Timing is everything.

Efficient production processes mean faster turnaround, fewer costs, and high-quality, timely publications. Join ProduXion Manager users from these prestigious organizations in experiencing the improved communication, flexibility, and control made possible by this independent web-based workflow management system:

- Nature and research journals from the Nature Publishing Group
- The Lancet
- Public Library of Science (PLOS)
- American Meteorological Society
- American Roentgen Ray Society
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists
- Thomas Telford

Your competence is showing.

Know the scoop. Scholarly publishers must meet exacting standards. Measurable results are important. The ability to see status at a glance helps you maintain schedules and to signal those at risk. Whether you need to give authors accurate production statuses or to compile management, board or committee reports, ProduXion Manager gives you up-to-date production information.

Need to know? Or not. Traffickers need to know everything about manuscripts in production. Vendors do not. ProduXion Manager administrators define an unlimited number of user roles—each with its own profile that governs user permissions.

Position for the future. Staff efficiency means increased capacity for strategic growth. ProduXion Manager’s streamlined workflows provide the ability to expand into new content areas, additional publishing formats, and innovative business models.
Business Continuity Planning is very important to us. No one wants to think about disaster, but we all need to plan for it. If something happened at our offices, we have the security of knowing that our publication files would still be available and that the workflow could continue through PM.

—Teresa Metcalfe, Senior Manager, Journals Production American Society of Civil Engineers

Plan for business continuity. Stuff happens—fires, power outages, acts of nature. ProduXion Manager users can access information through the web even if they can’t get to the office. Aries’ data centers have a rolling 12-month average of 99.98% scheduled availability, minimizing service disruptions. Disaster recovery, continuity of service, and data security are the cornerstones of our infrastructure:

- Dual, geographically separate, mirrored data centers
- “N-tier” architecture enables system load balancing and expansion
- Multiple levels of back-up
- Off-site data storage
- Multiple, fault-tolerant Internet connections
- External security audits to evaluate policies, procedures, and personnel for potential risks

Aries is committed to compliance with the ISO 17799 standard for enterprise data storage.

Manage your workflow—your way.

Production workflows morph over time. Processes and vendors change; new publications require different procedures. Customizing or modifying a workflow in ProduXion Manager is as simple as editing a production task configuration with details such as:

- task name
- who can assign it
- who can receive it
- how long should it take
- what email letters to send
- ftp address (if desired)

IT staff can focus on supporting other important applications instead of reprogramming workflow changes. Aries Account Coordinators are available at every step if you need guidance.

Support Ahead of Print publishing. ProduXion Manager supports different target dates for online and print publication. Transmit manuscripts to online vendors when ready—upon acceptance or after copyediting—decoupled from print publication schedules.

Handle exceptions. Maybe in your workflow, most manuscripts go through two rounds of proof. But occasionally one may require three or more iterations. No problem. ProduXion Manager tasks can be assigned and reassigned in any order that makes sense for the manuscript at hand.

The [Aries] customer service representatives are great. Aries has been very responsive to our needs in all respects. I can’t say enough good things about them.

—Becky Haines, Director of Publications American Roentgen Ray Society
Harness industry standards to increase efficiency.

Unnecessary costs from repeated and costly manipulation of production data result from systems that do not support industry standards. ProduXion Manager supports a variety of open standards, including:

**ISO 10646-1.** ProduXion Manager’s implementation of the Unicode standard enables the storage of non-roman and diacritic characters, allowing symbols to be reliably and predictably transferred from peer review to production to online delivery and print.

**ISO 3166.** ProduXion Manager provides tools for normalizing country data, facilitating reliable transfer between systems.

Save more time with optional workflow integration.

**Eliminate costly and error-prone rekeying.** Let’s face it, rekeying metadata from a peer review system for production tracking is nobody’s idea of fun. Let Aries automatically import files and XML metadata into ProduXion Manager. Or, integrate your production and editorial systems seamlessly by pairing ProduXion Manager with Editorial Manager®, Aries’ market-leading peer review system.

**Speed up graphics production.** ProduXion Manager can provide integrated artwork quality checking to publication offices at different workflow trigger points to identify whether submitted artwork is suitable for publication.

**Expedite tedious and time-consuming reference processing tasks.** ProduXion Manager incorporates eXtyles® technology from Inera to save hours of manual copy-editing time by automatically:

- linking bibliographic references to external databases such as CrossRef and PubMed
- correcting reference errors, or
- re-formatting to your desired reference style

**Save time with automated production tasks.** ProduXion Manager can automatically deliver files to a vendor’s ftp site for processing, whether typesetting or language editing. Completed files can then be imported back into the system from Aries’ ftp site. ProduXion Manager automatically updates the status and uploads files so that the next task in the process can be assigned.

"PM is great from my perspective. It’s quicker to use than receiving the files and hard copies in the post. There is no longer confusion on which files to use."

—Typesetter
Thomas Telford
Provide a flexible work environment.

ProduXion Manager provides production information access at any time from any location. Whether key staff are working late to release an issue, unexpectedly away, or need to work remotely, production files and status information are at hand.

ProduXion Manager’s central web-accessible file inventory holds an unlimited number of companion files constituting “works in progress” and their associated details, notes, or flags. Users can check out and check in files based on their task assignments and permissions. Powerful “proxying” capabilities allow administrators to complete tasks assigned to other users.

Contact us today.

Our complimentary consultation will show you how ProduXion Manager (formerly known as Preprint Manager®) can increase the efficiency of your publications’ workflows.

About Aries Systems Corporation:

Aries Systems transforms the way scholarly publishers bring high-value content to the world. The company’s innovative and forward-looking workflow solutions help manage the complexities of modern print and electronic publishing—from submission, to editing and peer review, to production tracking. Publish faster, publish smarter, with Aries Systems.

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