

# **The Dutch Roquade project.**

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# Overview

- Roquade: an infrastructure for academic publishing.
- The organisation model of Roquade.
- A European community of practice: Signal Hill.



# ROQUADE | ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING SERVICES FOR SCIENTISTS

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# ROQUADE

Infrastructure for electronic publishing.

Point of departure: author's interests.

Directed towards all disciplines.

Not a publisher, in the traditional sense of the word, but an assistance to scientists, research groups, institutes to become publishers themselves.

# Mission and features of Roquade

- Enhancing scholarly communication in its full diversity
- Supplying knowledge, tools and people in the publishing area
- Not profit driven
- Community of practice

# Philosophy behind Roquade

- Scientific knowledge thrives on the symbiosis of creation **&** communication.
- Organising **both** processes is the rationale of a university.
- Outsourcing scholarly communication has seriously damaged ('elseviered') universities.

# Roquade: the project

Setting up the infrastructure:

- the organisation; the production process.

The development phase:

- infrastructure is tested in pilots and adapted if necessary.

The result:

- a viable organisation with a good reputation.

# Roquade publishing services

moderated  
pre-print service

traditional  
electronic  
publishing

Publication site  
with peer review

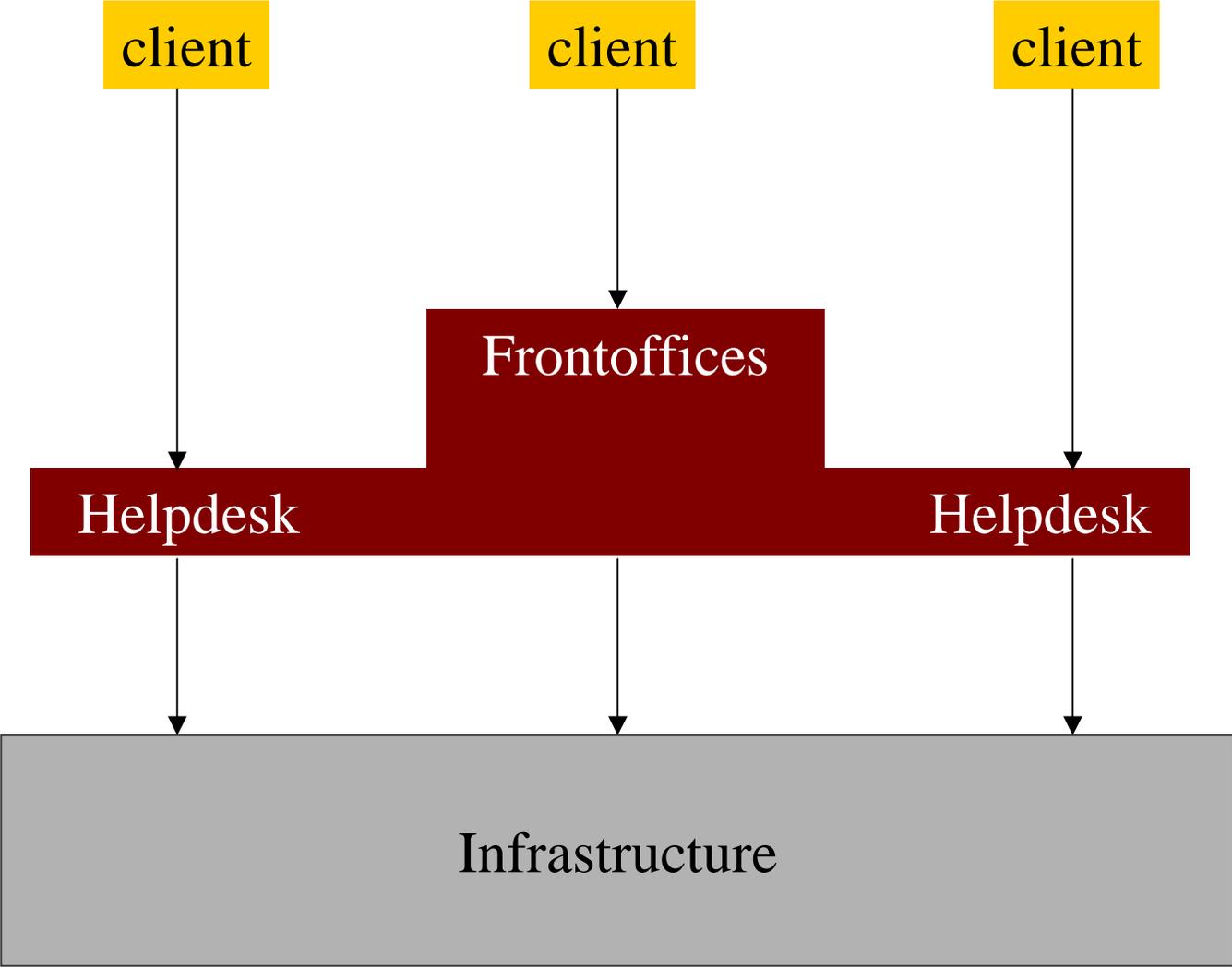
**technical and organisational infrastructure**

# Critical Success Factors

- Variety of options; from classical to vanguard
- Get-at-able infrastructure enabling academics and academic organisations to become publishers
- Copyright remains with author
- Decentralised structure
- Non-profit: fair prices for publication and subscription

# Structure of Roquade

- Steering group (Royal Academy, Universities of Delft and Utrecht)
- Back office (co-ordinator + pool of specialists in Delft, Utrecht, Amsterdam for maintenance and upgrade of self publishing and administrative tools and know how books)
- Front offices = franchisees of the Roquade brand (Delft, Utrecht, Amsterdam, new front offices + central contact and help-desk)
- Satellites (autonomous publishing initiatives and projects) = clients of front offices



# Current Roquade satellites

- **Journals**
  - International Journal of Integrated Care
  - International shipbuilding progress
  - European Journal of Transport and Infrastructure Research
  - Kronos - Journal of Cape History
  - Veterinary Sciences Tomorrow
  - The Veterinary Quarterly
  - Ars Disputandi
  - Studies in Mycology
  - Ancient Narrative
  - Neerlandistiek.nl
  - Cahiers voor Geschiedenis en Informatica
- **Journals in co-publishing**
  - Pedagogiek
  - Tijdschrift voor Hoger onderwijs
- **Publication sites**
  - Design Research Internet Magazine
  - Interactive Publication: European Journal of Transport and Infrastructure Research
  - Syntactic Microvarition
- **Grey Literature**
  - Newsletter Historia & Informatica
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# European partnership on academic publishing

Network of initiatives on electronic academic publishing for organisations with the following features:

- part of (an organisation) within the academic community itself;
- concentrating on electronic publishing;
- non-profit (fair prices, possibly free of charge);
- copyright remains with the authors.

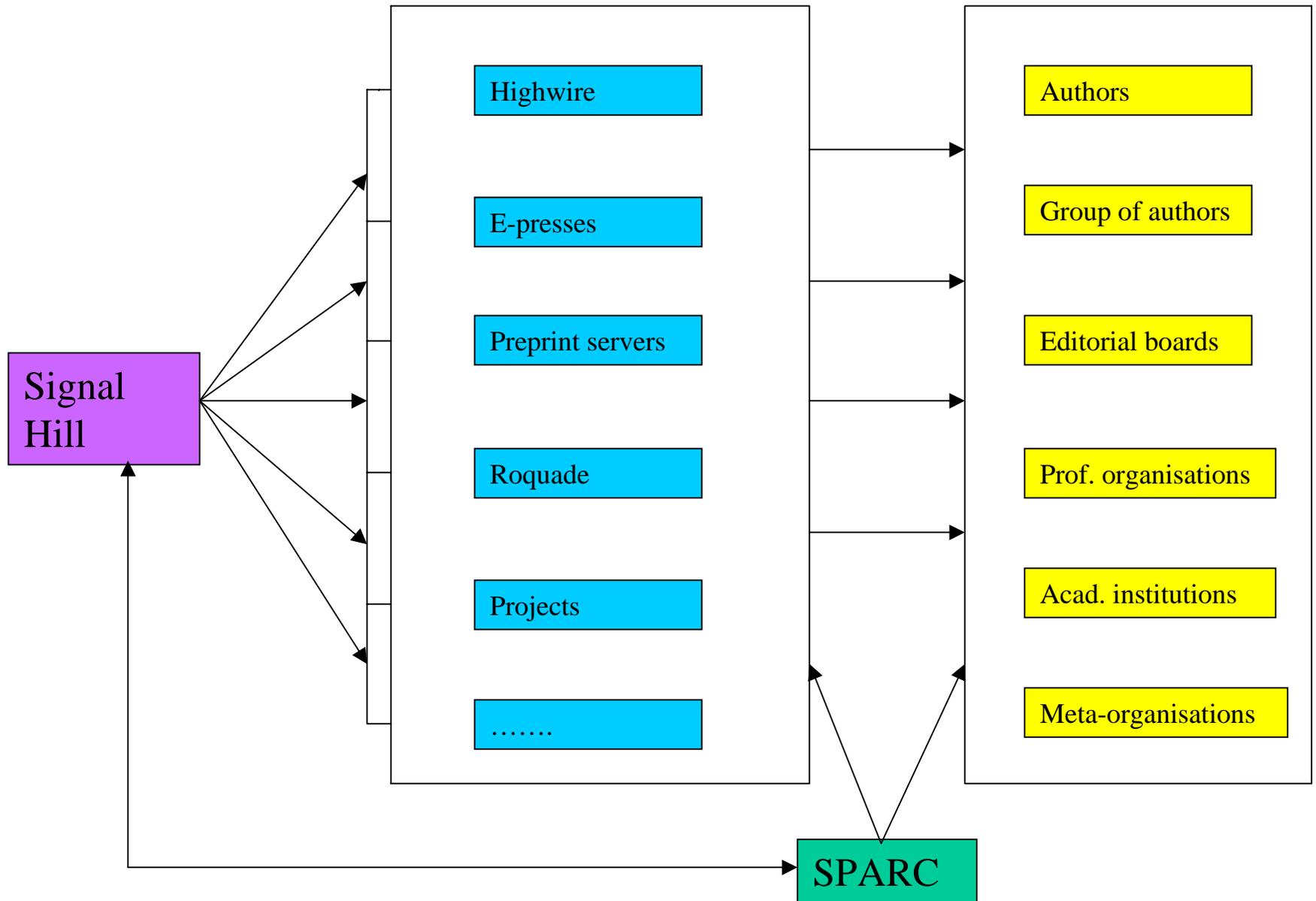
# European partnership on academic publishing

## Objectives:

- creating awareness for innovative ways of academic publishing;
- sharing experience in new ways of (supporting) academic publishing;
- sharing software for the support of electronic publishing;
- sharing publications;
- presenting linking facilities;
- setting up a network for printing on demand.

*E-Publishing Facilitators*

*Academic community*



# Planned activities

- Website (first half of March 2001).
- Intranet for participating organisations (April 2001).
- Active search for new partners.
- European conference to stimulate the aims of the partnership (February 2002, Utrecht).
- Investigation of new business models.

When everything is under control, you are going too slowly.

Mario Andretti.

For more information:

[www.roquade.nl](http://www.roquade.nl)

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