The 2nd CERN-UNESCO School



on Digital Libraries











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Libraries are the key to knowledge



The world is full of opportunities, but also hinders ...

The hinders are to be overcome!

Proposal presented to UNESCO

e-Infrastructures for

(Open) Access to Scientific Information:

a proposal to improve the visibility of African research

- A possibility of transferring the experience from high-energy physics
- A minimal of resources required
- A high potential; both for readers and authors



CERN: European Organization for Nuclear Research (since 1954)

- The world leading HEP laboratory, Geneva (CH)
- 2500 staff (mostly engineers)
- 8000 users (mostly physicists)



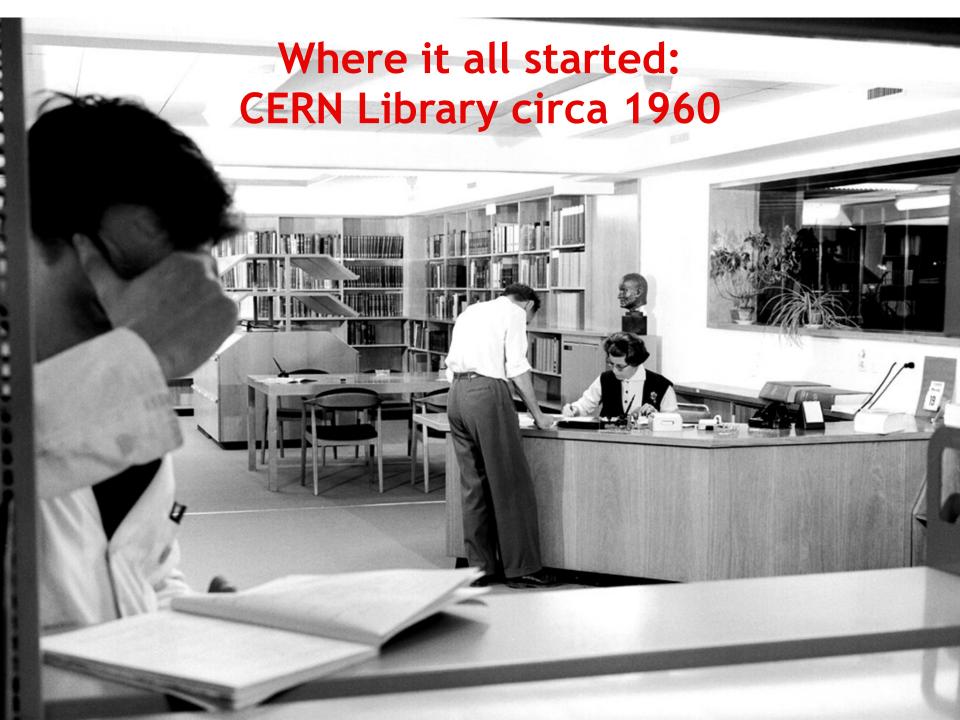
- 3 Nobel prizes (Accelerators, Detectors, Discoveries)
- Invented the web



- Commissioning the 27-km (6000 M€) LHC accelerator
- Runs a 1-million objects Digital Library

The CERN Convention (1953) contains what is effectively an early Open Access manifesto:

"... the results of its experimental and theoretical work shall be published or otherwise made generally available"



Communication patterns in HEP

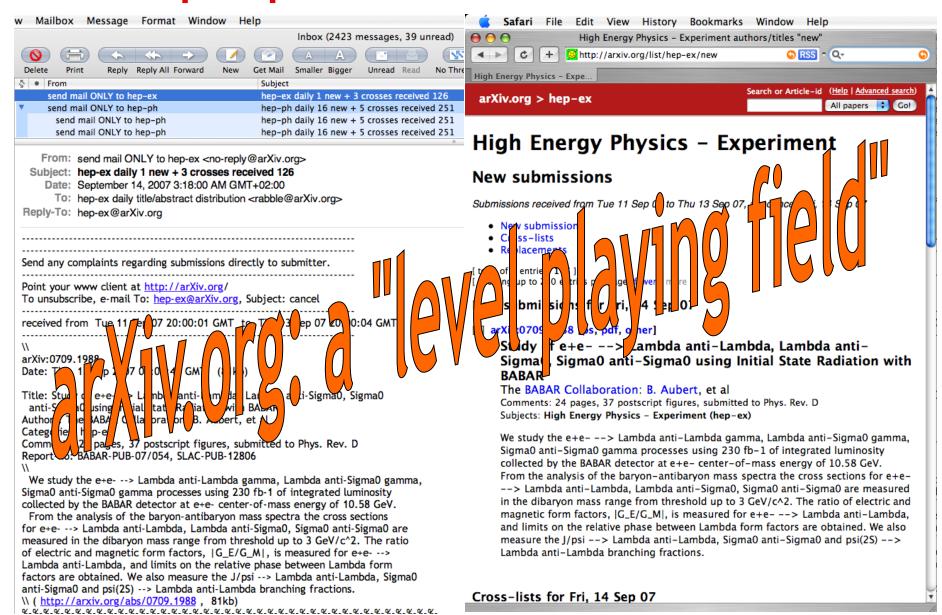
L.Goldschmidt-Clermont, 1965

http://eprints.rclis.org/archive/00000445/02/communication_patterns.pdf

Luisella Goldschmidt-Clermont, CERN (early '60) (the first 'preprint librarian')

- HEP scientists cannot wait ~1 year for their articles to reach their peers through journals
- Preprint are the main vehicle of information in HEP: final version of articles as sent to journals
- Researchers (of affluent institutions) mass-mail preprints to hundreds of (prestigious and therefore affluent) institutions
- Ante-litteram (author-pays) Open Access
- At CERN preprints get indexed and displayed (and often discarded once published)
- The weekly "new preprints" display is a big event

The "preprint-culture"...lives on

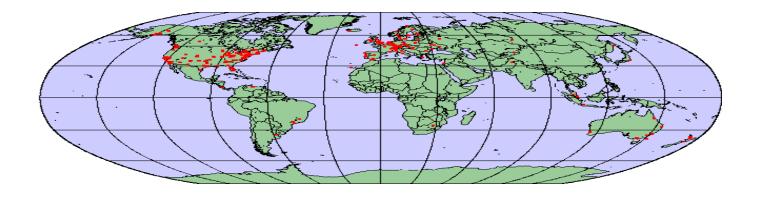


HEP pioneered repositories; still developing Time to share with other disciplines and other geographic regions



Knowledge transfer requires only a minimum of resources

- Expect the participants to have access to:
 - A recent PC
 - University Intranet
 - Possibly Internet (not required)
- External financing of:
 - Travel expenses
 - Subsistence



High potential for success

Readers

 Will get access to all the material stored in the repository via the University's Intranet (possibly Internet)

Authors

 Will get their work made visible, and consequently citable, to the entire world

CERN will ensure that the content from those universities without adequate Internet access will be exposed to Google Scholar and similar services and thus become known to the world



CERN Digital-Library/Digital-Conference solutions







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to provide Google-like search speed for repositories of up to 1,500,000 records

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Flexible ranking capabilities



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Prof. Romain Murenzi minister of sci.&techn.

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Re: CERN – UNESCO academic digital library and teaching education projects

Dear Professor Ellis,

On behalf of the Ministry in the Office of the President in Charge of Science and Technology I am pleased to confirm Rwanda's participation as the pilot country in the CERN-UNESCO academic digital library and teaching education projects.

The projects outlined in the UNESCO-IBSP work plan will provide new and exciting opportunities for Rwandan universities and institutions of higher education to access a wealth of leading scientific knowledge.

The Government of Rwanda will arrange the local training workshop in early December, to which the four international experts nominated by CERN will be invited. I understand you require details of the course participants and details of the institution where the training will take place and I will forward these details as soon as possible.

We are grateful that CERN and UNESCO have chosen Rwanda as a pilot country for the academic digital library project and the teaching education programme. I look forward to our ongoing collaboration and the successful implementation of this project.

Yours sincerely.

Professor Romain Murenzi Minister in the Office of the President in Charge of Science and Technology

CC:

- Director of Cabinet. Office of the President
- Director General ICT, Office of the President Kigali

Course plan

- Introduction
 What are digital libraries, required tools and competencies
- 2. Getting ready
 What is Open Access, installing Invenio
- 3. More background Resources and tools, configuring Invenio
- 4. Fine tuning
 Using Invenio, exchange protocols, ranking results, open issues
- 5. Vision

... and from then onwards is up to you; we are ready to help

