



# FINDING CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS USING THE CDL MELVYL® CATALOG

Locating conference proceedings can be difficult since they fall into a gray area between books and journals. Complete proceedings may be published as a book, as part of a series, or included in a journal. MELVYL Catalog is a directory of all the library holdings within the UC system. **It only lists whole proceedings not individual conference papers.**

If you don't have a citation in hand, use an abstracting and indexing database to find specific articles within proceedings. Then use UC-eLinks and Check the MELVYL Catalog/Periodicals for UCSD and/or web locations. The handout "Finding Conference Citations by Subject" gives further instructions. Help is also available at the S&E library reference desk.

The Science & Engineering library recommends the following strategy for locating entire conference proceedings using MELVYL Catalog:

<p><b>STEP ONE: Check your citation for the name of the whole proceedings....</b></p> <p>...in this case 29<sup>th</sup> European Microwave Conference</p> <p>...in this case IEEE Conference on Decision and Control 2001</p> <p>...in this case Proceedings of the International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation, ISSAC 2001</p> <p>...in this case SPIE Proceedings volume 4084</p> <p><b>Hint:</b> In article databases, click on <a href="#">View Record (CSA)</a> or <a href="#">Complete Reference (Ovid)</a> to find the full name of the conference, dates and other useful information.</p>	<p>Larson LE, De Vreede LCN. The impact of silicon technology on future microwave systems. [Conference Paper] <i>29th European Microwave Conference 99. Incorporating MIOF '99. Conference Proceedings. Microwave Eng. Eur. Part vol.1, 1999, pp.166-9 vol.1. London, UK.</i></p> <p>Boskovic, Dejan M. Krstic, Miroslav. Stabilization of a solid propellant rocket instability [Conference Paper] <i>Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control. v 5 2001. p 4483-4488 (IEEE cat n 01CH37228)</i></p> <p>Micciancio, D. Warinschi, B. A linear space algorithm for computing the Hermite Normal Form. <i>Proceedings of the International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation, ISSAC 2001. p 231-236</i></p> <p>TI: Geometrical and physical parameters comparison between GPA data and other geophysical data AU: Senechal, Pascale; Perroud, Herve; Garambois, Stephane SO: <i>SPIE Proceedings Series, vol.4084, pp.618-617, 2000</i></p>
<p><b>STEP TWO: Search for the proceedings in the MELVYL Catalog database</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDL MELVYL Catalog is at <a href="http://www.dbs.cdlib.org/">http://www.dbs.cdlib.org/</a></li> <li>Select "<b>Power</b>" as your search type as it gives you every search field option.</li> </ul>	<p><b>To search:</b></p> <p>MELVYL Catalog</p> <p><b>Power</b> all search options</p>
<p><b>STEP THREE: Select Conference as the Search Type in the pull-down menu</b></p> <p>This option searches for words in the conference title, location, date and sponsor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use unique keywords or the name of the conference sponsor. Include year or number (not page number).</li> <li>Omit common words like "proceedings" "of" "and."</li> <li>Use an acronym if it is commonly used in the title.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Power Search: Melvyl Catalog database</b></p> <p>Conference 29th European Microwave Conference</p> <p>Conference IEEE Conference Decision Control 2001</p> <p>Conference Symbolic Algebraic ISSAC 2001</p>

**STEP FOUR: Search by Series if unsuccessful with Conference**

This option searches for keywords in the series title. A series is a group of books published under the same established title. This is the best method to use if you have a proceedings title and volume number (generally greater than 50). ACS Symposia, MRS Symposia, SPIE, and various Lecture Notes in series can all be located using this method.

Series	spie 4084
Series	materials research society 225

**STEP FIVE: If unsuccessful in MELVYL Catalog, try the California Periodicals database**

- Choose “**New Search**” from the far left menu bar.
- Select “**Periodicals Titles**” from the pull-down menu.
- Pick “**Power**” as your search type.
- Select “Periodical Title” from the search options.
- Enter unique title keywords in the data entry box.

**Power search: California Periodicals database**

Periodical title	European Microwave Conference
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Hint: When searching periodical titles, do NOT use years or numbers.

**STEP SIX: Try alternatives if you are unsuccessful with MELVYL Catalog and Periodicals Titles.**

**REMEMBER:** If the library doesn't own the proceedings that you want, you can get either selected articles or the entire conference proceedings through Interlibrary Loan. If you are a faculty, staff or student of UCSD, use Request from MELVYL Catalog or Request via UC-eLinks in most article databases. Interlibrary loan forms are available at the reference desk or at <http://scilib.ucsd.edu/forms/forms.html>

**If you have trouble locating proceedings on MELVYL Catalog or Periodicals Titles try:**

- searching for the conference sponsor as an AUTHOR
- using different keywords in a “Title Words” (MELVYL) or “Periodicals Title” search
- **asking at the help desk for assistance (M-F 10am-5pm)**
- e-mail reference at <http://scilib.ucsd.edu/forms/eref.html>

**YOU NEED TO TRY ALL METHODS BEFORE SAFELY CONCLUDING THAT UCSD DOES NOT OWN THE PROCEEDINGS YOU SEEK.**

**OTHER OPTIONS:**

***For full-text articles located in IEEE or ACM Conference Proceedings,***

Try IEEE Xplore or ACM Digital Library, which are available from the S&E homepage (<http://scilib.ucsd.edu/>).

***Subject Indexes to Published Proceedings***

You can find whole proceedings and individual papers listed in major indexing and abstracting databases. See the handout “Finding Conference Papers by Subject” for instructions.

***Conference Sponsor Web Sites***

Sponsoring organizations often provide citation information for published conference proceedings. A list of organizations is available by going to S&E Resources by Type (<http://scilib.ucsd.edu/main/setypes.html>), and selecting either “Conferences,” or “Societies/Associations.”