

From: abridle (Alan Bridle)  
To: rperley  
Subject: Our ancient workshop  
Date: Wed, 6 Jul 1994 11:45:22 -0400

Hi Rick,

Fred has just shown me the message that you forwarded to him re the Aussies wanting more copies of our book.

1. The .tex files were all sent to Tim C. so he could put them on the WWW. I believe he has done this. Only problem is that we did not have any of the figures as .ps files, and the only way to get them would be scan them and convert to .ps (a long, horrible job that we should not contemplate).

2. In a recent ASP catalog, they said they were reprinting the book. Does this message from Oz mean that they have already sold out of the reprinted version, or that they did not in fact reprint it?

3. It may make sense for us to try to recover the masters for the book from ASP if they do not intend to reprint it. Then we might be able to offer a press run to order for any observatories that still want multiple copies for their workshops, if they would reimburse NRAO for the costs. Or we could send them a copy of the masters so they could do it for themselves.

The best solution of all would be ASP to reprint, of course, and maybe we could apply a little pressure to them. Most of their conference series is actual conferences, whose volumes are probably short-lived in usefulness, and so they get stuck with copies they can't move. This may be the only one they have that also doubles as a textbook and whose contents are not fading in interest with time! They probably have not thought much about how best to handle it?

A.

From: fschwab@NRAO.EDU (Fred Schwab)  
To: ATZIOUMI@atnf.CSIRO.AU  
Cc: abridle@daphne (Alan Bridle), rperley@daphne  
Subject: Synthesis Imaging volume  
Date: Wed, 6 Jul 1994 12:21:18 -0400 (EDT)

Dear Tasso,

Rick Perley passed on to me your request for information about the Synthesis Imaging volume. A PostScript file of the entire manuscript does exist, but it does not include figures. I still have the TeX input files, as well. (Plain TeX, together with the American Math Society macros, was used; LaTeX was not used). The figures (few, if any, of which were done in PostScript) were manually pasted into the master copy by the NRAO Graphics Department. The master copy is still in the possession of the publisher, ASP. If they do not intend to reprint, then perhaps NRAO should try to have the master returned.

ASP was to have reprinted the book about a year and a half ago. In fact they announced in one of their advertising brochures that it had been reprinted. If they did indeed reprint, I'm surprised that it's so quickly again out of print.

Probably the simplest way for you to proceed is to simply photocopy the book.

Regards,

Fred Schwab  
(fschwab@nrao.edu)

P.S.

Alan Bridle and I will contact the ASP to inquire whether the master copy can be returned or whether they might decide to reprint.

From: Rick Perley <rperley@aac.nrao.edu>  
To: abridle@polaris.cv.nrao.edu  
Subject: Re: Our ancient workshop  
Date: Wed, 6 Jul 1994 11:00:56 -0600

Alan:

I, too, thought there was going to be a reprinting. Bob Havlen e-mailed me some months ago about this, inquiring into whether we were going to have another synthesis imaging workshop this summer, and whether we would reissue the book. (Answers: Probably not, Definitely not). I guess they wanted to make sure there would be a market for a second printing.

It certainly is worth calling ASP, and urging them to make a second printing. I've gotten a number of inquiries about getting a copy. Surely ASP knows about the demand. Failing a second printing, I agree with the suggestion of getting the masters returned.

Up to my ears in survey.

Rick

From: abridle (Alan Bridle)  
To: [pasp@byuvax.bitnet](mailto:pasp@byuvax.bitnet)  
Subject: ASP Conference Series, Vol.6  
Date: Wed, 6 Jul 1994 14:11:06 -0400

(This message is for Harold McNamara)

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Dear Mr. MacNamara,

I am writing on behalf of Rick Perley, Fred Schwab and myself as former editors of the NRAO Synthesis Imaging Summer School lectures that were published in ASP Conference Series Vol.6 in 1989.

From time to time we receive requests for further copies of these lectures, which have apparently become a "standard reference text" for students of radio-astronomical imaging. Most recently, the organizers of a course in synthesis imaging to be held this September at the ATNF hoped to purchase copies of the volume from you to use as the textbook for their course, but have apparently been told that it is out of print at ASP.

I believe (from Bob Havlen via Rick Perley) that at one time you were considering reprinting this volume, because of the ongoing demand for it as a reference text. Did this occur, and is it the reprinted edition that is now out of stock? Or did the suggested reprinting not take place?

If you have no plans for reprinting it in future and it is indeed out of stock, would you consider releasing the master copy back to us at the NRAO? We would be interested in providing good-quality copies of it to research organisations such as ATNF that wish to continue using it for educational courses, if it is now unobtainable from you. We think that ongoing distribution of these lectures to the research community may well be appropriate for some years to come, as much of their material is fundamental in nature and is not "ageing" (unlike the contents of many research conferences).

We would, of course, prefer to see the volume reprinted by you if the demand for it continues, as this would allow it also to reach individual students or new libraries. I stress that we would only be interested in recovering the masters for further educational distribution if you definitely do not plan to use them for any further ASP printings. We are also not interested in making any profit from any further distribution of the material, simply to make it more accessible to serious students of radio astronomy.

I should be most grateful for any comments you might have on these possibilities.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Bridle

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From: abridle (Alan Bridle)  
To: pasp@stsci.edu  
Subject: Message for ASP Publications Office  
Date: Wed, 6 Jul 1994 16:00:05 -0400

I'm not sure if this is going to the best E-address, but an attempt to reach Harold McNamara at the one given in the AAS directory bounced. Could you please forward as appropriate? Thanks.

(This message is for Harold McNamara, or current person in charge of ASP Publications)

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From: PASP@stsci.edu  
To: abridle@polaris.cv.nrao.edu  
Subject: Re: Message for ASP Publications Office  
Date: Wed, 06 Jul 1994 16:23:12 -0500 (EST)

Dr. Bridle:

I am not directly involved in the ASP Conference Series books, but it is my impression that the volume to which you refer is the all-time best seller in the series, and that it was indeed going to be reprinted due to the continuing strong demand for it.

I will forward your message to Dr. McNamara, and to Bob Havlen, and I hope that one of them will reply directly to you with the latest information.

Howard E. Bond  
Managing Editor, PASP

From: abridle (Alan Bridle)  
To: rperley, fschwab  
Subject: Clarification  
Date: Wed, 6 Jul 1994 17:17:58 -0400

To clarify:

My message to McNamara at the byu address given in the 1994 AAS directory bounced, so I forwarded it to PASP@stsci.edu with request that they send it on as appropriate. Hence the reply came from Bond.

I'll let you know as soon as I hear anything back from McNamara.

NB Havlen's address in the AAS list is also out of date, it's given as nrao.edu.

A.



From: Rick Perley <rperley@aoe.nrao.edu>  
To: abridle@polaris.cv.nrao.edu  
Subject: Re: forwarded message from PASP@stsci.edu  
Date: Wed, 6 Jul 1994 15:19:00 -0600

... nice to know we are the authors of the 'all-time best seller'!!

Rick

From: rhavlen@stars.SFSU.EDU (Robert Havlen)  
To: abridle@NRAO.EDU  
Cc: pasp@xray.byu.edu  
Subject: VLA Summer School Volume  
Date: Wed, 6 Jul 94 16:28:52 PDT

Hi Alan,

Howard Bond just copied me on your message to Harold McNamara. The ASP Conf Series book that you and Fred and Rick edited was NOT reprinted. I can't recall exactly when I contacted Rick about the possibility, but it might have been almost one year ago, since the fall, 1993 Conf Series catalog labels Vol 6 as "out of print". I also can't recall if I tried to raise you at the time.

I was aware that the book was still a steady seller, as you say, for grad students, for reference, and for coursework. Rick indicated that he felt that a lot of the material, now 5 years out of date, had been superseded by new material, techniques, etc, and would certainly be modified in the next course (and book). Although Rick could not say for sure when the next VLA Aperture Synthesis Summer School would be held, he did not recommend reprinting the out of date volume. In hindsight, I guess that Rick and I did not realize that outside of the cutting edge institutions like the NRAO most of the material is still useful for instructional purposes as long as there is no better reference.

For ASP it is primarily a question of cost recovery if we now decide to reprint. A minimum practical quantity seems to be about 200, and it would take about 6 weeks before they would be available. We have just done this with the popular CCD Volume 23.

In your opinion would there still be a demand for the fundamental stuff in Vol 6 even after you hold the next Summer School? Has the next SS been planned (1995)?

I am not opposed to the idea of an ASP reprint as long as there is a steady market and no replacement volume is being planned. I am also not opposed to giving NRAO the masters if you think that the demand will indeed not be large.

In other words, tell me more about your vision for the next volume before we decide the best route to go. Maybe volume XX would just be a supplement to Volume 6 and not destroy its demand altogether?

Let us know,  
BOB

From: fschwab@NRAO.EDU (Fred Schwab)  
To: abridle@daphne (Alan Bridle)  
Subject: Re: Synthesis Imaging volume (fwd)  
Date: Thu, 7 Jul 1994 08:38:14 -0400 (EDT)

Forwarded message:

>From ATZIOUMI@atnf.CSIRO.AU Thu Jul 7 07:52 EDT 1994  
Date: Thu, 07 Jul 1994 21:51:18 +1000  
From: "Tasso Tzioumis, ATNF" <ATZIOUMI@atnf.CSIRO.AU>  
Subject: Re: Synthesis Imaging volume  
To: fschwab@NRAO.EDU  
Message-Id: <01HEFUCZHBG2001FV4@robin.rp.CSIRO.AU>  
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Dear Fred,

Thanks for the quick reply. It is rather unfortunate that the book is out of print. ASP said that they were thinking about reprinting. However, they cannot do it by September which is our deadline for the workshop.

A couple of related questions.

1. ASP has given us permission to copy from the book. However, they came back and suggested that we should send out a form letter to each of the authors requesting their permission to copy. As all the authors are/were NRAO employees perhaps it would be sufficient to get permission from NRAO. How do you think we should approach this issue?

2. If you do get the master copy back from ASP, perhaps it will be easier to get a copy of that from you. Then we can get the reproduction done commercially. Let me know if that becomes a feasible way to proceed.

In any case, we are committed in using the book for the workshop.

Thank you for your help.

Regards

Tasso Tzioumis  
(atzioumi@atnf.csiro.au)

From: abridle (Alan Bridle)  
To: rperley  
Subject: What to do?  
Date: Thu, 7 Jul 1994 11:18:19 -0400

Hi Rick,

Clearly Bob H. thinks he was advised not to reprint the volume based on an impression he thinks he gained from you that the material would be superseded.

I think the history of the subsequent NRAO summer schools suggests that this is not the case, neither of them produced a new volume and I believe the all-VLA one used ours as its prime reference.

To answer Bob's explicit questions, I wonder if there are any plans yet for the timing of another summer school and whether, if so, it is at all likely that someone at the AOC would want to edit a whole new volume? Fred and I both thought that if the ball landed in our court again the most we would want to do is provide extra notes to supplement the book on topics such as wide-field imaging, polarization self-cal, continuum subtraction in spectroscopy etc. where there have been some detailed algorithmic or technical developments. Re-doing the whole course would have a very low priority in our eyes, as the fundamentals in the first half have not changed at all, and there have not been many major developments in the detailed sections that would justify a whole new chapter.

It would be good if we could tell Bob, "go ahead and reprint, the NRAO has no plans to obsolete the book in the near future".

On the Aussie issue, there is a snag that Pat has not kept, or at least cannot find, a copy of the masters that were sent to ASP. This means that we could not support the Aussie school simply by making an extra copy of masters that were kept here for them to Xerox, we'd have to get at the ASP masters. And presumably we can't get at those if they are doing a reprinting (they can't reprint in time for the Aussie school, ASP and the ATNF people had already discussed that, it turns out).

So the choice is between telling the ASP to go ahead and reprint as soon as they can, on the basis that we have no plans to obsolete the book, or canning the reprint idea altogether and trying to recover the masters from them -- Bob sounded amenable to that alternative, too.

Yer thoughts?

A.

From: Rick Perley <rperley@aoc.nrao.edu>  
To: abridle@polaris.cv.nrao.edu  
Subject: Re: What to do?  
Date: Thu, 7 Jul 1994 10:01:38 -0600

Alan:

We Will hold a summer school next summer. Probably in June. As for a new volume, my thinking echoes yours. My plan (since it has already been decided that I'll be the organizer) was to repeat those fundamental lectures that have not changed, keep the newer ones that seemed relevant, and add a couple of new lectures, based on current developments, available lecturers, and the audience.

My recollection clearly indicates I told Bob that we wouldn't hold the summer school this year, and that even if we did, we certainly wouldn't be creating an entire new book. I don't know how he managed to change that to what he thinks I said! But never mind. A 'second book', with most of the lectures unchanged, and with a couple of new chapters, might be feasible -- but not until next Summer. The ASP will have to decide if it's worth reprinting the book 'as is'. I think it is, based on the interest I've heard about.

Rick

From: fschwab@NRAO.EDU (Fred Schwab)  
To: abridle@daphne (Alan Bridle)  
Cc: rperley@daphne  
Subject: Re: Synthesis Imaging volume (fwd)  
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 1994 08:55:39 -0400 (EDT)

Forwarded message:

>From ATZIOUMI@atnf.CSIRO.AU Fri Jul 8 04:32 EDT 1994  
Date: Fri, 08 Jul 1994 18:31:11 +1000  
From: "Tasso Tzioumis, ATNF" <ATZIOUMI@atnf.CSIRO.AU>  
Subject: Re: Synthesis Imaging volume  
To: fschwab@NRAO.EDU  
Message-Id: <01HEH1UGDUTG001FMH@robin.rp.CSIRO.AU>  
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Dear Fred,

Thanks for all the help. It now appears that your approaches to ASP have stirred them into reprinting. The run should be ready by 12 August!

I've just committed ATNF in buying a minimum of 50 copies for the workshop. ASP wanted a firm committment before proceeding.

I hope it all goes well from here on.

Regards

Tasso

From: abridle (Alan Bridle)  
To: rhavlen@stars.SFSU.EDU (Robert Havlen)  
Subject: Re: VLA Summer School Volume  
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 1994 11:16:21 -0400

Hi Bob,

I gather, from the Aussies via Fred Schwab, that you have decided to reprint Vol. 6 of the Conference Series . I'm sure this is the best solution, especially for them, and probably for the radio-astronomy community in general.

The next NRAO summer school will be held in Socorro next year (1995). It is unlikely that an entirely new proceedings would emerge from this. Basically, we still feel that the fundamentals are covered well in the old proceedings. While there have been some new developments in imaging techniques since 1989, they are all of a kind that can be covered satisfactorily in another course by producing a few supplementary notes. Thus Vol.6 will still serve as a good text for the basic materials and is likely to remain in demand for the foreseeable future.

Judging from the rate at which individual NRAO staff, and the NRAO library, still get enquiries about the old volume, I think there is a fair bit of life in it yet, and you will probably not regret the reprinting! Most graduate students who are doing radio imaging find it worthwhile to have their own copy, and library copies are usually in someone's office rather than on the library shelves, so you might see some follow-up orders for extra copies from institutions, too.

It turns out that Pat Smiley does not have a copy of the master pages her archive, however. If you would be amenable, we would be interested in recovering the masters after you have reprinted them, so that we could take a backup copy in case this situation ever recurs i.e. that you become out of stock but a small residual demand exists that the NRAO might be able to satisfy. We'd be happy to return the masters to you again after making a copy if that would be appropriate.

Thanks a lot for your help in this,

Best wishes,

Alan

From: PASP@XRAY.BYU.EDU  
To: abridle@polaris.cv.nrao.edu  
Subject: Re: SYNTHESIS IMAGING IN RADIO ASTRONOMY  
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 1994 09:24 MDT

7 July 1994

Dear Dr. Bridle,

I am forwarding to you a message Dr. McNamara sent to Dr. Tzioumis yesterday afternoon. I am also forwarding to you a the reply we have had from Dr. Tzioumis this morning.

These are for your information and, hopefully, you will be pleased with Dr. McNamara's decision.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth S. Holloman, Production Manager  
ASP Conference Series



From: PASP@XRAY.BYU.EDU  
To: ABRIDLE@polaris.cv.nrao.edu  
Subject: Re: SYNTHESIS IMAGING IN RADIO ASTRONOMY  
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 1994 09:25 MDT

7 July 1994

Dear Dr. Tzioumis:

SUBJECT: ASP CONFERENCE SERIES, VOLUME 6

There seems to be a lot of pressure to reprint ASP Conference Series, Volume 6, SYNTHESIS IMAGING IN RADIO ASTRONOMY.

I have requested information from the printer regarding the length of time required to do a third printing of the book. I was informed that the book could be reprinted and finished by 12 August 1994, by special request. Today I have placed an order for 350 copies. The price to your workshop participants will be \$40.00 plus air freight costs. A book sent individually would be \$15.00 for air mail delivery. Sent in a bulk shipment the price should be less per volume. (A recent shipment of 102 books of 462 pages by Emery to Japan was \$780.00.)

Given the printing time it appears that we can fulfill your order by mid-September, as you originally requested. This approach will eliminate the need on your part of reproducing two-thirds of the book and getting permission for reproduction from each of the authors.

I assume that you will request somewhere between 50 and 80 books from us in the next week or so. If this approach is satisfactory with you will you please let me know one way or the other IMMEDIATELY? I would probably cancel the printing of the volume if you find these terms unacceptable.

Sincerely yours,

D. H. McNamara, Managing Editor  
ASP Conference Series

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From: PASP@XRAY.BYU.EDU  
To: abridle@polaris.cv.nrao.edu  
Subject: Re: SYNTHESIS IMAGING IN RADIO ASTRONOMY  
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 1994 09:26 MDT

From: IN%"ATZIOUMI@atnf.CSIRO.AU" "Tasso Tzioumis, ATNF" 8-JUL-1994 02:29:12.20  
To: PASP@PHYS2.BYU.EDU  
CC:  
Subj: RE: ASP Conference Series, Volume 6

Dear Mr. McNamara,

SUBJECT: ASP CONFERENCE SERIES, VOLUME 6

I'm delighted to hear that you can now reprint the book on time for our workshop. This certainly will save us a lot of effort.

Your arrangements are fine with us. We agree on the price of \$40.00 per book and we will pay the air-freight costs.

I can forthwith commit my organisation to buy a minimum of 50 books. In the next few weeks we will get a better idea of the numbers requested by the participants in the workshop. If this exceeds 50 I will let you know asap. However, you can proceed with the reprint on that minimum order for 50 books.

Sincerely

Dr. Tasso Tzioumis  
Scientific Assistant to the Director  
Australia Telescope National Facility

P.S. A word of caution, if I may. Last time (1991) we had a number of books which were incorrectly printed or bound and which had to be returned. I hope there is no recurrence of this.

From: abridle (Alan Bridle)  
To: PASP@XRAY.BYU.EDU  
Subject: Re: SYNTHESIS IMAGING IN RADIO ASTRONOMY  
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 1994 13:21:24 -0400

Dear Ms. Holloman,

Thank you for letting us know the status of this reprinting. We are of course delighted with your decision as we hear the rumblings from NRAO users whose students, etc. had been unable to get personal copies since the previous printing sold out. We're especially pleased that you can manage a reprinting in time for the Australian course.

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