OPEN ACCESS IN BRAZIL AND LATIN AMERICA: major initiatives

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1. The very beginning

SciELO developments - not interoperable yet (1997)
ElPub contributions - John Willinsky (OJS) & Mary Barton
(DSpace) (2003)

2. Major leading institutions (OA & OAI-PMH – open
access philosophy, like in BOAI, Budapest & Berlin)

Ibict (2003) - Software Translation & Customisation
UnB (2003) - Top down approach towards library initiative
(Sharing experience with others afterwards)
3. Major initiatives so far

3.1 Open access repositories

Ibict’s Project that used financial support from Finep, making possible the creation of 50 institutional repositories, 41 fully operating at 31 universities & 10 at research institutes (c.a. 80 in ROAR)

Tool kit (computers & DSpace)
Training (librarians & IT specialists)
Discussion group (continuous exchange of experience)
Bill proposal & presentation (mandatory policy)
3. Major initiatives so far

3.2 Open access journals

Ibict’s Project that aimed at training universities & research institutes teams with the skills needed to create & maintain e-journals (c.a. 960 titles)

Tool kit (Computers & SEER)
Training (librarians & IT specialists; journal editors)
E-journals “incubator”
SEER user meetings
4. Major effect

A great deal of Brazilian education resources & research results

(undergraduate final essays, Master & Doctorate theses and dissertations, journal articles, journal collections, books, book chapters, conference papers, learning objects)

being available, accessed and downloaded all over the world: absolutely unforeseen without OA!!!!!!
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LATINDEX (1997)
CLACSO (1998)
BVS (1998)
Other initiatives spread throughout the region

2. Major leading institutions (later OA philosophy)

BIREME (1990’s) – SciELO methodology
UNAM (1980’S) – journals directory
UAEM (2002) – RedALyC methodology training editors
3. Major initiatives so far

3.1 Open access repositories

Projects launched & funded by Ministries, Councils or Committees mostly in Science & Technology have made possible the creation & maintenance of institutional repositories (c.a. 200 repositories, according to ROAR, OpenDOAR or LAReferencia registries)

Training (librarians & IT specialists)
National & regional events
Approved Law in Argentina (mandatory policy)
3. Major initiatives so far

3.2 Open access journals

SciELO & RedALyC initiatives have contributed to the enlargement of LA&C e-journals & journal portals in different ways (c.a. 1,000 titles by SciELO & c.a. 800 titles by RedALyC)

Training (libraries, IT specialists & editors)
International co-operation
Public funding

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5. Major needs & challenges

5.1 Research on impact & visibility

5.2 Co-operation within & amongst countries

5.3 Increasing & enhancing the research community awareness by bringing stakeholders from abroad!!!

5.4 Discussing & taking action on copyright issues

5.4 Constant, continuous & concurrent dual approach:
- Top down (sensitising)
- Bottom up (taking real action)

5.5 Seductive librarians - through showing statistics!!! through clarifying copyright issues
Thank you!!!!