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***Partnership Agreement between  
Abya-Yala, an academic publishing unit of the Abya-Yala Cultural Center  
and the  
University of New Mexico's University Libraries (UL)***

***Based on work planned for future joint projects and grants***

To obtain:

- all print publications of Abya-Yala for the collections of the Indigenous Nations Library Program's (INLP) and the Latin American & Iberian Studies collections at the UL,
- as well as the right to house all existing and future electronic versions (e-books) in the University of New Mexico's Institutional Repository (UNM-IR)

## **1. Description of entities**

**1.a. Abya-Yala** is a private non-profit institution working for over 25 years in the field of Latin American indigenous peoples. Activities began in 1975 and were officially approved by es: a Ministerial Agreement number 602 in May 15, 1986.

Abya-Yala's purposes are:

- To preserve, document and disseminate the cultural values of indigenous people
- To sensitize society-at-large to all aspects of indigenous concerns: legal, territorial, educative, et cetera
- To promote academic initiatives that enrich the debate about indigenous issues and rights through publications, documentation centers, congresses, symposia, and university and academic centers.

**1.b. The UNM Libraries' Indigenous Nations Library Program (INLP) and Division of Latin American and Iberian Resources (DILARES,** responsible for the Latin American & Iberian studies collections) are publicly funded educational programs that collect and disseminate academic information by and about indigenous peoples and Latin American peoples and countries.

**1.c. The Latin American Knowledge Harvester project (LAKH)** is coordinated by the Latin American and Iberian Institute (LAI) at the University of New Mexico to address the challenge of identifying and maintaining stable and reliable Internet access to library and institutional collections and digitized archives in and about Latin America.

## **2. Responsibilities and roles of partners**

2.1. **Abya-Yala** agrees to:

- sell in-print copies of such titles not held by the UL at the current price
- sell electronic copies of all titles available currently and in future at **two** times the list price

- allow the UL to place the electronic versions in the open access UNM Institutional Repository
- assign UL and LAKH the right to post these under a *Creative Commons* license (<http://creativecommons.org/>) on behalf of Abya-Yala (see: [comuneros creativos at http://co.creativecommons.org/2008/01/30/algunos-proyectos-de-cc/](http://co.creativecommons.org/2008/01/30/algunos-proyectos-de-cc/) ).

**2.2. The UNM Libraries' Indigenous Nations Library Program (INLP) and Division of Latin American and Iberian Resources (DILARES) agrees to:**

- buy print copies of such titles not held by the UL at the current price (UL currently owns 670 titles)
- buy electronic copies of all titles available currently and in future at two times the list price
- deposit the electronic versions into the open access UNM Institutional Repository and link each electronic version to the Abya-Yala publishing site
- make these items available under a Creative Commons license (<http://creativecommons.org/>) on behalf of Abya-Yala.

**2.3. The Latin American Knowledge Harvester project (LAKH) agrees to:**

- Harvest information about the Abya-Yala electronic collection in the UNM Institutional repository so that the documents can be searched globally together with other Latin American information in the harvested database
- add English versions of the title and abstract of each document allowing searching via both English and Spanish language Internet search engines.

**3. Benefits**

The parties believe this partnership agreement will:

- enrich the Indigenous and Latin American research collections at the University of New Mexico
- give global visibility to the Abya-yala Cultural Center and its publications
- extend the market for Abya-yala publications
- bring new revenue to Abya-yala to digitize more publications
- integrate Abya-yala publications in searches in or about Latin American and indigenous issues in English and Spanish (and eventually other languages such as Portuguese)
- increase research activity in these areas
- the production of more publications
- enhance the technical capacity of Abya-yala to create digital publications based on OAI standards
- create opportunities to include other Latin American research centers in future that serve indigenous peoples such as FLACSO, ASUR, HISBOL, et cetera.

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Signed: June 12, 2008 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA.