

# PCA PAC 2008



## Personal Computers and Particle Accelerator Controls 2008

Ljubljana (Slovenia), 20-23 October 2008

- Since 1995, every two years (7th conference)
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- 85 abstracts
- 100 participants (Europe, USA, Japan, Australia, South Africa, Jordan)

## **JACoW/SPMS matters**

- First time member of JACoW family
- Using editor and registration module
- Tilen Kusterle and Volker Schaa were the editors

## **Status**

- Conference ended
- Proceedings published (2nd version)

- Useful tool
- Needs documentation
- Problems encountered:
  - automatic mail sending was not reliable – solved by turning it off
  - Payment instructions were initially not displayed in the receipts with due balance – fixed later
- Fast support by Massimo Del Bianco (Elettra)
- Chances for improvement:
  - If the payment is not processed by the deadline, the due balance changes to late registration value and can not be fixed – you have to manually waive the late add-on
  - Nicer visual interface
  - Documentation of the various parameters in the database

- Works very well – proceedings were published one day after the conference ended!
- Needs documentation
- Help by Volker Schaa before and during the event was very much appreciated.
- Chances for improvement:
  - Documentation of the various parameters in the database and setting up the file server would be appreciated
  - list the people (total number and names) the email utility sends the mail to, before actually initiating the sending
  - Remove the double recipients names (i.e. when you want to send the email to author and primary speaker, it will list both in the email if you use the variables, even if they are the same person).

- Generally JACoW-SPMS worked very well for the PCaPAC and was a useful tool for the interaction with the participants
- It has room to improve, mainly it would greatly benefit from better documentation of various database parameters and with a general database overview document for users (such as JPSP documentation)

Big thanks from PCaPAC 2008 Organisers!