



Chairman's Report JACoW Steering Committee 7 May 2009

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JACoW Citation, Lucerne 2004

- From tiny acorns mighty oak trees grow. An idea from Ilan Ben-Zvi in 1996, nurtured by others, has finally spread its branches as the JACoW collaboration reaches maturity in 2004.
- The vision of a Joint Accelerator Conferences Website, maintaining a central database of information of all main participants in the accelerator community and holding electronic copies of all the papers published at the conferences under its umbrella, has taken eight years to reach fruition.
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Collaboration Membership in 2009

- From 3 series' in 1997, to 16 in 2009:
 - IPAC from 2010 (formerly PAC, EPAC, APAC, (the “founders”)),
 - NA PAC from 2011 (formerly PAC)
 - BIW, COOL, CYCLOTRONS, DIPAC, ECRIS, FEL, HIAT, ICAP, ICALEPCS, ICFA Advanced Beam Dynamics Workshops, LINAC, PCaPAC, RUPAC, SRF



JACoW “Movers”

- Steering Committee
 - SPC Chairs (past, current and future) of each conference series - one meeting per year during IPACs - attendance “if possible”
- Team
 - Conference editors (past, current and future for each series) - one meeting towards the end of each year - attendance is a boundary condition for publication on the JACoW site



Team Meetings

- Regular attendance at Team Meetings is essential to maintain high standards. The result is
 - enhanced cooperation and collaboration across the whole accelerator field
 - the development of the SPMS and associated Profile/Affiliation Repositories (>16,000 individual profiles, 2500 affiliations)
 - Mailing Lists
 - Organization of events, including scientific programme, delegate/exhibition registration, accommodation, refereeing
 - experience and competence in professional electronic publication techniques
 - swift publication on JACoW with JPSP scripts



JACoW/SPMS, behind the scenes, incomplete

- Matt Arena, FNAL - the original SPMS “designer” and NA Regional Support Centre Manager
- Ivan Andrian, Massimo DelBianco, Stefano Deiuri, Elettra - major enhancements to the Delegate and Exhibition Registration Modules, Accommodation Module - Ivan and Massimo have left Elettra ...
- Ivan Andrian, refereeing module, upload/download scripts, autodistill, man behind the JACoW “model” for a successful proceedings office IT setup
- Ronny Billen, CERN - JACoW’s “publisher” and European Regional Support Centre Manager
- Leif Liljeby, MSL - JACoW “paper size”
- John Poole - former JACoW Chair with a vision (now retired from CERN, but active and into scanning of non-electronic proceedings)
- Christine Petit-Jean-Genaz, CERN - SPMS original tester and user, JACoW Deputy Chair ad interim, JACoW Secretary and Repository Administrator, Jill_of_all_trades ...
- Many former and current editors - support for new SPMS users
- Volker Schaa, GSI - JACoW Chair, proceedings publication scripts ...



The Website

Since 1996

- 71 sets of proceedings published
- 500,000 downloads of papers per year



Since the last SC

- SPMS Regional Support Centre set up at KEK (following FNAL and CERN)
- SC Decision to extend the JACoW site to include symposia, with slight difference in “regular” proceedings publication procedures
 - Robert H. Siemann Symposium (founder of PRST-AB)
 - website to be re-designed accordingly (see later)
- Cyclotrons, SRF, HEACC, Linac looking into scanning earlier paper volumes ...



TM 2008

- 2008 Team Meeting at KEK
 - 17-20 November 2008, first time in Asia
 - 31 participants from all continents
 - Many new decisions and developments ...
 - See Notes published at <http://www.jacow.org>



TM Decisions/Actions

- Nominate a new Deputy Chair - a proposal for the approval of the SC will be made by the Team. Christine is assuming this responsibility ad interim
- Software status
 - Acrobat 7 and Pitstop 7 will be used throughout 2009
 - Acrobat 9 and PitStop 9 will be tested during 2009. The Team will decide when to move forward, possibly for IPAC'10
 - Distiller parameters to be updated. Move from Acrobat 5 (PDF1.4) to Acrobat 7 (PDF1.6)



TM Decisions/Actions

- Revise Templates (done)
- SPMS
 - Matt to continue development
 - Organize a technical workshop on SPMS to review in particular
 - all “current” functionality
 - extending functionality to include budget/project management
 - documentation (see below)
 - Ronny to explore CERN’s willingness to get a separate instance of Oracle for JACoW which is Unicode aware
- Explore setting up of InDiCo Regional Support Centres for JACoW Events
 - In principle OK with CERN, FNAL and KEK
 - Requires a “Cookbook” for JACoW Editors (JPSP compatibility)
 - More thought required to see whether JACoW Repository could be included ...



TM Decisions/Actions

- Documentation
 - Christine to coordinate re-vamping of JACoW and SPMS Documentation sites with Stefano
 - Christine to re-initiate preparation of SPMS Documentation (see later)
 - Christine to update all texts published at JACoW site (see later)
- Extend scope of Team Meetings to include tutorials on:
 - SPMS for Administrators
 - SPMS for Scientific Programme Managers
 - SPMS for Registration Managers
 - Scripting to produce publication package
 - Etc.



Websites / Documentation

- JACoW Site - as we know it
- SPMS Documentation - wiki, 2005
- Unique entry