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Brian Kelly (UKOLN) has had the largest number of downloads on Opus, the University of Bath repository. He has a h-index of 11 with his accessibility papers being well-cited.

Research by Kelly & Delasalle suggests that the large number of downloads (& citations) may be due to inbound links from popular services.

Further research is needed. But in the meantime why wouldn’t you encourage researchers to link to their papers from popular profile services used by their fellow researchers?

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