

# The Future of ADASS Proceedings

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# What We Do Currently

- Book produced by ASP Conference Series
- Shipped to all participants and all subscribing organisations.
- Has worked well for many years

# What Has Changed?

- The Internet
- Fast search engines
- Inexpensive publishing tools
- Electronic readers

# Limitations Of A Book

- Page limits
  - 4 pages for oral/poster contributions
  - 10 pages for invited talks
  - Includes any and all graphics!
- Restricted graphical content
  - Detailed graphics cannot be included
  - Only static graphics can be used.
  - Colour?
- Functionality of electronic readers is missing
  - Pan, zoom, link etc

# Difficulties In Producing A Book

- Editors have huge task liaising with authors and publishers. Very time consuming.
- It's expensive
  - \$20K for ADASS 2007
- It's very slow
  - Is the content out of date by the time we get the book?

# Solutions Considered By POC

- Status Quo
- Produce a book but switch publishers to someone faster and/or cheaper
- Produce a book, but try to negotiate open access with publishers (faster turnaround)
- Scrap the book and go with an electronic publisher
- Scrap the book and publish electronically ourselves

# Electronic Publishing (Pros)

- Page limits can be relaxed greatly
- Better and more varied graphics can be allowed
- Faster turnaround
- Ability to link articles and references
- Environmentally friendly
- Cheaper?

# Electronic Publishing (Cons)

- The “devil we don’t know”
- Internet “image problem”
  - Anyone can put any old rubbish on the internet
  - “It isn’t published if it isn’t on paper”
- Can anyone read a long article on a computer?
- Long term curation?



# Have A Look!

- International Journal of Digital Curation:  
[www.ijdc.net/index.php/ijdc](http://www.ijdc.net/index.php/ijdc)
- Open journal systems (public knowledge project) [pkp.sfu.ca](http://pkp.sfu.ca)

# Today's BoF

- On-line questionnaire was unsuccessful
- BoF will discuss:
  - All options for future publication of ADASS proceedings
  - Question of a new refereed journal
  - Could these two issues be combined?
- Please Come!

# FYI

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