ADS Users Group Welcome

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ADS Users Group Meeting
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Membership

- Kathy Flanagan (chair)
- Carrie Anderson (NASA/GSFC Astrochemistry Lab)
- Roc Cutri (IPAC, Caltech)
- Ruth Kneale (DKIST, NSO)
- Chris Lintott (U. Oxford / Zooniverse)
- Sandy Payette (Cornell University Library, arXiv)
- Josh Peek (STScI)
- Matthew Turk (iSchool at UIUC)
- Jake VanderPlas (U. Washington eScience Institute)
- Michael Wise (Netherlands Institute for Radio Astronomy)

2015 SR Recommendation

The panel recommends that ADS sets up a user group, comprised of a representative user community including a member of the NASA archive community that provides guidance to ADS on:

1. annual operations/development plans
2. prioritization of new tools and infrastructure improvements
3. applicability to science
4. access to data

Charter

The ADS Users Group (ADSUG) advises the ADS on the operations of the project, and recommends changes and improvements to both its services and procedures in order to maximize the scientific productivity of the community it serves.

The ADSUG will advocate for the user community and provide suggestions regarding content curation, technical infrastructure, management, and priority setting.

The User Group will be advisory and will make its reports to the ADS Principal Investigator (PI).

It is anticipated that the ADSUG will meet once a year. The ADSUG will summarize its deliberations in a written report to the PI, and its findings will be posted publicly on the ADS website.

Terms of Membership

The ADSUG has a membership of approximately ten individuals chosen by the PI. The composition consists of a broad constituency of users, including scientists and representatives from the library and digital repository communities. The PI, Project Scientist, NASA Discipline Scientist, and Executive Secretary attend meetings of the group ex-officio.

To allow a balance between continuity and new input, members will be appointed for a nominal three year term starting on the date of the first meeting attended. The PI can ask a member to serve for one more year if mutually agreeable. The chair will be nominated and appointed by the PI for a two year period. The PI can ask the chair to serve for additional one year periods.