

Information – Overload? Further Needs? Better Provision? For who?

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Information – why bother?

- Educational Material
 - Current Information
 - Deadlines
 - News
 - Reference Material
- What is missing?
 - How can this be better?
 - Who will contribute?
 - Work
 - Resources

What has canSAS done? - web resources

Portal

<http://smallangle.org>

A route to web resources

Links to other material

canSAS web

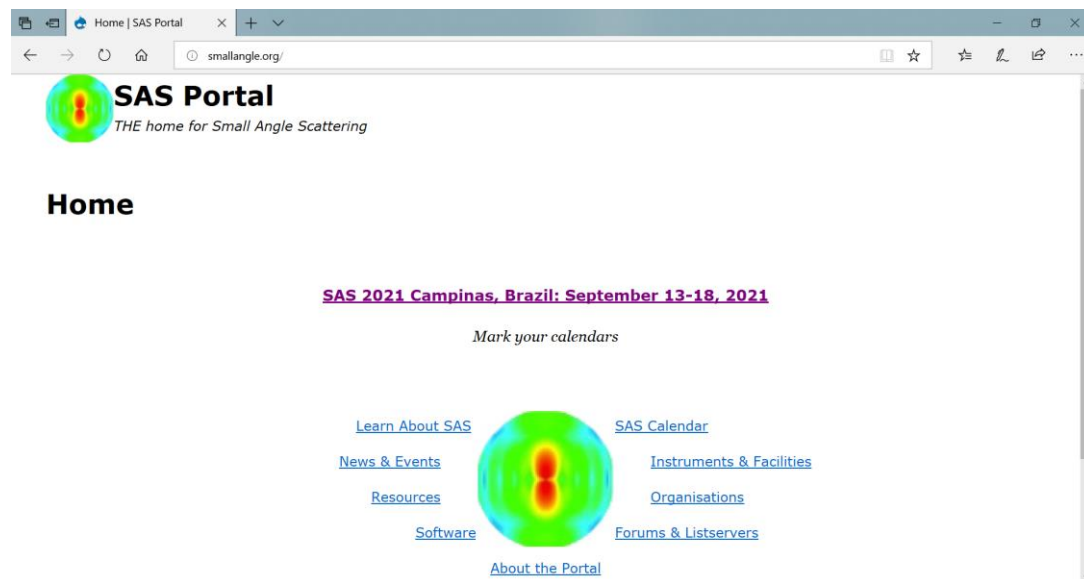
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About canSAS

Wiki – for collaborative activities

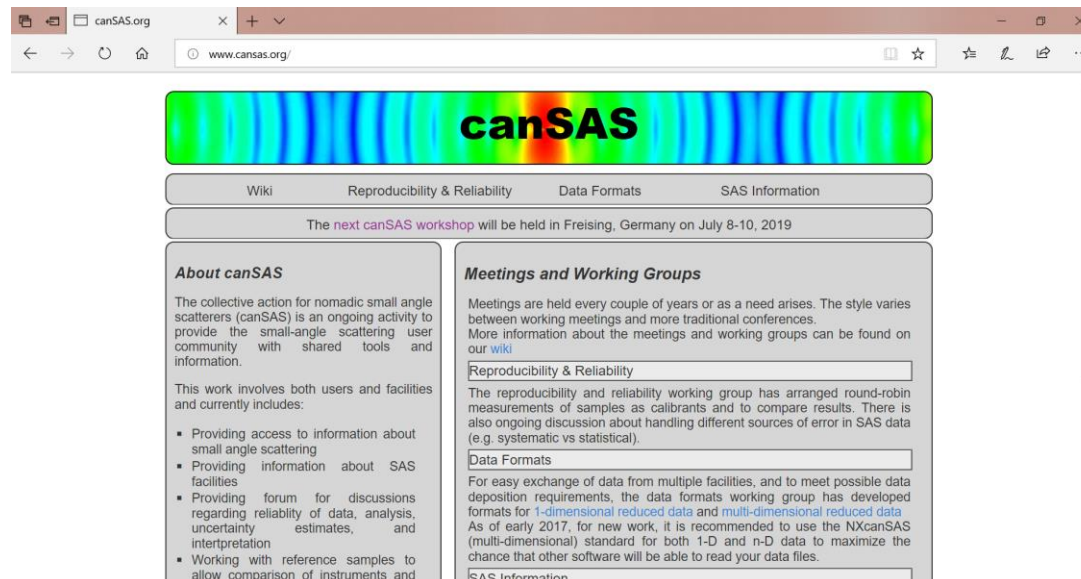
'Landing Pages'

<http://smallangle.org>



The screenshot shows the SAS Portal landing page. At the top left is the SAS Portal logo, a circular icon with a red and yellow center, and the text "SAS Portal" and "THE home for Small Angle Scattering". Below the logo is the word "Home". In the center, there is a purple link for "SAS 2021 Campinas, Brazil: September 13-18, 2021" with the subtext "Mark your calendars". Below this is a central circular icon with a red and yellow center, surrounded by several blue links: "Learn About SAS", "SAS Calendar", "News & Events", "Instruments & Facilities", "Resources", "Organisations", "Software", "Forums & Listservers", and "About the Portal".

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The screenshot shows the canSAS landing page. At the top is a large horizontal banner with a colorful wave pattern and the text "canSAS". Below the banner are four navigation tabs: "Wiki", "Reproducibility & Reliability", "Data Formats", and "SAS Information". Below the tabs is a purple banner with the text "The next canSAS workshop will be held in Freising, Germany on July 8-10, 2019". Below this are two main content columns. The left column is titled "About canSAS" and contains a paragraph about the collective action for nomadic small angle scatterers, followed by a list of bullet points: "Providing access to information about small angle scattering", "Providing information about SAS facilities", "Providing forum for discussions regarding reliability of data, analysis, uncertainty estimates, and interpretation", and "Working with reference samples to allow comparison of instruments and". The right column is titled "Meetings and Working Groups" and contains a paragraph about meetings, followed by a sub-section "Reproducibility & Reliability" with a paragraph about the working group's activities, and a sub-section "Data Formats" with a paragraph about data exchange. At the bottom right is a link for "SAS Information".

canSAS – A community?

- Various different priorities and objectives
- Fundamental research, applications, through to business
- What can be shared?

Possible New Material

- Videos
- Tutorials
- Podcasts
- Case studies
- Archives
- All need planning and effort
- Language is a barrier – how do we develop multilingual content

Significant Challenges

Implementation

- How can people find time for work? Are they given any credit for dissemination activities?
- How to organise sustainable activity?
- Is extra resource needed?

Organisation

- 'Code camp' models
- Encouraging submissions from a broad community
- Should material be reviewed/refereed?

Some ways to categorize activities:

By Consumer

- Potential New Users
 - Instrument Scientists
- (extreme difference in technical knowledge)*
- Experienced users
 - Software developers

 - Bridging several groups

By Science Field

e.g.

- Bio-SAS
- Materials
- Soft Matter
- Interfaces

Ideas for Discussion Themes

1. What content needs to be prioritised?
2. Who can provide help? What resources are needed?