

CERN Convention, ARTICLE II, paragraph 1:

“The results of CERN experimental and theoretical work shall be published or otherwise made generally available.”

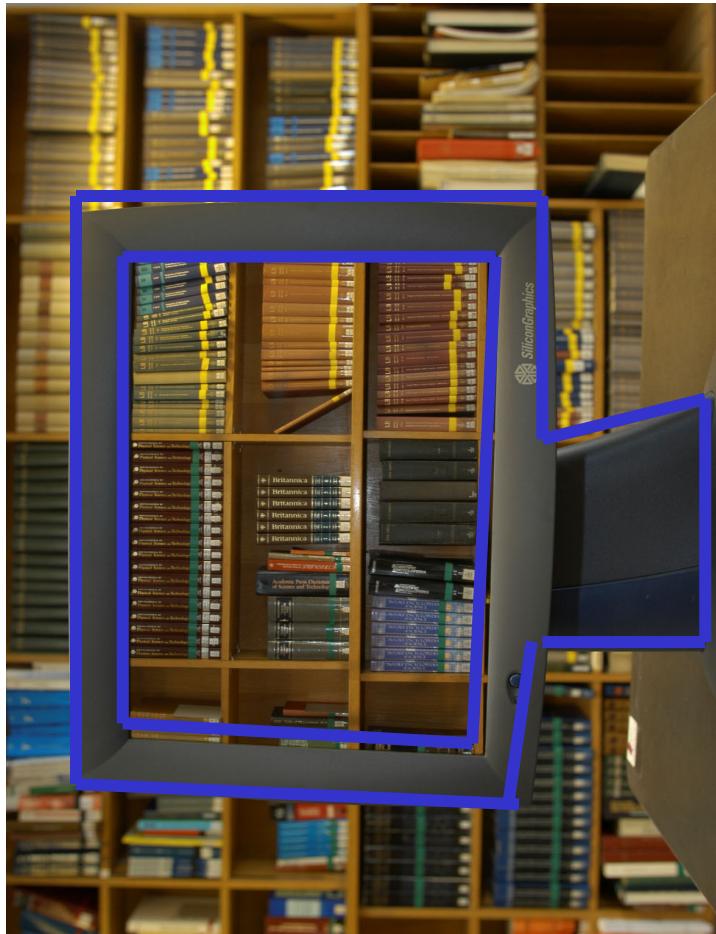
(1st July, 1953)



Results made available throughout the years...



Only the means have changed



Digital Library Software

Conference/Meeting
Management Software

2004: CERN Document Server Software !

Digital Library Application

demo: <http://cdsweb.cern.ch>

- It enables an organization to run an electronic preprint server, online library catalogue or document system on the web.
- Use of commercial software package (Aleph500) for most internal library-related activities
- Use of CDSware for all user-related activities
 - Document Submission -> 400 collections with ~ 50 different rules
 - Document Harvesting -> from more than 80 different sources
 - Document Search, Baskets, Alerts, etc. -> instantaneous response time for up to 1 million records
- CERN Specifics:
 - Open Access: it complies with the [Open Archives Initiative](#) metadata harvesting protocol (OAI-PMH)
 - Non-traditional bibliographic records: e.g. documents with thousands of authors from large collaborations
 - Complex Search combination required: e.g. combined metadata/full text/reference search
 - “Electronic Long Term Archive” requirements
- The CDSware is free software, licensed under [GNU General Public Licence \(GPL\)](#).

Digital Conferencing Applications

- CDS Agenda: you already know it ! demo: <http://agenda.cern.ch/age?a042909>
 - Keeps track of all (most of) meetings at CERN
 - Agenda with sessions, talks and all associated material
 - Launched in 1999 by LHC Experiments
 - More than 10 000 agendas and 70 000 documents at CERN
 - Distributed as GNU GPL

- Integrated Digital Conferencing: the next step
 - INDICO financed by EU:
“European Solution for managing and saving Conference Content in long term”
 - Main Innovations: Multiple Conferences management; Conference Archiving solution; Multimedia preservation
 - Only in HEP and HEP-related topics: about 100 conferences per month !
 - Considerable cost savings expected

Demo: <http://cern.ch/indico>

Some CDSware references

- CDSware used or being considered by:

- San Diego Supercomputer Center, USA
- University of Missouri-Columbia, USA
- Fundao Oswaldo Cruz (Ministry of Health) Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia
- ISDN-ENSSIB, France
- Montreal International, Canada
- Bologna University, Italy
- ETH Zurich, Switzerland
- EPFL Lausanne, Switzerland
- UN Population Fund, New York, USA
- Instituto de Investigaciones Electrica, Mexico
- Casalini Libri, Italy
- HBZ-NRW, Germany
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- RERO: Consortium of all public libraries of Suisse Romande (100), Switzerland
- University of Geneva, Switzerland
- IN2P3, France
- NIKHEF, Holland
- Fermilab, USA
- ICTP, Italy
- Etc

- Both software downloaded more than 600 times in 2004...

<http://cdsware.cern.ch>

Summary

“What the Internet needs is
an old fashioned librarian”
(HP)

- CDSware Digital Library:
 - Best of traditional Library Systems and Internet Search Engines
 - Driven by the Open Access Movement:
[Berlin Declaration on Open Access](#) to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities, signed by R. Aymar last May
 - OA very active in UK: eprints.org ; FAIR programme of JISC: Focus on Access to Institutional Resources
- CDSware Digital Conferencing:
 - Filling the gap!
 - Reverse the process: instead of the “post-process” of tracking contributions by CERN authors to conferences, they are automatically acquired through the conference management software!
- With our specific user community and the ambitious LHC Project, the electronic document management must provide fast, efficient and long term services.
- Our software is already used in several organizations and continues to be adopted by others.