goals
As an organization, IASSIST strives to:
◊ Foster and promote a network of excellence for data service delivery
◊ Advance infrastructure in the social sciences
◊ Provide opportunities for collegial exchange of sound professional practices

strategic plan
In 2010, IASSIST adopted a Strategic Plan that called for a series of approaches to address new challenges. The focus of the plan is on the following strategic directions:
Advocacy: For policies that increase access to data and promote responsible data curation.
Community: Cultivate a community that supports full data life-cycle, creation, use and preservation of data.
Professional Development: Provide resources to foster the development of data professionals.
IASSIST members are working together to advocate for responsible data management and use, to build a broader community surrounding research data, and encourage the development of data professionals.

for more information:
Visit the IASSIST website for more information concerning membership, conferences, and the work of the committees and action groups.

Contact us on the Web: www.iassistdata.org

the structure of iasssist
Regional Secretaries provide support for activities within their designated regions. Secretaries are currently in place for:
Africa Canada Asia-Pacific Europe United States
Current efforts are underway to increase membership from the Spanish and Portuguese speaking parts of the world.

leadership
An Administrative Committee is comprised of elected officials including the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, and immediate Past President as well as Regional Secretaries and representatives from each of the regions. Chairs of standing committees and appointed officials also are on the Administrative Committee as non-voting members.
The following permanent committees exist:
◊ Administrative Committee
◊ Constitutional Review Committee
◊ Professional Development Committee
◊ IASSIST Fellows Program
◊ Membership Committee
◊ Elections Committee
◊ Communications Committee
Action groups are formed for developing solutions to specific initiatives. Interest groups develop collective knowledge about a topic relevant to members and then convey it to the broader IASSIST community.

annual conference
Each spring the annual conference provides data professionals a variety of opportunities to participate in discussions about data sharing, data access tools, best practices for preserving data, global resources for information, and much more. Recurring themes include statistical literacy, data management, new technologies, barriers to data sharing, metadata formats, digital repositories, data preservation, and citation.
The conference format consists of:
◊ Workshops focused on the profession, new technologies, and data access
◊ Stimulating panel, poster, and plenary sessions
◊ Networking opportunities with peers from around the world
International conference venues reflect our membership base and typically rotate to a different region each year.

fostering exchange
IASSIST encourages and supports local and national social science data centers.
As a body of information specialists, the organization promotes international exchange and the dissemination of information regarding substantive and technical developments related to social science data.
IASSIST provides a forum for the discussion of issues pertaining to preservation of digital information and the establishment and sharing of Best Practices in the archiving and dissemination of social science data.

overview
300+ members from a variety of settings
◊ Academy
◊ Government
◊ Non-profit sector
◊ Private sector

expertise and colleagues
◊ Data & reference librarians
◊ Social Science researchers
◊ Data archivists & curators
◊ Technology professionals

networking opportunities
◊ Annual conferences
◊ Active discussion list
◊ Committees & action groups
◊ Topical interest groups

IASSIST Members Across the Globe

The IASSIST Achievement Award recognizes the cumulative contributions of an individual to the organization and to the profession.