SIPB report

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Scientific Information Policy Board

- “...deals with any matters related to policies and strategies of scientific information services to the high energy physics community, inter alia library and documentation services and scientific editing and report production services”
- CDS, Library, OpenAccess, Inspire, Archiving, Data preservation, ...
- https://indico.cern.ch/categoryDisplay.py?categId=61
- Two ACCU delegates: M. Weber, N. Pastrone

SIPB meetings in June 11, Oct 11, Mar 12, June 12 (next one is in November 2012)

Report on:
- CDS
- Library space
- E-Journals
- Preserving physical heritage
Many actions undertaken and implemented!
A “picture” of a CERN Library user...

Who are you?

- CERN user: 52.3%
- CERN staff: 13.5%
- Visitor: 12.9%
- CERN student: 11.6%
- CERN spouse: 5.8%
- Retired: 5.2%
- Conf. delegate: 1.3%
- CERN Council: 0.6%

21 days of data collection
Few answers vs visitors (179/5926)

- 18-23 years old: 12.0%
- 24-30 years old: 28.7%
- 31-40 years old: 21.3%
- 41-50 years old: 15.3%
- 51-64 years old: 13.3%
- above 65 years: 9.3%

323 loans
226 different users have done one transaction (loan, ILL, return...)

Subjects:

- Physics: 79.7%
- Computing: 33.1%
- Mathematics: 32.2%
- Detectors and Instrum.: 26.3%
- Astronomy/Astrophysics: 19.5%
- Engineering: 13.6%
- Health Physics and Rad.: 5.9%
- Chemistry: 1.7%
- Other subjects: 1.7%
Library space

Space compensation for the library reading room partly converted to offices?

There is a strong feeling that the library is more than just a “working space” – it is a center of scientific culture.

→NEEDS SUPPORT FROM THE USERS (ACCU) TO HAVE READING ROOM!
E-Journals / Books

- **E-journals heavily used (>250k Downloads/year)**
- Since 2008
  - 1200 current subscriptions (as of Mar 2012)
  - 94% of the titles are online
- 2010: most of the printed collection (past years) is moved to a basement (accessible on request)
- 2800 new book records in 2011, 88% ebooks (20k eBooks accessible at CERN)
Preserving physical heritage

- There is a policy worked out in 2008 by SIPB
- “CERN has a scientific and cultural heritage stretching back to the Organization's foundation in 1954 and embodied not only in its scientific works, but also in its scientific instruments and other objects…”
- Mainly for CERN Departments, but also users can contribute to identify and objects

- g-2 magnet 2005. Since scrapped
- Blackboards in main auditorium. Scrapped during renovation.