

User Guide for the ALS-NSCORT collection

Annual and Monthly Report series

Background:

The Advanced Life Support – NASA Specialized Center Of Research and Training (ALS-NSCORT) center was a multi-university, inter-disciplinary research center based at Purdue whose purpose was to explore and develop ways of supporting long-term human habitation in outer space.

ALS-NSCORT and the Purdue Libraries have created a digital preservation system for the research materials generated by the ALS-NSCORT project within the Libraries institutional repository, e-pubs, for the purpose of preserving the work done by the center for the short term. Preserving the work done by ALS-NSCORT was done to assist in efforts to re-establish the ALS-NSCORT center at Purdue and to inform the future researchers of this center of the work that had been done and the progress that had been made.

The ALS-NSCORT collection is composed of three series:

- **Annual and Monthly Reports** – This series consists of reports made to sponsors and other agencies. These items are available in e-pubs to anyone.
- **Published Materials** – This series consists of information about the publications that resulted from the research done through ALS-NSCORT center. ALS-NSCORT is not the copyright holder of these publications and therefore these items are not available in e-pubs directly.
- **Internal Documents** – This series consists of documents, presentations, data, and other materials that were created and used as a part of the work that was done by ALS-NSCORT. This material is still actively being used and therefore access to these items is restricted to authorized individuals. To inquire about authorization please contact the project administrator, Dave Kotterman – dkotter@purdue.edu.

Metadata Fields for the Annual and Monthly Reports:

Title:

This field is used to identify the title of the item as listed within the item itself. In cases where no clear title can be identified, the title of the entry was determined by the preservation project team.

Author:

This field is used to identify for all named authors of the resource as listed in the item itself. In cases where no author is clearly identified, ALS-NSCORT shall be listed as the corporate author.

Description:

This field contains a summary of the contents of the item. This field also provides an indication of the length of the item, such the number of pages of the item, the number of slides or the number of worksheets.

Date of Publication:

This field is used to denote the date the item was published.

Identifier:

This field is used to denote the identifier given to the item by the preservation project team to manage the items within the collection and connect them with their metadata.

Publisher:

This field lists the publisher of the item. The publisher is defined as the entity responsible for making the item available.

Project Number:

This field is used to identify which of the eighteen ALS-NSCORT's projects pertain to this item. The eighteen possible projects are:

- Project 0 – Center Operations
- Project 1 – STAR.
- Project 2 – Nitrogen Cycling in Advanced Life Support.
- Project 3 – LiFT.
- (There is no Project 4)
- Project 5 – Membranes.
- Project 6 – BREATHe.
- Project 7 – Biofiltration for Gaseous Trace Contaminant Removal for Advanced Life Support (BREATHe 2).
- Project 8 – Water Disinfection.
- Project 9 – Food Safety (pathogen detection).
- Project 10 – Tilapia.
- Project 11 – Crop Lighting Project. Project Lead: Cary Mitchell
- Project 12 – Fungi for Crop Waste Degradation/Edible Mushroom Production.
- Project 13 – Food Processing (storage and packaging of food).
- Project 14 – Food Safety 2 (food preparation and disinfection).
- Project 15 – Simulation Based Optimization Approach to Model and Design an Advanced Life Support System.
- Project 16 – Education.
- Project 17 – Mars Planetary Base Evolution Study (Mars ALS Roadmap)
- Project 18 - Plant-based Anaerobic-Aerobic Bioreactor Linked Operation (PAABLO)

Project Lead:

This field is used to identify the individual who served as the leader of the project with which this document is identified. (see "project number" field).

Focus Area:

This field is used to identify which of the seven ALS-NSCORT's focus areas pertains to this item. The seven possible focus areas are:

- Solid Waste Resource Recovery
- Water Recycle and Air Revitalization
- Food Safety and Processing

- Edible Biomass/Crop Production
- Education and Outreach
- Systems Analysis and Integration
- Center Administration

Report Type:

This field is used to characterize the item according to its nature and purpose within ALS-NSCORT. The possible “types” of ALS-NSCORT reports are defined as follows:

- Annual Report - Yearly summations of the ALS-NSCORT projects.
- Monthly Report - Monthly updates on the ALS-NSCORT projects.
- Telecon Report - Notes for monthly telephone conferences with NASA. Each conference lasted four minutes.
- Taskbook - An extraction of an annual report section used to inform NASA about the progress being made by ALS-NSCORT.

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ALS-NSCORT Series:

This field denotes which series the item has been assigned.

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Finding Items: Browsing

From the home page of e-pubs - <http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/>, click on “Departments and Centers at Purdue”. Next scroll down until you see “Discovery Park” in the bulleted list. Beneath “Discovery Park” are links to the ALS-NSCORT collection.

Clicking on the first link, “Advanced Life Support - NASA Specialized Center of Research and Training (ALS-NSCORT)” will take you to a search box allowing you to search for materials in any of the three series.

Clicking on the other links, “Annual and Monthly Reports”, “Published Materials” or “Internal Documents” will take you to a screen that displays the individual items within the series in reverse chronological order. It is also possible to browse items by the author’s last name by typing in the last name of the desired author and clicking on “find”.

Finding Items: Searching

It is possible to search all of the items in e-pubs, including the ALS-NSCORT collection from the home page of e-pubs - <http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/>.

It is also possible to limit a search to just the ALS-NSCORT collection or just one of the three series of the collection. From the home page of e-pubs - <http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/>, click on “Departments and Centers at Purdue”. Next scroll down until you see “Discovery Park” in the bulleted list. Beneath “Discovery Park” are links to the ALS-NSCORT collection.

Clicking on the first link, “Advanced Life Support - NASA Specialized Center of Research and Training (ALS-NSCORT)” will take you to a search box allowing you to search for materials in any of the three series.

Clicking on the other links, “Annual and Monthly Reports”, “Published Materials” or “Internal Documents” will take you to a screen that displays the individual items within the series in reverse chronological order. Next, click on “search” which is located towards the top of the screen above the “browse by year” and “author last name” boxes. This will take you to a screen where you will be able to search for items within the series you selected.

No matter the scope of your search, be it everything in e-pubs, just the ALS-NSCORT collection or just one of the series in the ALS-NSCORT collection, searching using “simple search” matches your keywords with any field in the records for items in e-pubs.

Clicking on “advanced search” provides the opportunity to focus your search to a particular field. However, in order to meet the needs of ALS-NSCORT customized fields for each series had to be created. Many of these fields do not correspond to the fields listed in the advanced search options provided by e-pubs.

The following fields are compatible with the advanced search options:

- Last name
- First name
- Date
- Title
- Keyword (limited to items in the “published materials” series that have been assigned keywords)

For more information about the searching capabilities of e-pubs please click on the “help” icon (a blue button with a question mark inside) located above the search boxes.

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