AuthorAID

Knowledge Community

1. Global/Open: (Barbara Gastel) for all AuthorAIDs
   • Push out info
   • Exchange ideas
2. Enrolled: manage mentoring for each AuthorAID
Knowledge Community
the active elements

a web-based collaborative environment to be used by both authors and mentors

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Collaborative Environment

• match mentors to authors
• assist & track the mentoring process
• provide content to assist authors prepare better scientific papers.
Architecture

• Open Area: includes the landing page and AuthorAID content

• Mentoring System: handles all aspects of mentoring (including author enrollment, mentor matching, etc)

• Administrative area: includes mentor selection, privileged statistics tracking, etc.
Open Area 1

• Landing Page: a brief introduction to AuthorAID concept, benefits, & information on how to join/participate (for both authors and potential mentors). May also include basic statistics (number of registered mentors, etc)

• Tutorials, advice & tips for authors/scientists. (B.G.)

• Links to relevant external content, including partners, articles, publishers, etc. (B.G.)

• System Administration Interface
Open Area 2

• a Wiki system, making it easy for (authorised/authenticated) users to rapidly adapt the content to changing needs/circumstances
Active Area: administration

- provides functionality for system operation and maintenance by AuthorAID personnel.

- System Management: Wiki features management, including content editing, rights assignment, statistics tracking.
Administration of Mentoring

Mentor enrollment:
- Application receipt (online or via email), including notification of relevant reviewers.
- Peer/mentor recommendation (e.g. using “web of trust” concept)
- Internal/protected communication/discussions, using weblog- or forum structure.
- Mentoring: capture, tracking, evaluation
Mentoring
[restricted to mentors and authors]

• Author Registration
• Mentoring requests
  – Autonomous matching
  – Assisted matching
• Online mentoring process tracking, including document versions, comments/status history, feedback with email alerts.
• Discussion forums
Notes on Methods

- Open Source and Open Standards
- Good Graphic Designs for Low Band Width
- Flexible engines/input requirements
Thanks!

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