

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

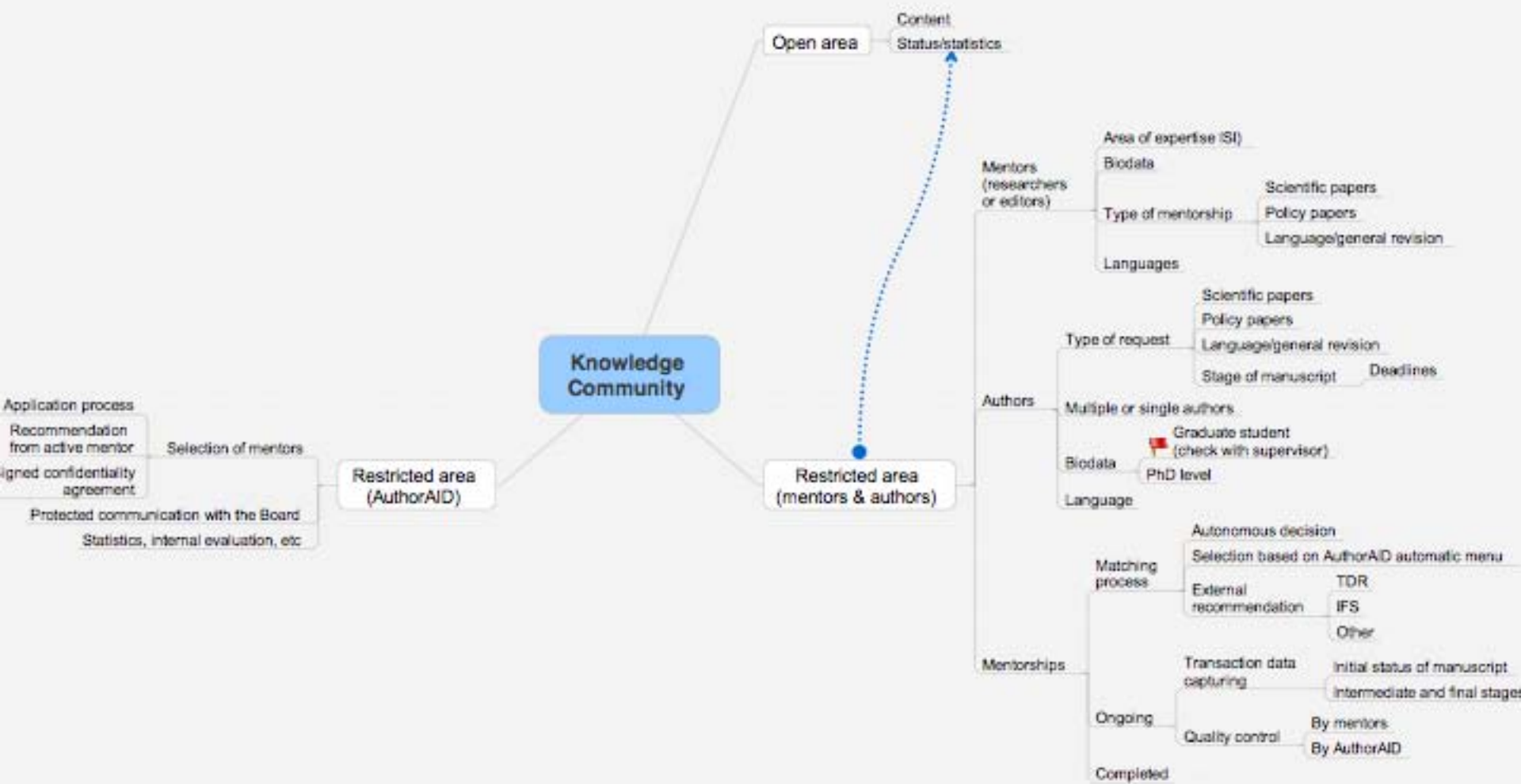
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Collaborative Environment

- 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

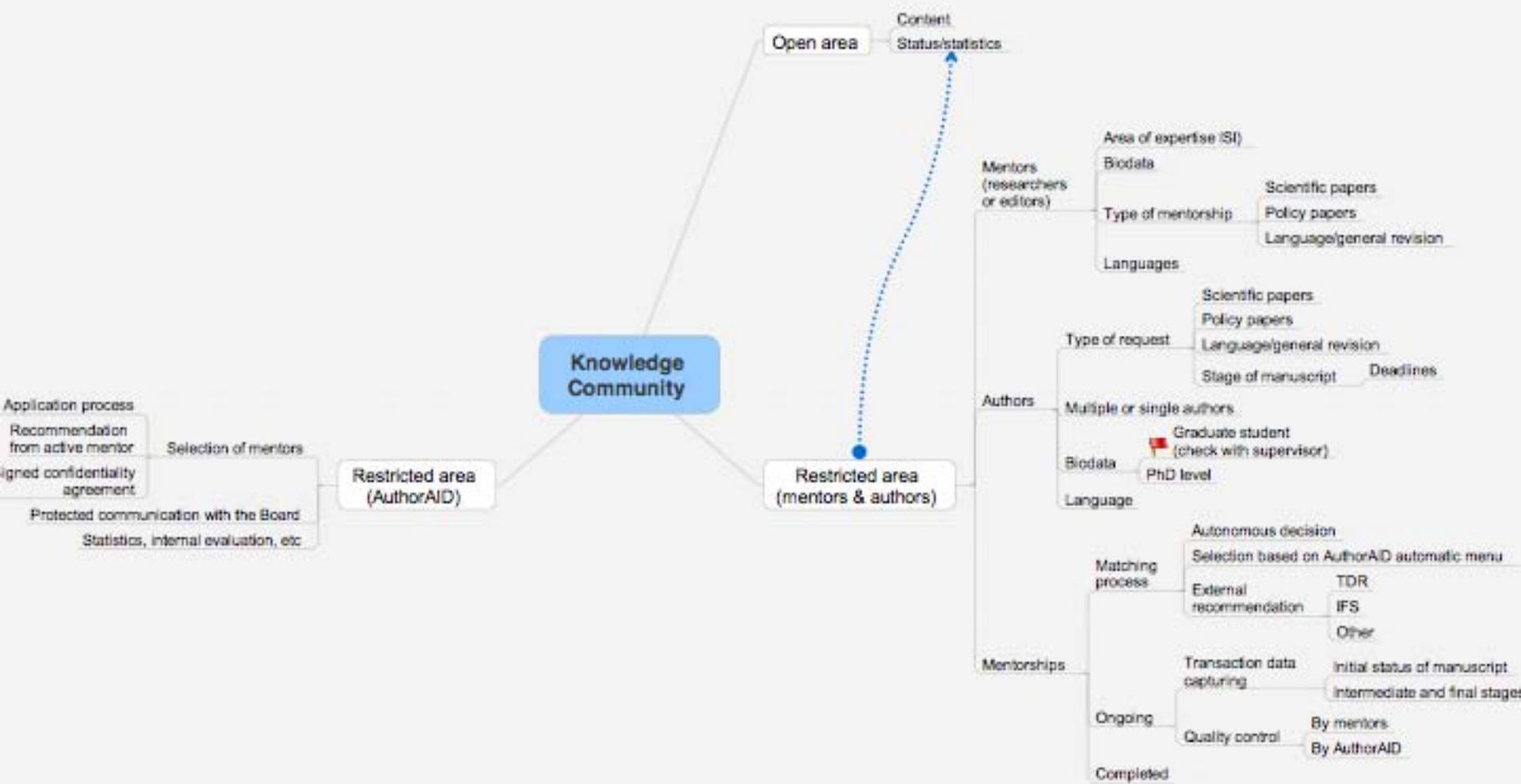
Mentoring

[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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