

The Future of ADASS Proceedings (Part 2)

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Review Of What I Said

- Limitations of book format
 - Page limits
 - Restricted graphical content
 - Pan, zoom, link etc. missing
- Difficulties in book production
 - Loads of work for editors
 - Expense
 - Delay

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

BoF – What Ray Said

- Reviewed homegrown software tools
- Reviewed IJDC website
- Technical effort to move to electronic publication would be small
- Editorial effort would be reduced a bit by relaxation of paper sizes.

BoF – What Arnold Said

- ADASS proceedings provide a unique publishing opportunity for some.
- It provides a historical record
- Comparison of hardcopy vs electronic
 - Electronic proceedings win in many categories
 - Paper proceedings win in long term availability and curation

BoF – What Everyone Else Said (1)

- Production of proceedings must continue
- Page limits and graphics are widely seen as a problem
- Time delay is also a serious issue
 - ASP has promised much faster turnaround
 - Should we all hand in our talks at the beginning of the conference?
 - Deal with ASP to give open access before the book is printed

BoF – What Everyone Else Said (2)

- Some expressed doubts about reading electronic publications
 - Electronic readers will improve and soon
- Long term curation is a very serious issue
 - Essential that proceedings remain available

Recommendation

- ASP is trying to make us happy
 - Open access
 - Faster production
 - A bit cheaper
- Curation of E-proceedings is not a solved problem yet
- Continue with ASP + promised extras
 - Solution to curation may present itself