

Minutes of the Library Commission Annual meeting,

24.09.2007

Present:

Z. Akopov (L), F. Schrempp (T), H. Mais (MPY), Petra Folkerts (PR), R.-D. Heuer (FH), H. Münch (ZM1), M. Behrens (IT), F. Sefkow (FLC), H. Preissner (L), K. Sachs (L), M. Köhler (L), E. Fieder (L/Z), A. Holtkamp (L).

Excused:

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Agenda:

Agreement of the agenda & approving of the previous minutes
Library and Documentation Activities
Open Access @ DESY and SCOAP³
Conference proceedings
Future of SPIRES (INSPIRE)
Miscellaneous

R-D Heuer:

Opening words; introduce and welcome Martin Köhler as the new Library Leader; expressed gratitude to the ex-Leader D. Schmidt for great service.

MK:

- Explains the session protocol and outlines of his presentation.
- Membership in Library Commission: present members stay for another period; new member desired from photon-research.
[new member to be appointed from theory group since Fridger Schrempp will retire next year](#)
- protocol from previous meeting – no comments
- presented the task list of the Library
- Library and Documentation – what services and tasks are being covered:
 - new tasks (SCOAP – Open Access @ DESY - [Inspire](#));
 - staff status and lack of thereof for accomplishing new tasks.
- Library budget – issues thereof
 - status of Elsevier Lizenz, usw.

(F.Schrempp): [Why have the paper copies of Elsevier journals at Zeuthen and not at Hamburg?](#)

(MK): According to usage statistics, more users prefer online retrieval at HH site, while Zeuthen library is occupied relatively more with printed article users.

(R-D Heuer): Before making any final decision, this has to be discussed with the Uni-Hamburg, and their agreement with DESY on [storage of paper copies](#) has to be clarified.

(MK): Maybe we could print [and shelve the needed/selected issues](#) from Physics Report ourselves.

(All): Support the cancellation of double subscriptions with Elsevier.

MK:

- Presentation of strategy from 2010 onwards; several scenarios, from standard to radical (namely, cancellation of contract with Elsevier and full transfer to SCOAP/electronic versions).

(All): Discussion of the “radical” strategy. Can we really threaten Elsevier with cancellation – not really.

(R-D Heuer): Our share of orders is peanuts for Elsevier. The majority of their financial contributions comes from Universities’ libraries across the country in form of subscriptions.

(R-D Heuer): Possibility to consider other journals (PMC, JHEP, JINST, [PRL](#), ... which are just as well [peer reviewed](#)) has to be taken into account in planning the strategies.

Annette Holtkamp:

- Presentation of SCOAP3 & Open Access
- Overview of countries that signed the Expression of Interest
- Not certain when the US will join; [further time schedule depends on US decision](#)
- OA journals: [18 OA articles in JHEP/JINST](#) in 2007 (DESY + HH Uni)
- PMC Physics A
- Springer: letters to the editor

(F. Schrempp): Why not have JCAP also there?

(AH): The journal itself does not mind, but IOP is not willing to, and the journal is of course bound to the publisher.

- OA Conferences: inexpensive printing of proceedings at DESY is possible!
- OA version at DESY [feasible but would need extended infrastructure](#) (server, DOI, manpower)

(KS, AH, MK, RH): Discussion of problems of setting such system up at DESY

(H. Mais): JACOW – (???) [L should check whether JACOW proceedings appear in ISI](#)

AH:

- INSPIRE
- presentation of the outline, PPA Information Summit – topics and results
- collaboration of CERN, DESY, Fermilab, SLAC to organize INSPIRE (working name)
- survey performed, very successful, indicates that services such as SPIRES and arXiv are indeed most frequently used

(F. Schrempp): What is the error margin in the survey, with regard to answers from people that use either of arXiv or SPIRES but in fact believe that the systems are completely interconnected?

(AH, KS): Works both ways, some use arXiv while assuming it’s SPIRES, and other way around.

- presented the tentative time schedule of INSPIRE implementation

(R-D Heuer): Why not involve [Asia](#)?

(AH): They are not yet well represented. So far, we are forming a so-called [hard core of organizations that already run HEP information systems](#) and will be creating INSPIRE. [Collaboration with associated partners planned for the future.](#)

- application to Marie Curie fund – rejected, but CERN has applied for re-evaluation as we believe the initial evaluation lacked proficiency.

(R-D Heuer): How would Helmholtz fit in, with regard to funding? How much manpower is necessary for the development?

(AH): The grant contained funding for 700 man-months.

(H. Mais, R-D Heuer): Definitely need to try other funding agencies.

Other topics:

(AH): New in SPIRES, several topics, among others that no keywording for short-lived articles.

(F. Schrempp): Names in the new system should be written in Unicode so that, e.g. German names are spelled correctly.

(KS): Usage of PubDB:

(All): [discussion of procedure this year, more information will be send to the groups in time](#)

(MK): DESY Repository

- Encourage the authors to provide full text of their works in the system.

(F. Schrempp): What's the purpose of having full-text entries in OA?

(MK): Our repository reveals as a dataprovider its contents and metadata, e.g. Bibliographic information via a standardized interface. This allows any search engines that can harvest this information (e.g. Google, metasearch, ...) to provide a metasearch functionality over all registered data provider. This allows the users to find and access the full-texts in an easy way.