

HOW TO GET UP-TO-DATE SCIENCE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE ?

THE LASUR'S ANSWER : THE CAHIERS DU LASUR

The first problem I encountered was the fact that the lab was using InDesign for this job, a software that I could not access as a first-years student. As future interns would probably have the same problem, we decided to migrate to Word, which is easier-to-use and more widely known. It was the first challenge of this journey, as compatibility between the two programs was not always up to scratch and I experienced several failures.

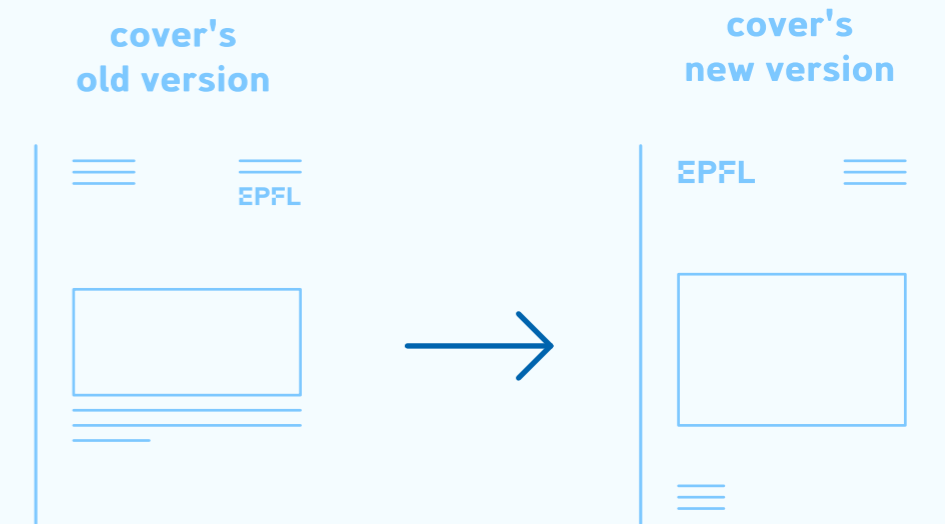


NORMS / MATERIAL



THE WHAT ?

The Cahiers du LaSUR aim to give life to the "grey literature" by taking the risk of publishing in progress works whose incompleteness offers us a scientific voice that is actually and ultimately not hampered in its choice of themes and words. And this was going to be my job...



NEGOTIATION / SOLUTION

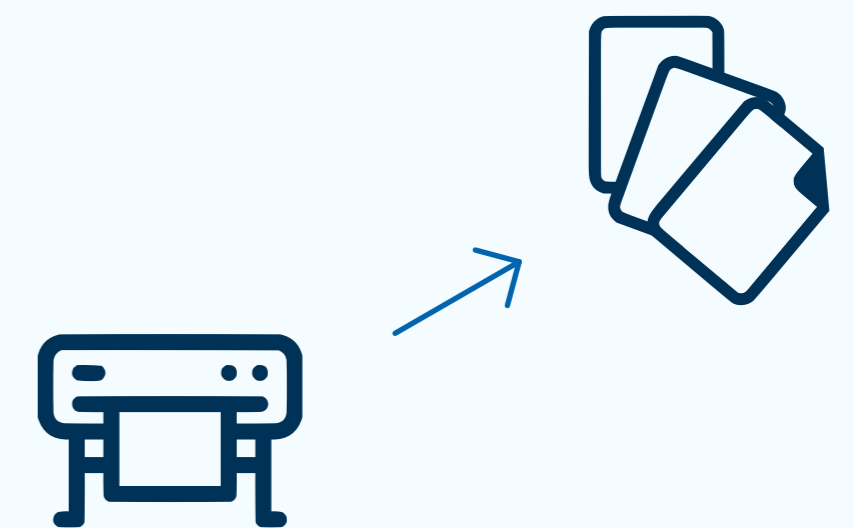
Secondly, it appeared that the LaSUR's template was no longer meeting the EPFL's standards. In line with the news requirements and with the help of the Repro Center team, I redesigned the cover of the Cahiers and drew up a guideline that took the new rules into account. The dilemma here was to develop a new layout that met EPFL's new criteria without destroying the established graphic line of the Cahiers du LaSUR.



Let's get the work started ! I now had good basis to make the Cahiers. It was time to seek out the informations I needed from researcher and ask them about their latest analyses and discoveries. The main task here was to make sure that the documents I received do fit into the layout I previously drew up, which of course was not always the case. It took me a lot of time to get through the differents ajustements needed.



MAKING THE FILE



PUBLICATION

Once I have been able to compose the final pdf, I had to get my work published. For this purpose, the LaSUR uses two distinct ways. One is physical, with the impression of a limited number of Cahiers by the Repro Center from EPFL. The other is digital and takes the form of a pdf posted on EPFL's website with a short introductory text, which I indeed could write myself. Please note that you can by the way access these pdfs versions of the Cahiers du LaSUR via the qr code below.

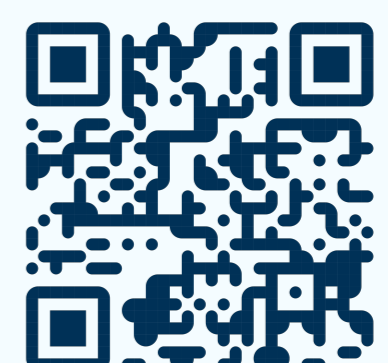


As an intern, I was only temporary passing through the LaSUR. This was obviously not the case for the Cahiers du LaSUR, which have been regularly published for over 20 years and whose mission would continue long after my departure. The last step of this project has therefore been to compose a complete dossier with all the tools and indications needed for any lab newcomer in order to enable him/her to pursue the publishing of the Cahiers eventhough I will no longer be part of the laboratory. (In addition to the templates I created, this resulted in an exhaustive guide to the actions to be taken and how to carry them out to ensure the coherence and lasting of the Cahiers du LaSUR)

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