

RENEWING OUR WEB PAGES A FEW REMARKS

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From CM to today

- During the last CM we had a discussion about our web pages:
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aUghI1tLEyWJug8Gwywf3p0a8lpLdQctOeYzLh1JQQg/edit#heading=h.3gcuo4gao26l>
 - And agreed for having dedicated meetings
- Anna, Grigori & Dmitri took the initiative of proposing a nice new web format
 - <https://thegriglat.gitlab.io/g4site/>
 - More modern look and feel, clearer organization, etc.
 - Based on Jekyll technology
 - But more important : based on an analysis of the many and stratified issues of our site
- We had the first meeting on 16th November
 - With notes here:
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/11DjApK5SbzXfu-4mRd0o3nSSlrLEEKigtSyw_P3vbs/edit#heading=h.50yc1s4fv3xb
 - And agreed to invite Anna to present this initiative at the SB meeting on 18th of November
- SB meeting:
 - After Anna's presentation, SB agrees for creation of a Task Force
 - BTW Anna : I forgot to ask you your SB presentation ! ;)
 - Alex agreed to act as chair of this TF
 - As for any TF, we have to create a mandate for it

Mandate of Web Page Task Force

- ⦿ First, we have to decide the name of this TF !
 - Web pages ? Web page redesign ? Other ?
- ⦿ Draft mandate:
 - Revise Geant4 web site
 - more fluent navigation for users
 - frequently needed information brought forward (download code, validation, papers,...)
 - verify availability of links
 - Modernize its look and style
 - Update front page (recent pictures ...)
 - Ensure long term maintenance
 - Consider moving away from Drupal technology
- ⦿ To be discussed
- ⦿ And we have to agree on how is in this TF
 - Flexible anyway

In practice

- ⦿ Renewing our web site is a HUGE task
 - And we might not be able to modernize it entirely
- ⦿ At least:
 - It must be easy and clear for users
 - It must be easy also for Geant4 newcomers
 - Meaning front page + pages from front pages (maybe one layer more) should have the same style
 - And should cover the vast majority of the most needed topics
- ⦿ So, this is certainly not a question of “wrapping” existing pages in Jekyll
 - We have to revise the logic, the structure
 - Update contents (eg : publications)
 - The analysis by Anna, Grigorii & Dmitri already gathers many aspects we should address
- ⦿ We have to see how making people to contribute
 - Eg : WGs' to provide content
 - So easy technology is needed
- ⦿ And we have to care about long term maintenance !

Web pages maintenance

- ⦿ Web pages have been essentially maintained by Gunter for years
 - *We are so grateful to him !*
- ⦿ He was dealing with the Drupal migrations, etc.
 - Being sometimes far less easy than we could hope...
- ⦿ And Gunter is doing also **many** other things
 - Related to services to the Collaboration in particular
- ⦿ But this maintenance is a far too big task for one person !
- ⦿ Gunter will retire in May
 - I do not know CERN plans for taking over Gunter's work
 - Gunter told me he wishes to continue to contribute some
 - This also depends on CERN agreement
 - We should certainly not ask too much to him anyway !
- ⦿ So we certainly need to figure out how to manage the maintenance