Collection of Conference Proceedings and Improving Access to the Full Text of Proceedings

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1. Introduction

1.1 Conference Proceedings, a type of "grey literature"

- Conference Proceedings (Proceedings) contain papers that are presented at a conference in a specific field.
- Proceedings are published more quickly than journal papers, and they contain the latest research. Proceedings are important sources for investigating research trends.
- They are often *distributed only to participants*. It is difficult for libraries to collect them because they are not commercially available in many cases.
- Proceedings used to be published as journal special issues or books. Nowadays, Proceedings are also published as CD-ROMs or USBs, and some are published on the Internet.
- Proceedings on the Internet are published at various locations, such as publishers' or conference websites. Their availability may depend on the sustainability of the websites.

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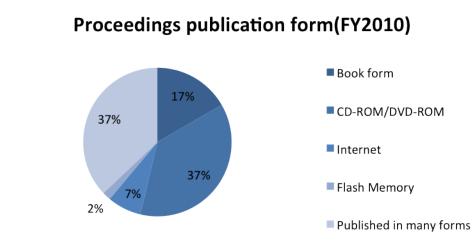


Introduction Purpose of this study

- We consider how to improve access to the Proceedings, especially on the Internet.
- The number of Proceedings on the Internet has increased, it is important to provide full text to researchers.
- We would like to introduce the JAEA library as a good option f or improving accessibility to the full text of Proceedings.
- We then introduce a new approach to provide conference inf ormation and hyperlinks to the full text of Proceedings on the Internet.

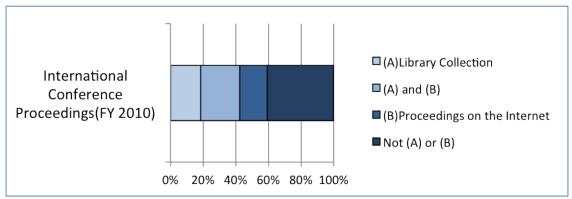
Publication forms of Proceedings and the library collection Survey of the forms of Proceedings publications

- We surveyed the forms of Proceedings publications for the Proceedings w ritten by the JAEA (Japan Atomic Energy Agency) researchers in FY2010.
- We classified the Proceedings by publication form other than those publis hed as a journal or institutional report.
- 17% of the Proceedings are published as books. On the other hand, 37% P roceedings are published on CD-ROM.
- "Published in many forms" includes books, CD-ROM, etc. Many of these c ases include Proceedings on the Internet.



*Published in two or more forms was classified into "Published in many forms" and duplication is not counted. Publication forms of Proceedings and the library collection
2.2 Collection of Proceedings at the library

- We surveyed the library collection* of the Proceedings written by JAEA researchers in FY2010.
- The JAEA library is collecting conference Proceedings in the fields of nuclear science and technology. However, JAEA library and other libraries hold only about 42% of the Proceedings. This demonstrates the difficulty of providing Proceedings only in a library collection.
- Providing the link to Proceedings on the Internet as well as the library collection are both important to increase access to the Proceedings.



*Library Collection:

- JAEA Library
- National Diet Library(NDL)

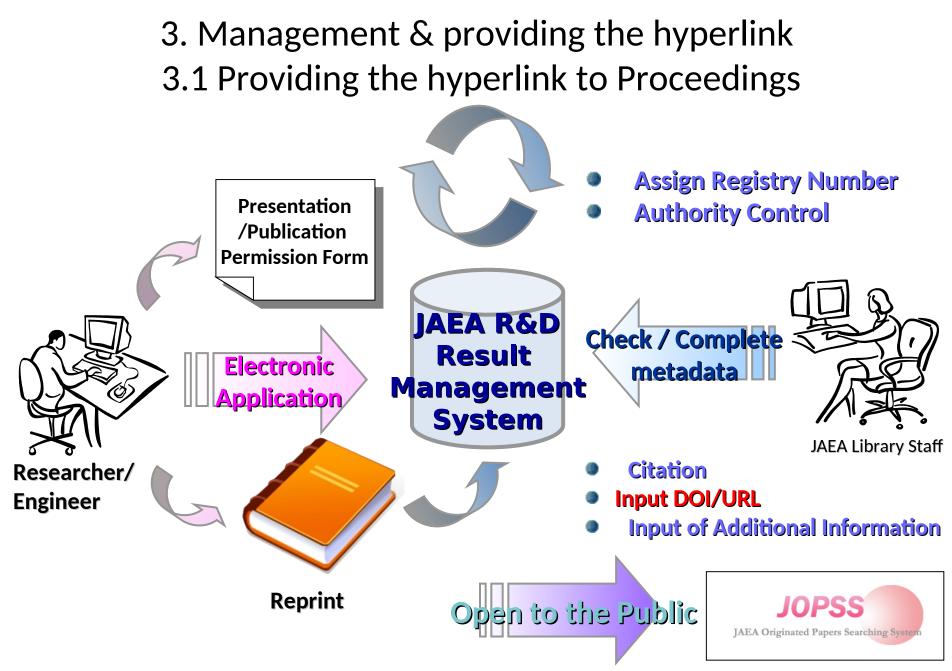
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3. Management & providing the hyperlink3.1 Providing the hyperlink to Proceedings

- At JAEA, researchers are requested to submit application for ms before they make presentations or submit articles.
- Through this procedure, library staffs manage the information and make an authority file of author names, conference name s, and journal/book names.
- The library is the gateway to the information on JAEA researc hers' presentations/publications.
- We disseminate this information via the Internet using JOPSS (JAEA Originated Papers Searching System).
- In addition, we have started to provide hyperlinks to the full t ext of articles submitted by JAEA researchers with JOPSS (form July 2011).

3. Management & providing the hyperlink3.1 Providing the hyperlink to Proceedings

- The bibliographic data of JAEA R&D results are released at JO PSS after checking them. The registration of DOI/URLs is performed every month.
- As few Proceedings papers have a DOI, URL have to be includ ed. In addition, URL have to be added to the transactions in w hich the abstracts are published.
- As it stands, we provide 14,459 papers from conference prese ntations. Among them, 3,137 are hyperlinked to the full text o r abstract (as of Oct. 2012).
- Providing the link by JOPSS allows direct access to the Procee dings on the Internet.



3. Management & providing the hyperlink3.2 Surveys of Proceedings on the Internet

- A link to the Proceedings is not permanent because conference secretaria ts are often a temporary body and the URL is frequently changed.
- We surveyed the accessibility of the Proceedings on the Internet / Confere nce Website where JAEA researchers submitted papers in FY2010.
- 40% of the Proceedings are published on the Internet. Most are published on the conference website or a link to the Proceedings is provided.
- On the other hand, conference websites are likely to change URLs, and so me of them are closed after the conference. 30% of the conference websit es in FY2010 were not available.
- In addition, some of the Proceedings on the Internet are not open to the p ublic. They permit access only to conference participants. These kinds of P roceedings are few, but access to full text is very difficult.

3. Management & providing the hyperlink 3.3 New approach to provide Proceedings information

- The link to Proceedings on the Internet as well as in the library c ollection is useful to improve accessibility to the Proceedings.
- We developed a prototype webpage that provides conference in formation, bibliographic information of Proceedings, and Proceedings on the Internet using Google Calendar.
- Many conference websites are deleted within a few years after t he conference; therefore, an archive website would be useful. W e use the Internet Archive (Wayback Machine (<u>http://archive.org</u>) to provide the conference information from t he deleted conference websites.
- We use hyperlink to the JAEA Library/NDL/CiNii Books search result.

3. Management & providing the hyperlink 3.3 New approach to provide Proceedings information

- Some of the Proceedings papers are included in an institutional repository by the authors. An institutional repository can include Proceedings not available anywhere else. So, we provide the hyperlink to the search results of JAIRO (Japanese Institutional Repositories Online).
- In addition, we provide the hyperlink to the search results of INIS (International Nuclear Information System), which includes information from Conference Proceedings papers in the fields of nuclear science and technology.





4. Summary

- There are multiple publication forms of Proceedings, and the number of P roceedings available on the Internet are increasing. Using a link to Procee dings on the Internet as well as library collections can improve access to t he Proceedings.
- The URLs of Proceedings on the Internet, especially those on conference websites, are more likely to change. When we provide the links to Procee dings, we need to periodically check the links.
- Some of the Proceedings on the Internet are not open to the public. An in stitutional repository will improve access to full text that is not available a nywhere else.
- Using the Internet archive and institutional repository will probably improve the access to the full text of papers or paper information, and we would like to offer this information collectively.
- We would like to add an institutional repository in other country, such as Open DOAR.