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Scientific Publication Process Re-engineering with SciX Open Publication Services

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Publication process re-engineering

*It must be remembered that there is nothing more difficult to plan, more doubtful of success, nor more dangerous to manage than the creation of a new system. For the initiator has the **enmity** of all who would profit by the preservation of the old institutions and merely **lukewarm defenders in those who would gain by the new one.** - Nicolo Machiavelli*

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■ ■ analysis

- defenders of the old systems
- lukewarm supporters
- barriers to change

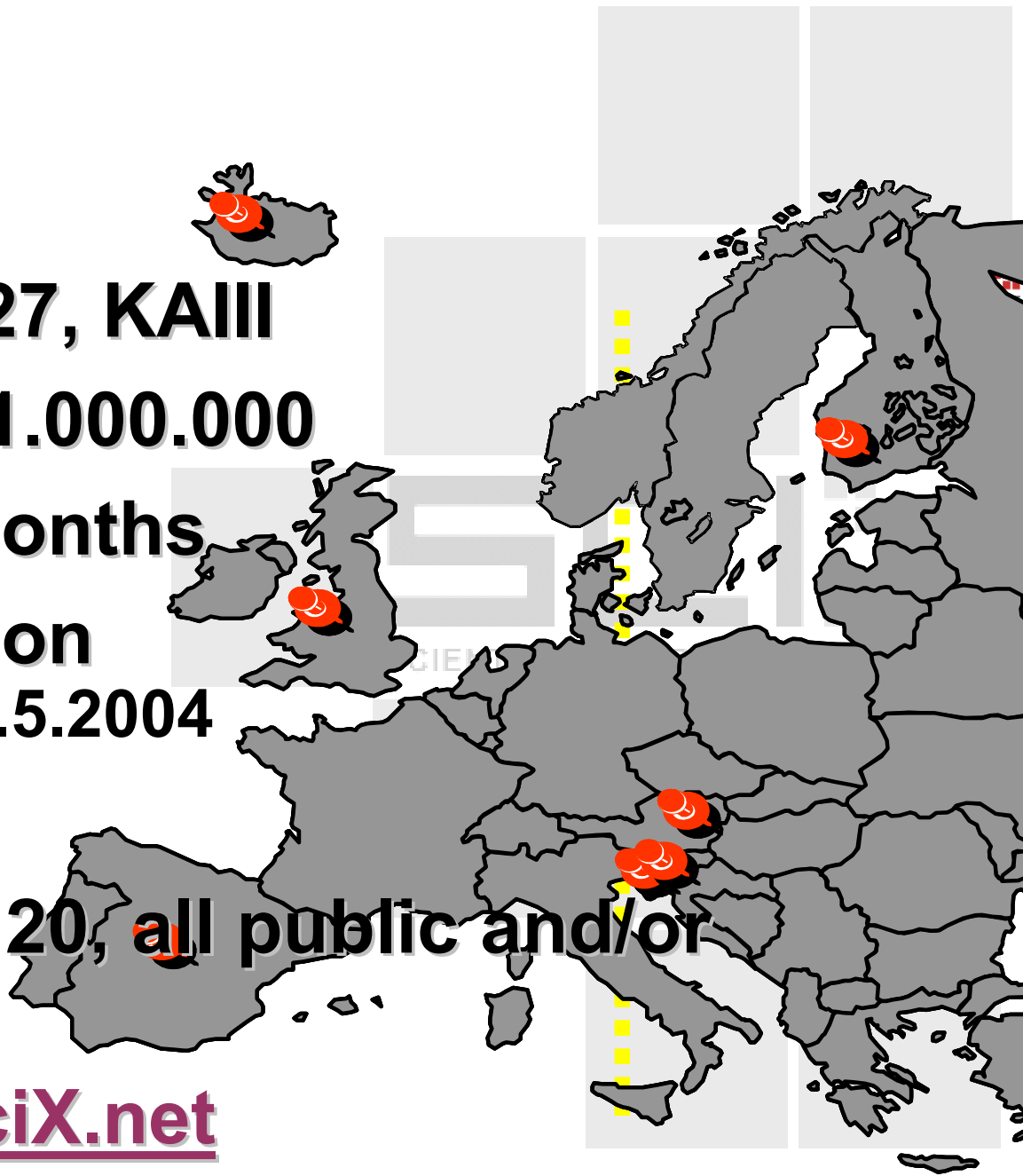
■ ■ SciX Open Publishing Services

- how open
- for publishing of what
- what do we mean by “services”

■ ■ conclusion

SciX project

- ■ IST-2001-33127, KAIII
- ■ EU funding €1.000.000
- ■ 200 person months
- ■ Project duration
 - ■ 1.2.2002 - 31.5.2004
- ■ Partners: 7
- ■ Deliverables: 20, all public and/or open source
- ■ Web: www.SciX.net



Maciavellian analysis of open publishing

	enmity	lukewarm support	"impact factor"
publishers	defend monopoly	new small innovative publishers like biomed	high
libraries	handling paper reason for their existence	some very supportive	low
scientists and researchers	seniors with CVs full of paper based references	the internet generation	low, unless organized
r&d institutions		save money? promote institution	medium
learned societies	some endorsing/editing paper based journals	they have nothing to loose	potentially very high
funding agencies	they love "objective" SCI and related journals	don't care much about efficiency	very high
general public, taxpayer	has no access anyway	is not aware	very low because not aware

Media addressing the motives for publications

	paper journals	open access digital publishing			
		electronic journals	topic archives	institutional archives	personal archives
registration of primacy			digital notary, similarity measurement		
quality certification			publication model invention		
dissemination		truly open	truly open	OAI, google	google, OAI
archiving		involve libraries		org. change	
bibliometrics		alternative to ISI / JSR			
profit & sustainability		business model invention		org. change	

Barriers on the transition path

	paper journals	open access digital publishing			
		electronic journals	topic archives	institutional archives	personal archives
technical	!	workflow	effort	retrieval and exposure	
legal		-	copyright issues		
financial	!	who pays		effort?	effort?
psychological		recognition	public interest		
organizational		who is the "publisher"		new roles for old organizations	

Lessons learned

- ❑ learned societies are potentially a very good target
- ❑ they lack organizational and financial structure
- ❑ technical support must be very time, cost and workload efficient
- ❑ SciX Open Publishing Services

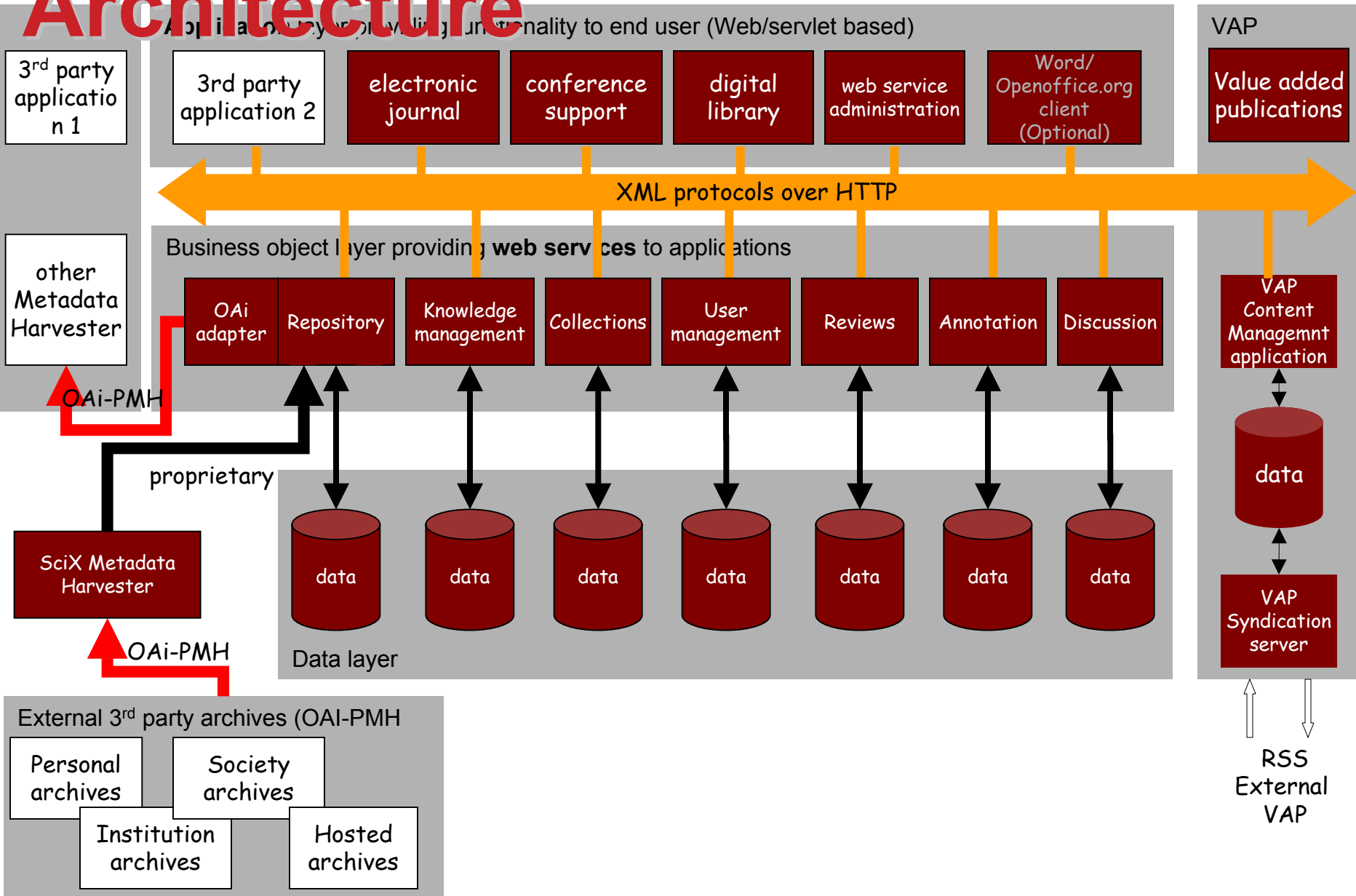
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Architecture



Open

To software:

- ■ OAI PMH 2.0
- ■ Google friendly
- ■ Office 2003
Research Task
Pane
- ■ Reference Manager,
Citation Manager
and Endnote.
- ■ Really Simple
Syndication (RSS)
feeds
- ■ Office Smart Tags

To people:

- ■ editorial interface
- ■ data export/import
from PC formats
- ■ metadata
extensions
- ■ ...

Office 2003

- ❑❑ “research task pane”
- ❑❑ API documented Nov. 7 2003
- ❑❑ SOAP based
 - ❑ SciX services were ready
- ❑❑ up and running now

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Office 2003 (cont.)

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ABSTRACT: The SciX (Open, self organising repository for scientific information) is a project funded by the European Commission in order to demonstrate alternative models of scientific publishing made possible by the Internet. The previous experience of some of the partners in running an electronic peer review setting up an e-prints archive. The project includes both theoretical work in making the scientific publishing process, to be used as a basis for studying the life-cycle business models, and a demonstrator of a functioning e-prints archive.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Internet has dramatically changed both the technical and economic infrastructure. One area in which this has caused a lot of tension is the publishing of scientific material for all practical purposes is a public good. This means that it would be of both the researchers and the organisations that fund the research to make the process free. Nevertheless for historic reasons the actual publication process has been outsourced to commercial publishers, who currently take advantage of the subscription brand journals, in selling electronic versions at prices which do not differ much from the paper versions. In dealing with digital information they can effectively use the typical for e-commerce with information goods, such as bundling and differential pricing (see Varian 1999).

This situation has over the last decade led to a "subversive movement" among scientists to create their own journals and e-print servers, which offer the material for free over the Internet.

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Research

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Elpub:DigitalLibrary:Works

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powered by WODA

- + Abel Laerte packer
- + Ana Alice Baptista, Eloy Rodrigues, Altamiro Barbosa Machado
- + Andrew Treloar
- + Anneli Heimbürger
- Aronsson, Lars

Aronsson, Lars (2002) OPERATION OF A LARGE SCALE, GENERAL PURPOSE WIKI WEBSITE , elpub2002 - Technology Interactions. Proceedings of the 6th International ICC/IFIP Conference on Electronic Publishing held in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic, 6-8 November 2002. Editors: Carvalho, Joao Álvaro; Hübler, Arved; Baptista, Ana Alice. Publisher: VWF Berlin, 2002. ISBN 3-89700-357-0. 395 pages.

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Research options...

Publishing

- ■ personal archives
- ■ institutional archives
- ■ learned society archives
- ■ topic archives

- ■ electronic journals
- ■ conferences

- ■ multilingual, translatable
 - English, German, Slovenian, Spanish ...

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Services

- ❑ **Web Services Architecture**
- ❑ **Truly Distributed Relational Databases**
 - ❑ **relations managed by Web Services interface**
- ❑ **WSDL for all public functions**
- ❑ **SOAP, XML-RPC, XML, XML-Mime bindings**
- ❑ **OAI, RSS, Office RTP ...**

WSDL

XML Spy - [http://itc.scix.net/cgi-bin/works/WSDL]

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- XML
 - definitions
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 - xmlns:mime: http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/mime/
 - xmlns:soap: http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/
 - xmlns:soapenc: http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/
 - xmlns:tm: http://microsoft.com/wsdl/mime/textMatching/
 - xmlns:xsd: http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema
 - xmlns:tns: http://itc.scix.net/cgi-bin/works
 - targetNamespace: http://itc.scix.net/cgi-bin/works
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 - 8 SearchOutput part (1)
 - 9 XputInput
 - 10 XputOutput part (1)
 - 11 XputManyInput
 - 12 XputManyOutput part (1)
 - portType (3)
 - binding (3)
 - service
 - name: WodaService
 - port (3)

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3 WodaHttpPost	tns:WodaHttpPost		http:address location...

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Implementations (up and running)

- ❑ one journal
- ❑ three conferences
- ❑ five topics incl. ELPUB
- ❑ 1 personal and 2 institutional archives

- ❑ multilingual
- ❑ rentable services, Web based renting and setup

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Availability

- ❑ stable, up and running
- ❑ open source
- ❑ to be released later this spring
- ❑ missing: documentation, installer

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Open Publishing Services

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Summary: This page contains some basic information about the SciX Open Publishing

SciX Open Publishing Services (**SOPS**) is software that allows setting up various on-line scientific publishing media such as:

Conclusion

- ❑ **current publication models provide a meaningful role to many players, to all with significant impact**
- ❑ **financial benefits were not confirmed by the SciX project, these would also benefit those not really interested in making a saving**
- ❑ **control benefits are the reason for strong support by the learned societies and individuals**
- ❑ **learned societies tend to have a small organizational footprint and shoestring budgets**
- ❑ **open publishing should be made available to them as a part of a broader package**
- ❑ **a digital archive is just one cornerstone of the technical solution**

Invitation

- ❑ **SciX Final Review / Workshop**
- ❑ **April 20th, Ljubljana, Slovenia**
- ❑ **focus: Open publishing – an opportunity for learned societies to regain control of the scientific information exchange**

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