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
Recommendaion

• 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