

TC6 Publication Policy

- TC6 aims (from the *Handbook*)
 - to promote the international exchange of information related to communication systems;
 - to bridge gaps existing between users, telecommunication operators, service providers, and computer and equipment manufacturers;
 - to establish working contracts with international bodies concerned with data communication, such as ITU, ETSI, ISO, IEEE, IETF, ITC and ATM Forum.
- TC6 conferences and publication policy should support these aims



Principles

- TC6 conference papers must be widely available in electronic form
 - “to promote the international exchange of information related to communication systems”
- Publication of conference papers in the Springer LINK digital library does not achieve this goal
 - Not widely available, esp. to individual researchers
 - Many institutions are dropping or reducing their membership in big digital libraries
- The strong trend toward open access to scientific research will make it increasingly difficult to generate revenue from publications



Principles

- IFIP's current contract with Springer is a serious obstacle to the survival of TC6
 - TC6 cannot succeed if its conference papers are not widely available in electronic form
- TC6 must adopt a publication policy that permits conference proceedings to be published in the way that is best for each conference
 - The publication method chosen by the conference organizers should maximize the scientific value and impact of the conference
 - Otherwise TC6 conferences will not attract high-quality contributions, and attendance (and relevance) will continue to decline



Principles

- TC6 recognizes that adopting such a publication policy changes the revenue model, and is committed to working with IFIP to develop an alternative model that does not rely on publication royalties



TC6 Publication Policy

- The proceedings of a TC6 conference should be published in the way that best promotes the goals of the conference.
- TC6 expects that conference organizers will choose a publication method that makes the proceedings widely available in electronic form, unless a compelling reason exists to do otherwise.

