

canSAS WG : Information and Dissemination

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Current Activities Include:

- Wiki
- Webpages
- Mailing lists
- Github.com/ cansas (started by DF but really should be here?)
- Github.com/scattering-central ?
- SAS Portal
- Papers/tutorials(?)/Videos(?) etc ?
- Admin on domains and servers etc

Will need help maintaining services



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- Wiki
 - Major work during pandemic --> major effort to update and move to ssl
- Webpages
 - Moved from University server with apache etc. to canSAS github.io
 - Completely eliminates maintenance
 - Trivial to add editors
 - Could probably now use a small facelift .. With Jekyll theme perhaps? 
- Papers/tutorials/Videos etc
 - Resolution manuscript proposed at Campenas nearing first draft form – will need more X-ray input next.
- Admin on domains and servers etc
 - Cansas.org now “owned” by ISA and paid for by “community”
 - Wiki, portal and perhaps mailing lists on university servers

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Mailing lists status

- Originally “rolled our own” with Mailman2
 - Worked well but maintenance overhead was deemed too high
- Moved to google groups while groups were still.. A work in progress?
 - Never worked well so mostly unused. Essentially dead now?
 - Mostly lost original lists and names
 - SESANS using jicsmail but that is for UK academics



Mailing lists options under consideration

- Now that groups have evolved can we use them?
- Move to hosted mailman server – cost may be an issue?
- Roll our own again using mailman3 – may not be as bad as before?
- Free, unbranded services (e.g. mailchimp) unsatisfactory (ORSO exp)?

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SAS Portal Project (smallangle(s).org)



- Created during 2012 workshop
- ~65k hits/year on front page .. 7k/year on software page alone
- Not obvious to maintain (poorly designed) and many links out of date
- Identified at Traverse City and Freising as being potentially very useful
 - BUT needed serious redesign

SAS Portal Project Current Status

- Major refactor, version updating and porting in progress
- Development site: new.smallangles.org
- Base structure complete – some content still needs porting

Should be ready for help developing (updating and maintaining)

Content in 2025 (before next meeting) – let me know of interest!