

United States Secretariat Report

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The United States Secretariat has received positive letters of intent from 170 people, more than half of whom are already involved in Action Group activity. By popular demand, we are organizing a North American working conference in Florida this February. The accommodations will be pleasant and inexpensive and the meeting will provide an opportunity for the AG's to work intensively on their projects. Full details will be sent out shortly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of our AG coordinators for the enthusiastic efforts they have already expended and to encourage all of you not only to join IASSIST, but to participate in its activities.

ACTION GROUP REPORTS

DATA ARCHIVE REGISTRY

- Canada- Lisa Lasko, Canadian Consortium for Social Research, Institute for Behavioral Research, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Downsview, Ontario M3J 1P3
- Europe- Joseph Bonmariage, Belgian Archives for the Social Sciences, University of Louvain, SH-2, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium
- United States- David Nasatir, Behavioral Sciences Graduate Program, California State College, Domingus Hills, California 90747

Mandate

A directory containing names, addresses, types of holdings, and dissemination policies of existing data archives and libraries throughout the world will be compiled. A supplementary directory listing archival personnel and other individuals with relevant expertise would be developed. In addition, a central location would be designated to maintain all published lists of archival holdings and study descriptions. These documents would be produced as reference documents for users of archives or institutions interested in consulting with individuals in the field of archiving.

Activities and Plans

With respect to the first part of the mandate, the Action Group will focus initially on developing the directory of data archives and data libraries.