



**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)**



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3. Major initiatives so far

3.1 Open access repositories



Ibict's Project that used financial support 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)

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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



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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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1. The very beginning

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**



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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)



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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

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Thank you!!!!

