Report on the Scientific Information Policy Board

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- SCOAP$^3$
- INSPIRE
- Information Systems presently used
- Yellow Reports
Reminder: what is SCOAP$^3$?

SCOAP$^3$ (= Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics) is a consortium which will sponsor HEP publications and make them Open Access (OA) by re-directing subscription money.

Today: funding bodies buy journal subscriptions (via libraries) and allow their users to read the articles.

Tomorrow: funding bodies will contribute to the SCOAP$^3$ consortium. SCOAP$^3$ will pay centrally for the peer-review service and the articles will be free to be read by everyone (OA).

Medium- and long-term savings are expected.

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3.7 M Euro pledged so far

- Europe: all countries contacted. Expect more accessions.
- America: U.S. share poised to grow (2 large library consortia expected to join soon). Promising contacts in Canada.
- Asia: contacts in China and Japan (decision expected soon)

If your country is not yet on the list, please make pressure at home.

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New Scientific Information System

Two systems exists:

SPIRES: very popular but it is a veteran system showing “cracks”.

CDS/INVENIO: modern digital library system but lightly used. Has high potential.

CERN, DESY, Fermilab and SLAC (http:www.interactions.org/cms/?pid=1026243) decided to jointly develop a modern information platform for HEP ⇒

INVENIO + SPIRES = INSPIRE

INSPIRE β expected ⇒ end of the year. It reproduces existing SPIRES features, but is much faster + has more features.
Google used only by 8.5%. Young scientists tend to use Google more than previous generations. IT is preparing to make CDS discoverable by Google Scholar (mid-August).

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Yellow Reports

There exists a CDS Access to Yellow Reports:

There are 1119 records for CERN Yellow Reports in CDS:

Browse by year:


8 reports (11 volumes) published in 2007, 6 reports in 2008 up to now.
In the past 2000 copies/report were printed. Now ↓ to 200/report.
Internet services propose to print books for 10 SF/copy.

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