

Virtual Repository Progress

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When talking to other 'communicating astronomy' colleagues one issue always comes up: how can we better share our resources? And ultimately, how do we allow the public better access to images, videos and other materials? One could even imagine a kind of Astro-Google. In 2004 a Programme Group called Virtual Repository under the IAU Working Group Communicating Astronomy was setup with the goal: "To construct the framework for a virtual repository to allow outreach resources to be 'catalogued' in a virtual repository and accessed by communicators, educators, press, students and public through specialized visual tools combined with search engines."

Here we report on the progress to lay a foundation for discussions during the rest of the CAP meeting. Note that another talk on Friday aims at presenting collected inputs on these topics.