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International Coordination Group for Laser Atmospheric Studies 27th and 28th International Laser Radar Conference

ILRC is a biennial forum for collaboration on cutting-edge research on Lidar techniques, technologies and applications. It alternates between venues in the USA and Europe or Asia, to ensure innovation is fostered and ideas are exchanged at a global level. In 2015, the 27th conference was hosted at the coordination group home campus at the City College of New York; the 28th edition took place in Bucharest, Romania.

Digitised proceedings enhance discoverability

From the beginning, the organising committee knew that they wanted to publish their proceedings online. From their past experience, they were aware that the cost of exclusively print-based dissemination can be prohibitive to readers and their discoverability, limited. Global discoverability was a key factor in choosing where to publish.

The committee began looking for online solutions and discovered Web of Conferences through initial desk research. Web of Conferences readers download over 250,000 proceedings papers every month, journals are indexed in major databases including ProQuest and EBSCO, and Open Access means no barriers to published content.

Flexible publishing options

Unlike some competitors, the organising committee found EDP Sciences to offer “refreshing flexibility” in all aspects of the publishing process.

- The publishing team provided templates for the ILRC committee to test the searchability of their proceedings in advance.
- The conference had a template for their papers that couldn't be changed, it was important that the publisher was flexible to accommodate that. EDPS worked with the existing format and digitised to a high quality, enriching the PDFs with metadata to aid searchability. The only formatting required by ILRC was to remove embedding fonts, for which the committee developed a computer script and completed all 300 articles quickly and efficiently.
- Many authors of ILRC conference papers have been funded, or are employed by, organisations such as NASA, meaning there are special restrictions on copyright ownership. EDP Sciences worked with the ILRC team to define a copyright licence that was acceptable to all parties.

Cost-effective service

Based on initial desk research in 2015 EDP Sciences was found by the committee to be the best combination of cost effectiveness and flexibility. When considering where to publish the proceedings again in 2017, Web of Conferences was first choice due to the value for money, and the positive relationship that had been built over the previous two years.

Building a supportive, long term partnership

EDP Sciences is proud to offer the support - at scale - of an international publisher, but with the level of personal service that makes us different.

One concern for the organising committee - based in the USA - was ensuring adequate communication throughout the process, despite differing time zones. The Web of Conferences team is accustomed to working with colleagues around the world, and the committee was pleased with the prompt level of response to every question they had.

The ILRC committee chose to publish with Web of Conference for two events in a row; this ongoing partnership means that workflows are now streamlined, and proceedings can be published online faster after each event.

Both EDP Sciences and the ILRC hope this collaboration continues into a long-term partnership.

Collaborate with us:

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“As a member of the technical committee for both the ILRC 27 and ILRC 28 conferences, I was asked to coordinate the publication of our proceedings in an environment that is easily searchable and professional while at the same time flexible and cost effective. After deciding on EDP Sciences for ILRC27, we were very impressed with the entire process as evidenced by picking them for ILRC28.”

Read the proceedings

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