

APPENDIX F

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The new OA Region 9 web site will be built in Wordpress, an infrastructure framework.

It is a container of all R9 public [and restricted] documents.

Furthermore it will contain all national links.

The need to align the R9 domain name to the other regions has been emphasized: domains are mostly in the form oaregionX.org.

The name will be changed in oaregion9.org.

To best underline the R9 to the oa world participation, it has been asked for which reasons the domain could not be region9.oa.org.

This could be a sub domain (second level domain) which autonomously could be hosted everywhere by not implying in any way nor sharing of the host and web infrastructure.

Current R9 domain is hosted by Digitalus. This contract must be terminated because Digitalus refuses to give us the information we need and give the necessary freedom for its management.

We have instead chosen to buy a new domainname oaregion9.org and hosting by Global Gold Internet Services. That is a company which also OA-uk uses to host their website also built in Wordpress. The service and help from them is good which is needed since we have rotation in our servicepositions and this should be an easy thing to manage.

Next steps in plan are as following:

To open the account with a new maintainer

To start using the new site

To close the Digitalus account

Wordpress

Discussion was made about Wordpress. This solution is very simple and fully adequate to people without particular skills in managing websites.

The site layout as well as all pages attributes and capabilities can be changed or assigned very easily.

Professional work is not required.

The image with two hands raising the world even if there is a low resolution is appropriate.

Phone numbers are not allowed on the Region 9 website. Email addresses must be anonymous.

Emails are available on the new site. The best would be to create new accounts with names symbolizing the

function they represent.

When the promotion environment begins to operate, suggestion to leave both domains (old and new) active. On the old one will host a page with the information "site has moved" and the link to the new site (redirect).

The contract with Digitalus should be stopped as soon as the new site is running.

Test environment will be available on January 1, 2010.

The new site should be available (tested, approved and ready to run) on February 1, 2010.

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