

Conclusion from the Panel #8 discussion on

Funding agencies and societies

Panel #8 of the June 2012 IMU/NAS Digital Math Library symposium; which took place Saturday, June 2, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm at the NAS building in Washington, D.C.

The **panelists** on Panel #8 were:

Kevin Clancey, Former Chief Editor of Math Reviews,
currently Program Director at NSF

Don McClure, Executive Director of the AMS

Marta Sanz-Sole, U of Barcelona, President of the EMS

Max Voegler, Director of the North American Office of the DFG

The **moderator** was:

Philippe Tondeur, U of Illinois (UIUC)

Summary and conclusion of Panel #8:

The very experienced panelists described various existing and possible funding mechanisms for digital publishing, both short-term and long-term. Their contributions are attached as submitted, and gratefully acknowledged.

A striking observation is that forward looking digital publishing is shifting its focus from harvesting copyrights to providing functionality of access and use in a competitive marketplace.

The suggested development and maintenance of an access infrastructure to digital depositories under the sponsorship of the IMU/CEIC (see Panel #5 conclusion) requires both substantial start-up funding (staff for an initial founding effort), as well as a modest but indispensable long-term funding mechanism. While the initial start-up funds may well be provided by a foundation, guaranteed long-term funding essential for sustainability of the access infrastructure may require a subscription mechanism.