I am adding the ASST role. This role is used for PI delegation related to the Personal Profile, eSNAP and xTrain functions.

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On June 10th, the NIH announced that eRA Commons bibliography management is moving to an enhanced version of My NCBI, the PubMed / NCBI personal space for storing references. Starting on July 23, 2010, PIs will no longer be able to enter new citations in eRA Commons and must use My NCBI's "My Bibliography" tool to create professional bibliographies. Citations that currently appear in Commons will have to be manually moved to the My NCBI Bibliography by October 22, 2010.

The eRA Commons homepage, http://era.nih.gov/ncbi/how-to_steps.cfm, has updated content with instructions on how to set up a My NCBI account, how to link it to an eRA Commons account, and how to delegate management of the My NCBI Bibliography to another person. The eRA Commons homepage also describes the new features in the My NCBI Bibliography that will assist PIs with tracking NIH Public Access compliance. There is also a four-minute tutorial called, "Creating Your Bibliography" at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/viewlet/myncbi/creating_your_bib.html

Health Sciences Librarians provide instruction on setting up and using My NCBI. Let us know if you need our help. Contact us at 919-962-0800 or http://www.hsl.unc.edu/asklib.

The Office of Sponsored Research at Carolina also reminds investigators that you can delegate Personal Profile authority to another person with an ASST role in the eRA Commons. This designee will need an eRA Commons account; to request one, click here.

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