The CERN Scientific Information Policy Board

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Mandate

• The Scientific Information Policy Board (SIPB) is an inter-divisional body reporting to the Director General. It 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.

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• The Librarian has the obligation to bring policy issues, including development plans and budget proposals, to the attention of the Board.

• The Board Meetings should serve as a forum for reviews, analyses and assessments of the services given, of the user needs and of preferences for the short and long term developments of the services, with regard to technical an economic feasibility, the international developments in the field and the general trends on the information services market.
Composition and Meetings

• Chairman: G. Altarelli – TH division leader
• Ex-officio Secretary: C. Pettenati – librarian
• balanced representation of user community and CERN divisions
• two representatives from ACCU (R.W.L. Jones, FLN)
• should meet four times a year (three times in 2002)
Typical Agenda
47th Meeting, 03 October 2002

- New SIPB chairmanship
- Joint Accelerator Conferences Website
- Library Progress Report
- Self-archiving in a research environment
- New CDS Search Interface
- Library book service
- Elsevier 2003 contract
Highlights, 3 October 2002

(minutes available at http://documents.cern.ch/age?a021517 or at http://cern.ch/sipb)

- next year’s milestone: personal library services, going where the users are
- budget restrictions -> difficulties with new/renewing contracts -> no new subscription, limited cancellations
- library budget in 03 (02) 1350 (1330) kCHF ~ constant, vs regular increase/inflation of cost of journals (6 - 8 % this year)
- go electronic as much as possible, cheaper, but not totally cost free (bonus, data archiving/accessibility/retrieval), need to advertise the services
- join other libraries on a large basis to reduce access costs
Typical Agenda
48th Meeting, 20 March 2003

- Library progress report (C. Pettenati)
- ETT-DH progress report (M. Draper)
- Electronic literature resources (J. Vigen)
- E-journals backfiles (E. Chaney)
- Migration to the new release Aleph 500 of the library automation system (T. Basaglia)
Highlights, 20 March 2003 (LPR)

- improved circulation of library material
- ILL: delivery in e-format at lower costs
- increased accessibility to periodicals archives
- reorganisation of collections
- great number of databases available through Dialog Services, including Science Citation Index
- the budget went down by 50kCHF, no further cancellations, try to recover it
- Open Access Initiative workshop: document for the European Science Foundation -> set up a policy on e-publishing including our Library to enhance awareness of e-resources availability
- IDS membership (250 libraries, 6 M titles)
the CDS system is a very impressive set of tools for document handling, very good also for education and seminars, it should advertised, at CERN, and outside

digital content sewed together; grey literature -> golden literature (?), efforts to link journals’ references, to create correlations between docs – first signs of leaving PDF era

journal backfiles (free or at a cost), eg BNF: Annalen der Physik (1799-1930) etc., APS: PROLA (1893->); IOP (1874->); Elsevier, subject approach, one time purchase

migration to the Aleph500 library automation system, complementary to CDS, Windows based, GUI based
Conclusions

• The Library and related services are fundamental for CERN users
• Users so far not too aware of costs
• Necessary evolution towards electronic documents and publications (see the weekly bulletin)
• Implications for scientific publishing (eg process of peer reviewing)