

EDITORIAL

The present volume gathers together the talks presented at the colloquium on the *Future Professional Communication in Astronomy (FPCA)*, held at the Palace of the Academies in Brussels on 11-13 June 2007.

The meeting was motivated by a convergence of facts and trends in the world of publishing, as well as by comments and interrogations heard more and more frequently within the astronomy community.

The FPCA colloquium made quietly history as, for the first time, it gathered together all major partners – publishers, editors, archives managers, officers of learned societies, as well as scientists – involved in professional publishing processes. The following contributions describe their activities, projects and questions on the future. The active presence of several librarians was a very much appreciated component too.

We wish to thank the speakers and forum moderators for the quick delivery of their written material, and more generally all participants for sharing their experience and concerns during the discussions.

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