

Launch of CARPET Project – Development of a Platform for Electronic Publishing Tools

Electronic Platform for
Systematic Supply of
Publication Tools
and Services

Changes in
Scientific
Communication

From Information
Platform to Virtual
Competence Center

The CARPET (Community for Academic Reviewing, Publishing and Editorial Technology) project aims to develop an electronic platform where tools and services for electronic publishing can be systematically and clearly represented. This shall allow a more efficient use of existing tools and foster coordinated developments avoiding redundancies.

The need for such a platform results from altered scientific communication within the evolving virtualization of media and working processes. Thus the computer becomes the central hub for many scientists and researchers in the national and global research context. As a quality-assured product of scientific work, publications are processed electronically to a large extent, both in the preparatory stages of production and in use and distribution. Electronic publication via open access patterns is thereby an increasingly popular option.

A DFG survey and a subsequent workshop entitled „Development of Generic Publication Tools“ are the initial points for the project. Given the current multitude of publication tools this revealed an urgent need for presenting existing approaches on an internet-based platform. The CARPET project will step-by-step create such an openly accessible platform. As a start a catalogue of existing tools will be generated which will be expanded to an information platform and eventually be developed to a collaboration platform, a forum to support users and developers alike. The aim of the project is to establish the platform permanently as a virtual competence center to make the results of developments in the area of electronic publishing available in the long term and to effectively support their use and future developments. The platform is amenable to the presentation of international developed publication tools provided that they can be reused freely.

The project partners contribute their experience and expertise of many years in the field of developing integrated publishing and research environments as well as the practical use of publication tools to the CARPET project.

Promotion

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Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin: <http://www.edoc.hu-berlin.de>

Max Planck Digital Library: <http://www.mpd.lmpg.de>

Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen:
<http://www.sub.uni-goettingen.de>

Deutsche Initiative für Netzwerkinformation e.V.: <http://www.dini.de/carpnet>

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