OceanDocs user experience
Latin America

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23 Institutions from 9 countries

March 18, 2014: 2203 documents in Latin America Community
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Input progress Jan 2010 - Jan 2014 by country

[Graph showing progress by country from Jan 2010 to Jan 2014]
Some LA submitters are of the opinion that a central organizational structure is not good for the management of the repository because it restricts OceanDocs future development.

Migration to AQ is seen as a feasible option for some submitters, despite of its disadvantages. What needs to be discussed is how the work of participating centers would be carried out, and what would be the role of people that are in charge of submitting and validating documents in OceanDocs.
Others are of the opinion that keeping the actual OceanDocs as a separate repository has more advantages, either as a central repository or as a federated network.

In the case of changing platform for the deposit of documents, it is important to consider that the IT support must be available and efficient.

Some submitters agree that OceanDocs needs its own project and its own budget. “Relating our repository to another project [AQ] that already has its own objectives would leave OceanDocs in a second place”.

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Some LA submitters expressed their concern for the repository sustainability in the long term, mostly related to institutions that don’t have any other option that depositing in a centralized repository like OceanDocs.

From the Cuban perspective, OceanDocs is a very useful tool, and it is now going through a stage of increasing visibility amongst users. Researchers have won experience in the use of the repository and they see it now as an important option for the digital archive of their publications.
Two LA countries are discussing Open Access laws in their Congresses: Mexico and Brazil.

Two countries had passed laws on Open Access in 2013: Peru and Argentina. Argentinian Congress passed the law about Open Access in December last year.

Publications that are product of research made with public funds have to be available Open Access and institutions have to secure the means to do so.
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OceanDocs Latin American participating institutions have different realities, which are expressed in different needs and also different expectations of what they can get from OceanDocs.

LA diversity makes more difficult the strategic planning of a repository to serve the needs of all.
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LA is giving more importance to Open Access: legal framework is becoming available in the legislation of some countries. Most probably others will follow the example.

Present situation is more favorable to Open Access projects that it has been in the past.
Thanks for your attention

Questions?

Comments?