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INTRODUCTION

Importer plugins are used to fetch data from external sources and insert it to an event timetable as contributions or subcontributions. The purpose is to save significant amount of time while transferring information to Indico from other sources. Instead of arduous and time wasting manual rewriting of data from one system to another, all the entries will be inserted automatically to the selected place. Data sources that can be handled by Indico will depend on the installed importer plugins.

Timetable (from Sun 18/09 to Fri 23/09 [edit] Timezone: Europe/Rome)

The screenshot shows a timetable interface for the period from Sunday 18/09 to Friday 23/09. The interface includes a date navigation bar at the top with buttons for each day. Below this is a toolbar with 'Add new', 'Reschedule', and 'Import' (circled in red) options. The main area displays a grid of sessions and contributions:

Time	Event	Location	Duration
08:00	0 - Session1	Città del Mare, Terrasini - Palermo - Sicily - Italy	08:00 - 09:00
09:00	2 - Contribution1	Città del Mare, Terrasini - Palermo - Sicily - Italy	09:00 - 09:20
	3 - Contribution 2	Città del Mare, Terrasini - Palermo - Sicily - Italy	09:20 - 09:40
10:00	1 - Session 2	Città del Mare, Terrasini - Palermo - Sicily - Italy	09:40 - 10:40

If the importer plugin is installed, the 'Import' link appears at the tool bar of an event timetable. Clicking on it opens the main importer dialog.

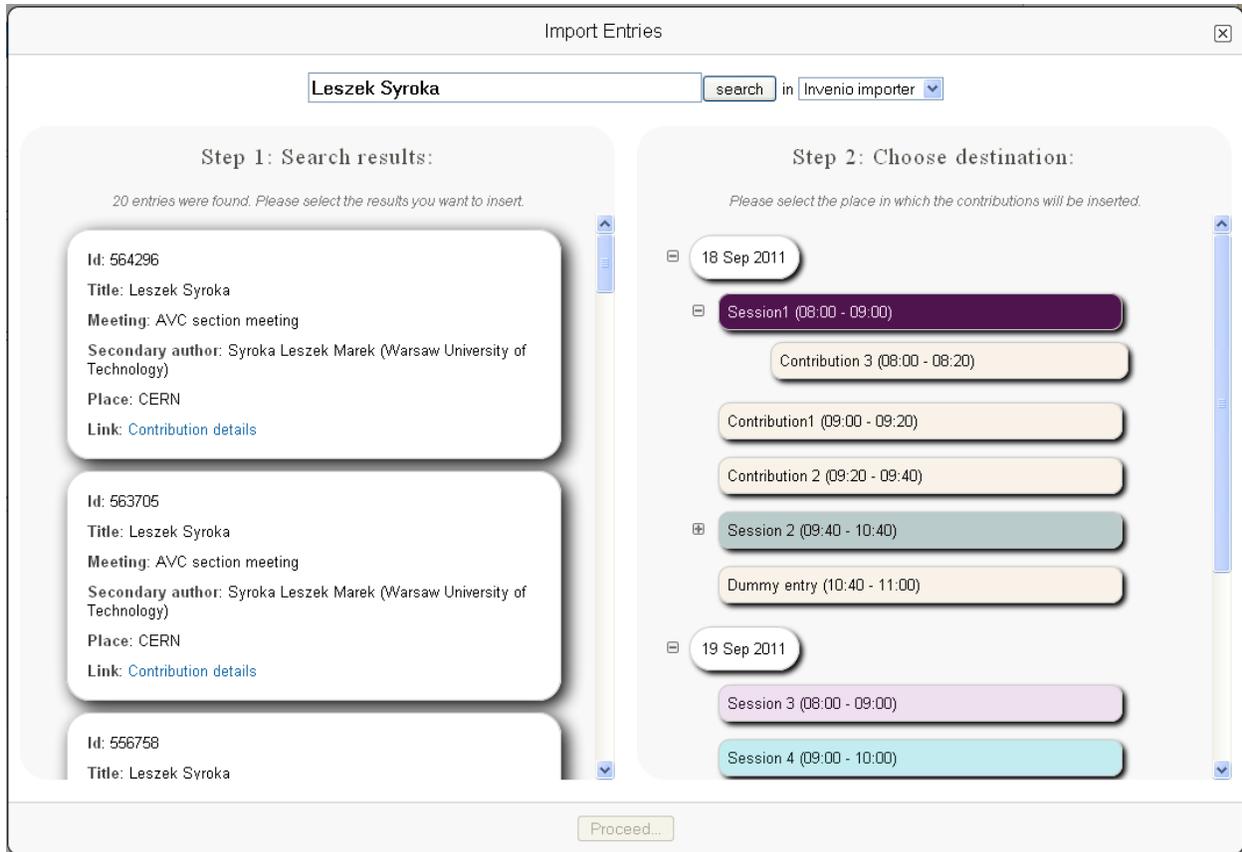
2.1 My first search

The screenshot shows the 'Import Entries' dialog box. It has a title bar with a close button (X). Below the title bar is a search bar with the text 'Search bar' and a 'search' button. To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu labeled 'Select importer'. Below the search bar is a large text area with the instruction 'Please type your search phrase and press 'search''. At the bottom of the dialog is a 'Proceed...' button.

Initially, the dialog consist of the search bar, the place to type the search phrase, and a dropdown list containing installed importers. After selecting an importer, writing the desired phrase into the search bar and clicking the ‘search’ button (or pressing enter while the search bar is focused), Indico will import and display data from the external source.

The left side of the dialog contains the data downloaded by a plugin. The right side is the list of all days and entries listed in the timetable.

2.2 Selecting data



The first step is to choose the results that will be inserted into the timetable. Selection is made by clicking a left mouse button at the entry in the list at the left side of the dialog. After making selection entry will be highlighted and a number will appear at the left side of it. This number indicates the sequence in which the entries will be inserted to the timetable. Clicking a left mouse button at this number, decrements it, which means that the entry will be moved to the front of the insertion sequence, while clicking right mouse button, increments it, which means the entry will be moved to the back. Sometimes not all the available entries are displayed. Clicking at ‘more results’ link at the end of imported entries list will import more data from the external source.

2.3 Choosing the destination

The second step is to choose the place in which the results selected in the first step will be inserted. The menu at the right side of the dialog represents the structure of the event. The white fields represent days. Contributions and sessions have the same color as in the timetable. Fields which contain subentries have a ‘+’ icon, which expands the list and shows them. Clicking at the ‘-’ button, which appears instead of ‘+’ after displaying subentries, hides them. The

destination entry of the results from the first step, can be chosen by clicking one of the fields. When making selection the field becomes larger, its title is bold and border is thicker. Only one destination can be selected, so choosing another destination while one is selected, cancels the previous one.

2.4 Adjusting new contributions

After successfully completing the steps above, the 'proceed' button at the bottom of the dialog should be activated. It opens a dialog that adjusts the starting time and duration of the selected results.

The last step is to set duration time for every inserted contribution and the start time of the first one. Entries will be inserted one after another in the order set in the first step of this user guide. It's not possible to set different durations for contributions, the duration will be the same for everything. Keep in mind that inserting contributions can change duration of the destination. If 'Show me the the destination' checkbox is ticked you will be redirected to the destination webpage. Clicking at 'Insert' button will start inserting contributions.

2.5 Further searches

If 'Show me the destination' had not been checked, the main import dialog is displayed again. New data can be imported (to do it go back to the first step of the guide) or the old results can be displayed by clicking the link 'here'.