
AAS Journals Transition

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AAS Contract

- **IOP Selected after an intensive bidding process**
- **Important selection qualifications**
- **Awarded contract May, 2007**
- **Publication commencement**
 - AJ: January, 2008
 - ApJ: January, 2009

AJ Transition

- **Work began May, 2007**
- **Peer Review system (ATOM) significantly modified to meet AAS requirements**
- **Data transition**
 - Over 10K contacts imported to ATOM
 - Hundreds of institutional subscribers imported and registered
 - Archive ported from UCP to IOP's EJs hosting service
- **New submissions accepted starting in September, 2007**

AJ Transition (continued)

- **First articles published online November, 2007**
- **Archive taken online December, 2007**
- **Electronic Access control enabled March, 2008**
- **Aptara (Delhi, India) performs copyediting and typesetting**
- **Sheridan Press continues to print and distribute the journal**

AJ Today

- **Over 200 articles published online, volume 135 complete**
- **All print issues produced and printed to schedule**
- **Acceptance to web posting time has decreased by 50% (median ~50 days)**
 - June acceptance to web posting time < 40 days
- **New features in 2008**
 - Electronic Page charges
 - VO Tables
 - Object/Dataset Linking

AJ Tomorrow

- **More innovative**
 - Host data behind the figures
 - Data cubes
- **Upswing in planetary papers**

AJ Lessons Learned

- **Start as early as possible**
- **Communicate frequently**
- **Be open to community feedback**

ApJ Transition

- **ATOM extensions well underway**
- **Electronic archive (13 years)**
- **Subscriber data**
- **Key milestones**
 - Sept 1: Accept ApJ/ApJS submissions
 - Oct 15: Accept ApJL submissions
 - Dec: First 2009 articles to be published online
 - Dec 31: Complete loading of back issues on to IOP website

ApJ Transition (continued)

- **Email notifications to be sent to authors and referees late summer**
- **Large presence at 2009 winter AAS meeting to help inform community of change**
- **UCP site to stop hosting AAS content Q1 2009**

ApJ Tomorrow

- **Publish articles to web as they are ready**
- **Color in PDF**
- **See Chris Biemesderfer for upcoming exciting changes to the journals**

Thank you

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