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This was an extremely beneficial trip for the Ibero-American Science & Technology Education Consortium's (ISTEC) interests.

Montevideo:
Johann van Reenen conducted several meetings with Ed Fox (Virginia Tech Electronic Theses & Dissertations project - EDT), Claudio Menezes (UNESCO Mercosur), Ana Pavani (PUC Rio and the EDT initiative in Brazil), and representatives of Brazil's IBICT, esp. Ligia Café. We discussed a possible joint effort to speed up the creation of EDT projects in Latin America. A rough first draft of a three phase plan to get funding from various sources.

The *UNESCO Guide to Electronic Theses and Dissertations* is now done –see: www.edtguide.org . We can begin the translation into Spanish. I have also told Claudio that the funding for translation is not sufficient. He suggests that we prepare an analysis of costs and a description of the history and importance of the document. We should send him a copy and he will suggest who, at the Paris office of UNESCO, should be asked to pay for the complete translation. He believes this will be funded without difficulty.

ACTIONS:
Matias to arrange for translation to begin with current funding
Johann and Matias to write the analysis and funding request
Luis to link the EDT Guide to the ISTEC page and also point to it from the DLL section on Publications and Digital Libraries.

Potential ISTEC member and future ISTEC R&D service:
Johann met with Sergio Vale Aguiar Campos from the Computer Science Department at the *Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais* in Belo Horizonte. They are not currently a member. He has an interesting project to provide complete PC functionality from networked appliances at US $350 per workstation including monitor. It is a Linux-based system using a central server and Star Office (from our partner SUN Microsystems), i.e. networked PC-like stations from a single mother server. It is interoperable with Windows and can handle all web applications and multimedia. This could be an option for smaller ISTEC members and save time and money. Also, Sun Microsystems Inc may be interested in working in a bigger way on this project with us.
ACTION:
- Ramiro to meet with Johann and Howard (who also attended his talk) to discuss this
- Bel Santoro will continue discussions with Sergio and their library to ensure that they join ISTEC.

Possible actions:
Ed Fox's home page has a lot of free-ware for creating digital libraries
I will review his site and let Luis know what we should link to from the DLL site

Buenos Aires:
This part of the trip was paid for by the Organization of American States (OAS) but also proved very useful for ISTEC, as you will see below. The main organizers were the Argentinean Department of Education's Digital Library Group called EDUC.AR (Educar) - visit their excellent website at www.educ.ar.

Johann made very useful connections to a senior official at the Education Department, Lucila Pagliai (see ISTEC database). The other people doing the day-to-day work are excellent. Veronica is the director. The Librarian in charge of the digital library project, *Biblioteca Publica Digital*, is Lorena Carlino, and the person who developed the portal for the BPD is Celia Guichal. She is an excellent IT contact for DLL with a can-do attitude and speaks perfect English.
Educar is very interested in joining ISTEC as an 'organization' now that we have solved the electronic ILL process which is one of the services their members want - mostly to lend between each other in Argentina.

ACTION:
Johann will ask the ExCom if organizations such as EDUC.AR can join for their members and what the fee will be
Please visit the site and send feedback..
Luis will link their site to the DLL webpage.

The *Universidad Nacional de Centro de la Beunos Aires* is an ISTEC member but the librarian, Zulema de Cagliolo, was not aware of this.
ACTION:
DLL will do an *Ariel* test so that they can start as REDD members.
Juan please contact her and let Johann know when they start to use REDD.

Johann presented at the strategic planning meeting of EDUC.AR on the second day. He used this opportunity to find more PrEBI members. Nancy Gomez (UBA: she visited UNM) will arrange for the Dean of Exact Sciences at *Universidad de Buenos Aires* to join ISTEC. Her science library branch will then join DLL. Alejandra Chavez from the *Centro Atomico Constituyentes* will ask her group at the I*nstituto Technologica* to join ISTEC so that she could join DLL. She already works closely with Marisa de Guisti at La Plata.

ACTION:
Marisa will be contacted by Nancy and Alejandra to set up an executive group for PrEBI. This will provide more assistance to extend the DLL initiatives in Argentina. Both Nancy and Alejandra are keen on doing this after our two days of meetings. Alejandra is also in charge of the EDUC.AR group that plans to arrange a DL workshop next year in Argentina. They will be working with the OAS on this based on feedback fromCarlos

Paldao (OAS Technology director) who was very pleased with the outcome of Johann's visit.

Johann consulted with Dr. Luis Alberto Cristal of the *Universidad del Museo Social Argentino* regarding the re-organization of their Library Science, Information Science, and Journalism School. They need a lot of help. He suggested a more deliberate reorganization and a phased organizational development project. They may need more help at a future date but this should not be done for free.

Johann met with the Director of the *Centro Argentino de Informacion Cientifica y Technologica* of the Argentinean Science Council (CONICET). Her name is Cecilia A. Mabragana; she is an excellent contact with great leadership skills. Her group also acts as a publisher for CONICET. See their web page at www.ceicyt-conicet.gov.ar

ACTION:
Library: Russ and Carolyn of the University Library's Latin American program will be apdated on the above. They will add this site and the EDUC.AR sites to the DILARES page as appropriate.   This may also be a source of government documents for UNM's already significant collection on Argentina..

Johann also found a possible source of Latin American documents on Environmental and Pollution Studies at CEAMSE or at AIDIS (*Agencia de Investigacion y Desarrollo Ingenerieria Sanitaria*). The contact seems to be Floriana Colombo. DILARES will find out about these two organizations and how they can add to the UNM collections.