IASSIST Latin Engagement Action Group (2010-2012)

Co-chairs:
Luis Martinez-Uribe (Juan March Institute, Madrid)
Stuart Macdonald (EDINA, University of Edinburgh)

Email:
stuart.macdonald@ed.ac.uk
lmartinez@march.es

Latin America, Spain, and Portugal Data Organizations and Resources: An Evolving Discussion
IASSIST, Washington DC, June 6-8, 2012
Mission:

To propose a set of activities that IASSIST could undertake to further engage with data professionals from Ibero-American academic and research institutions.

Identify data infrastructures and resources from Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries to further develop the establishment of collaborative data networks.

Scope:

Research data support services (Social Sciences but not exclusively so) in academic environments including those involved in:

- developing data management tools
- research data support and training
- developing technical solutions such as data analysis and visualisation tools
- research data repositories ingesting or planning to ingest, research data
Phase 1 (2010) - Spain

Targeted telephone interviews, online BOS Questionnaires

Responses from library & support services from national & regional universities, data centres, statistical agencies

3 areas of interest:

• Traditional data library role
• Research data management & curation
• IASSIST –
  – Role of IASSIST
  – What can IASSIST do for you?
The Latin Engagement Action Group came up with 3 outreach activities aimed at supporting data professionals from Spanish and Portuguese speaking educational institutions, namely:

- **Research Data Management (RDM) webinars for Spanish/Portuguese data specialists**
  
  Stuart Macdonald and Luis Martínez-Uribe in collaboration with Alicia López Medina (UNED, Spain), the Spanish Agency of Science and Technology (FECYT) and the network of Spanish repositories RECOLECTA organised a series in 3 strands (Nov – Dec 2011) to discuss RDM issues:

  - **Strand 1 - RDM Strategy**
  
  - **Strand 2 - RDM Tools and models** (Stuart Macdonald presented on IASSIST & Latin Engagement, RDM at Edinburgh)
  
  - **Strand 3 - Research Data Management Experiences** (Kate McNeil-Harmen (MIT), Luis Martinez Uribe (Juan March Institute) presented on institutional approaches to data support and RDM
• Spanish and Portuguese translation of the main pages of the IASSIST site

  – Working with the IASSIST web editor Robin Rice to scope and implement translation of the main landing pages on the IASSIST website (IASSIST brochure in first instance)

• Preparation of a Latin-American session in next IASSIST annual conference in collaboration with Fellows Committee

  – Organise another Latin-American session at IASSIST 2012 (complete with NGO representation) led by Bobray Bordelan (Princeton)

  – Liaise with the Fellows Committee to fund and invite data professional colleagues from Latin America to participate in this session.