WP5 Integrated User Access

Report on requirements: Survey on existing comparable systems and report on requirements and framework for common data exchange (to be delivered: month 12)

User Survey Proposal Procedures

It is common practice for scientists to apply for beamtime at neutron and muon sources by facility based proposal procedures. These procedures have been developed within the last decades. Internet based procedures are common today which may offer new options to improve this service and to make it more attractive and efficient for the scientific community.
In order to determine current usage of digital processed proposal systems and to identify possible improvements and requirements we kindly ask the users of the European neutron and muon facilities to participate in the present survey. The survey is part of the NMI3-II work package on Integrated User Access.

How many proposals did you submit within the past 5 years (including proposals as co-proposer)?

Of how many of these were you the main proposer?

How many facilities did you use within this period?

How many experimental visits to neutron or muon facilities did you have within this period?

Main methods used (tick up to 3 with "strg"):

- Powder diffraction
- Single crystal diffraction
- Stress/strain measurements
- 3-axis and tof spectroscopy
- Spin-echo spectroscopy
- SANS
- Reflectometry
- Radiography/Tomography
- MuSR
- Other

If other method which: ...

What sources of financial support did you use (tick several if applicable)?

- EU support
- Internal resources
- Support by the facility you used
- Other

If other which: ...

How did you submit your proposals to the facilities (tick several if applicable)?

- Web based user portal
- E-mail submission
- Other

If other which: ...

If you used a web based user portal, how did you like them (give grades for 0 (very bad) to 10 (very good))?

Helpful platforms (1-10)
Difficult to use (yes) (no) (maybe)
Easy access/log in (yes) (no) (maybe)

Assuming that each facility operates its own web based user platform, would you

like harmonized forms and procedures across existing platforms? (yes) (no) (maybe)
like harmonized deadlines across existing facilities? (yes) (no) (maybe)
like a unified entry point to existing platforms? (yes) (no) (maybe)

If yes would you

like to share submitted proposals to several facilities for review? (yes) (no) (maybe)
like to move rejected proposals at one facility for review to another facility? (yes) (no) (maybe)
like to have your proposal reviewed by a joined facility review committee? (yes) (no) (maybe)
like to have proposals not accepted due to overload at one facility automatically moved to review to another facility? (yes) (no) (maybe)

General comments: