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Singapore Management University is Asia's first institution to use Converis, an end-to-end management solution to streamline workflow and maximize the impact of its research

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SINGAPORE, June 26, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- The Intellectual Property & Science business of Thomson Reuters, the world's leading provider of intelligent information for businesses and professionals, today announced a decision by Singapore Management University (SMU) to adopt its Converis solution as the platform for holistic management of its research lifecycle. Thomson Reuters Converis was selected after an extensive evaluation of solutions in the market by SMU, a premier university in Asia internationally recognized for its world-class research and distinguished teaching.

Converis is a comprehensive system providing pre-and-post-award and open-access repository management to support the entire spectrum of the research lifecycle. As the first university in Asia to utilize Converis, SMU will gain important insight into the efficiency and impact of its research based on real-time information integrated seamlessly into one platform. This strategic relationship will provide SMU with a holistic view of its research activity alongside research analytics, enabling SMU to make better informed decisions to drive future success of its renowned research programs.

Converis supports universities, research institutions and funding agencies in collecting and managing data throughout the research workflow with several highly-configurable insight modules, including pre- & post-award management, publications management, graduate student management, intellectual property portfolio management, data integration and research analytics. With unparalleled flexibility, Converis collects and curates digital output and streamlines communication between researchers and administrators throughout the research lifecycle with modules that can be uniquely adapted to a specific organization's needs and made available to all stakeholders.

"We are proud to be Asia's first university to use Converis for research management and look forward to gaining a comprehensive overview of our efforts that will aid us in furthering the global impact of our research programs," said Mr. Lau Kai Cheong, SMU chief information officer and vice president, Integrated Information Technology Services (IITS).

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"Part of SMU's mission is to generate leading-edge research with global impact. In synch with our increasing number of research programs and expanding needs, we wanted to implement a system that is scalable and robust enough to integrate the different systems we were using into a single platform. After spending a year evaluating our needs and speaking with Converis users, we chose Converis as it met our needs, enabling us to enhance our research productivity and streamline our end-to-end research management workflow in a seamless manner. The system will ease the administrative tasks of our researchers, allowing them to focus on their research activities. In order to maintain our competitive advantage, it is critical to continually maximize the efficacy and efficiency of our work throughout the entire research cycle," added Mr. Lau.

Thomson Reuters acquired AVEDAS, a German organization specializing in the development and implementation of research information systems, in December 2013. Converis, the flagship scholarly analytics solution from AVEDAS, is now part of the Thomson Reuters Research Analytics suite, which combines new simplified interfaces, integrated environments, and the most comprehensive set of research indicators, profiles and collaboration analysis available today.

Converis complements and integrates with InCites™, the leading web-based research analytics platform enabling institutions to measure research output and impact, monitor trends, and benchmark performance against peers at the individual, departmental and global levels. Designed to meet the needs of research institutions around the globe, the Thomson Reuters Research Analytics suite delivers powerful solutions for connecting investment to impact. As a current InCites customer, SMU will see the benefit of further integration within the platform.

"As one of Asia's premier universities, Singapore Management University recognizes the need to streamline its research workflow to stay on top of the increasingly competitive and collaborative global research landscape," said Gordon Macomber, managing director, Thomson Reuters Scientific and Scholarly Research. "We are pleased to provide the University with the necessary tools to both enhance and drive the continued success of its efforts."