IASSIST Secretariat Report: United States

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The report of the United States Secretariat covers the current status of membership enrollment as well as proposed membership recruitment activity. Specifically, it addresses the goal of recruiting for Action Group activity all of the professional staff of each data archive and data library. It includes a general summary of both secretariat and Action Group activity, as well as a report on the first North American Action Group Conference in Cocoa Beach. Other topics include an initial report on the plans for next year's conference and some activities and programs planned by other organizations which would be of interest to IASSIST members. Among the latter are the annual conferences of Special Libraries Association (SLA), Association of Public Data Users (APDU) and the American Association for Information Science (ASIS), as well as the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) workshop for data librarians.

Data Archive Registry-Survey of Past Effort, Suggestions for the Future

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Recent developments in data archive registries, such as the UNESCO sponsored Directory of Data Services and the Directory of Data Centres, to be published by the Data Clearing House for the Social Science in Canada are also discussed. Essential elements and user requirements of social science data archive directories are dealt with in reference to these directories.

Finally, a summary of the problems facing the Data Archive Registry Group, both abroad and in Canada, is given, along with several proposed options include a discussion of the viability of a Data Archive Registry Group in Canada; unique contributions to be made in this area, one of which might be a compilation of a list of subject headings for social science data archives; and, the production of a directory of data archive personnel.