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LACCIR Virtual Institute

Latin American and Caribbean Collaborative ICT Research



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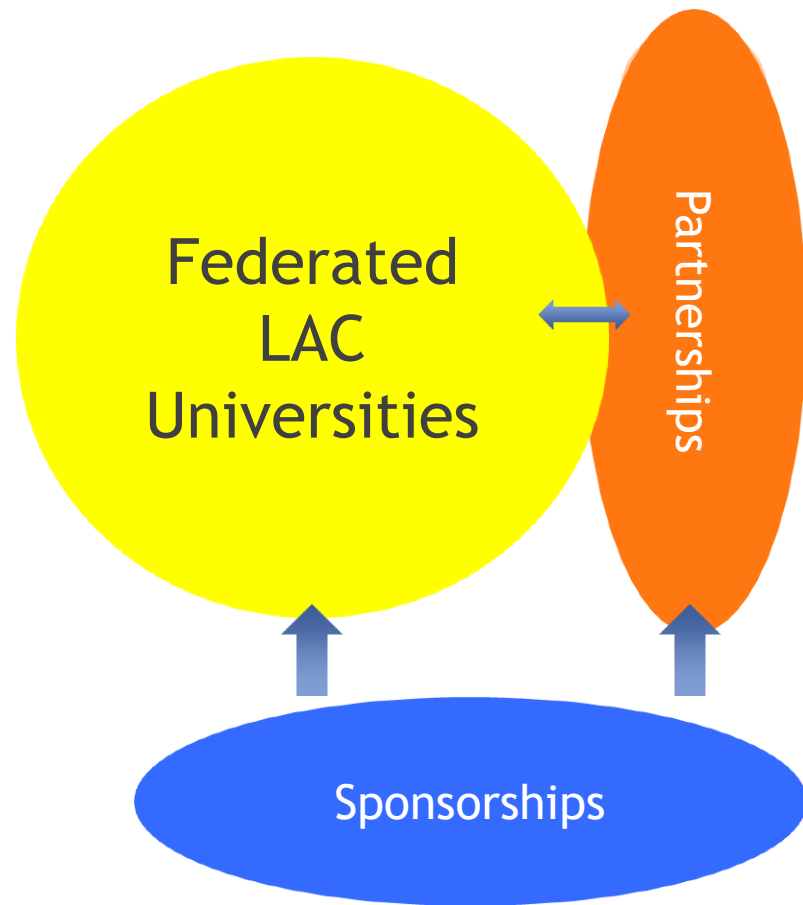
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2. Research Projects
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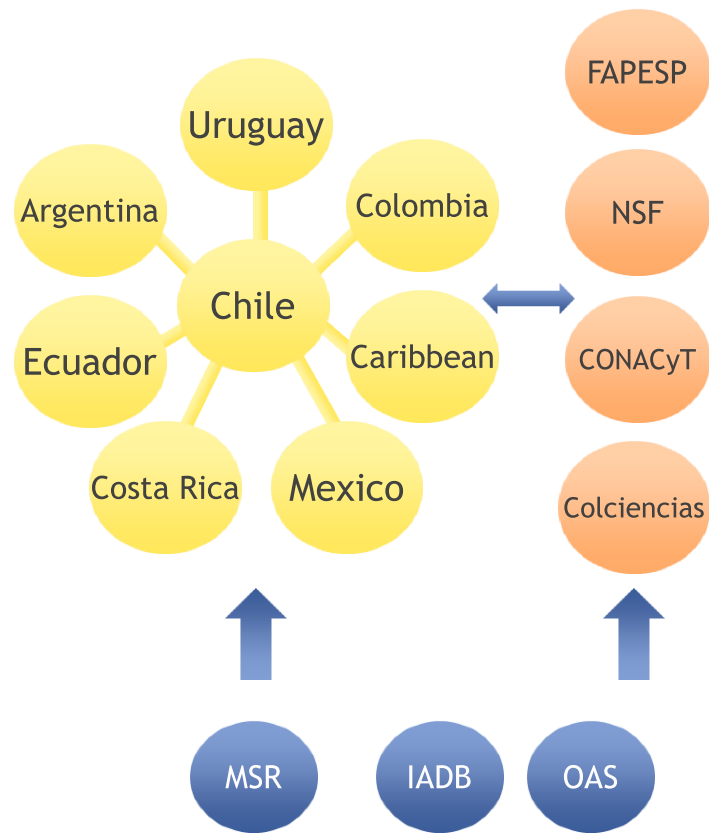
What is LACCIR?

Latin **A**merican and **C**aribbean
Collaborative **I**CT **R**esearch
Federation



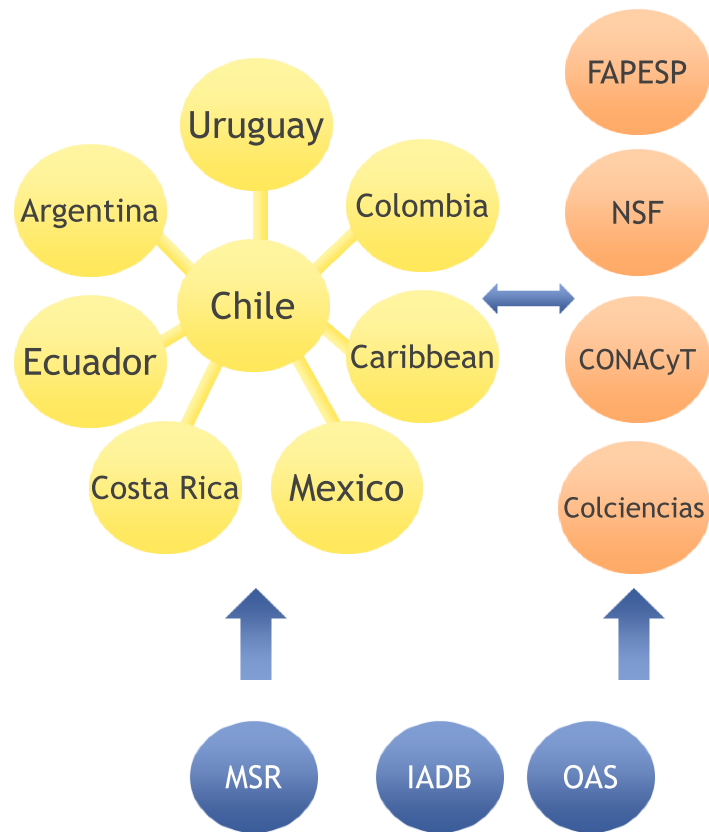
LACCIR

- Founded on May 2007
- **Goal:** Stimulate Latin American-Caribbean **collaborative** research in ICT as enabler of economic and social development
- Created and supported by Microsoft Research (US\$ 3,000K over seven years)



LACCIR

- Implemented with PUC Chile, U. Chile and universities throughout LAC
- Sponsorship by **IADB (US\$ 550K)** and **OAS**
- Partnerships with: **CONACYT (~US\$ 500K)**, **NSF**, **FAPESP**, **CLEI**, **CONICYT**, **Colciencias**



Federated Universities



Main Activities

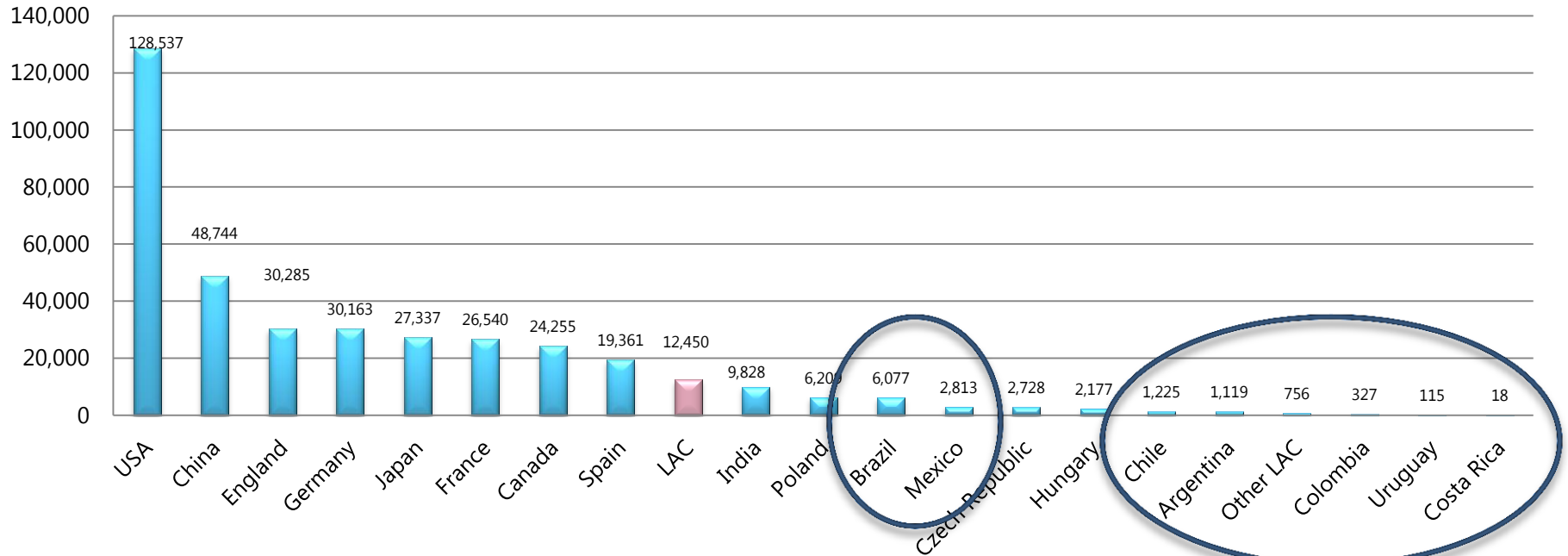
- **Grants and support** for ICT applied research projects within LAC. Seed grant from MSR and IADB
- Support for LAC graduate students mobility: **short stays, internships, fellowships** in LAC universities and MSR
- **LAC ICT Research Observatory**: LAC ICT researchers map, projects map and indicators. **Data collection** (publications, thesis, projects, R+D investment)

Main Activities

- Collaboration among researchers and educators:
 - > **LiveMeeting** for video-conferencing and e-learning
 - > MS software/servers platform and MSR Research Accelerators
 - > Workshops and **summer e-learning schools**
 - > Repository of papers and thesis
- Fellowships and Support for New Faculty in LAC universities

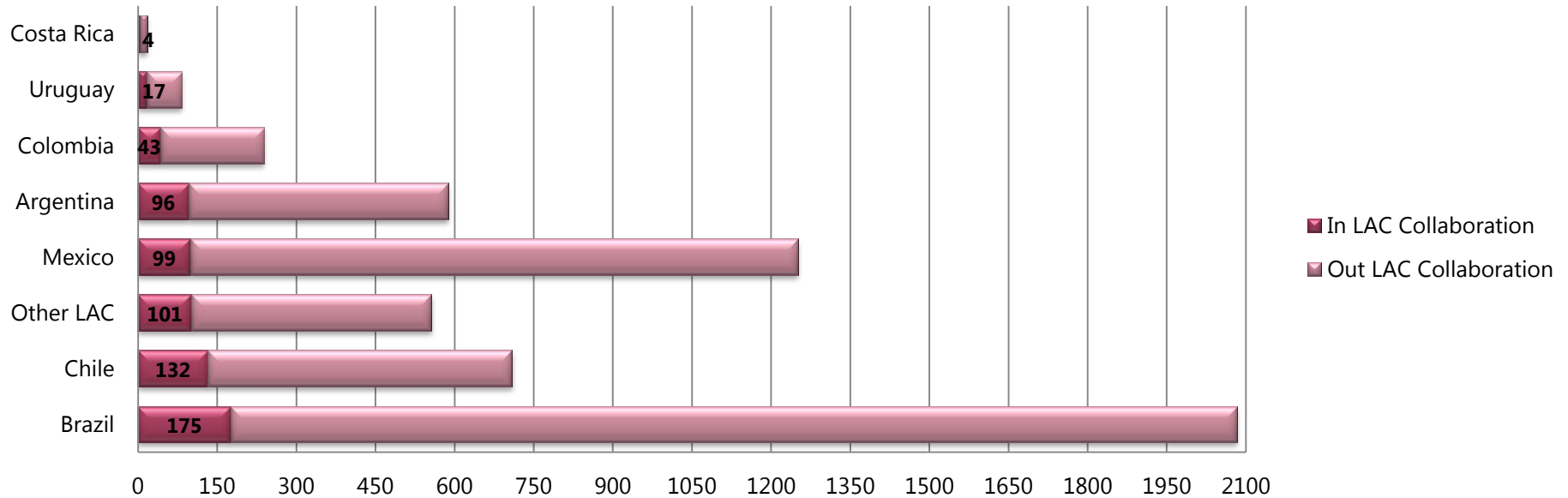
Why collaboration?

CS/CE ISI Publications 2000-2010



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Within LAC Collaboration in CS/CE ISI Publications 2000-2010



First 4 Years in Numbers

- **500** researchers from **50** institutions in **19** countries connected to the LACCIR network
- **180** world class expert researchers have evaluated research proposals
- **22** regional collaborative research projects funded by LACCIR.
- **80** international publications
- **62** research teams
- **28** graduate students funded by LACCIR have visited other LAC countries for research stays, connecting **13** countries

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Research Projects



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High Quality Research and ICT Applications

2

Collaboration: At least one Spoke
and one participant from a different country

3

Matching Funds Potential

Research Areas



- Energy
- Earth, Environment and Climate Change
- Micro-economies
- E-Government
- Healthcare
- Education

Research Projects

Year	Projects	Countries	Application Area	Research Teams	Publications	Presentations	Matching Funds
2007	5	Chile, Colombia, Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador, Mexico	E-Government; Micro-Economies; Education; Healthcare	14	50	39	6
2008	5	Uruguay, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico	Earth, Environment and Climate Change; E-Government; Micro-Economies	13	23	14	6
2009	5	Mexico, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Panamá, Bolivia, Uruguay	Healthcare; Education; Earth, Environment and Climate Change	17	7	5	1
2010	7	Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Argentina, Trinidad & Tobago, Nicaragua, Colombia,	Earth, Environment and Climate Change; Healthcare; Education; Micro-Economies	18	on-going	on-going	on-going

Research Projects: e-Government

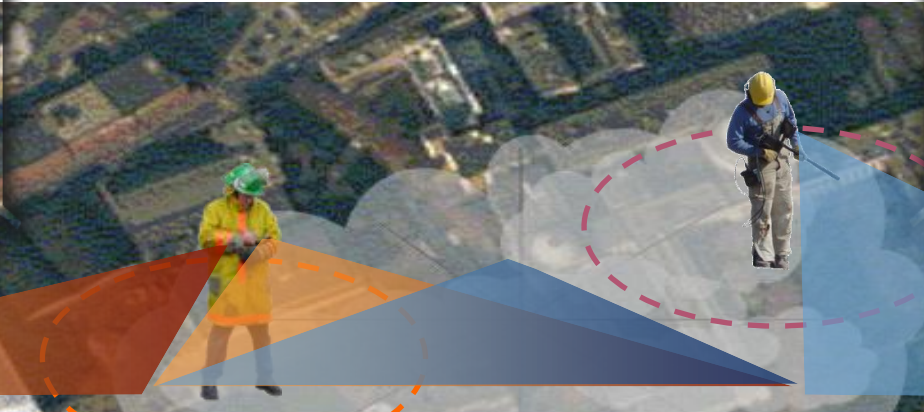
Collaborating in Disaster Relief Efforts

- Coordination between several critical Information Systems
- Firemen, Police, National Government, Red Cross, Hospital Personnel, Armed Forces

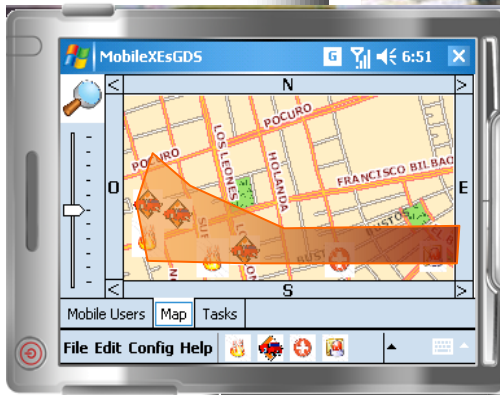




Command Post



Civil Engineers



Firefighters



Research Projects: **Micro-economies**

Quality Evaluation and Preservation of grains in Silo Bags

- Monitor and automatically adapt the internal conditions of the grain stored into silobags, in order to improve their preservation state



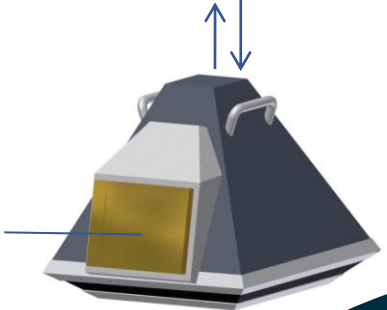
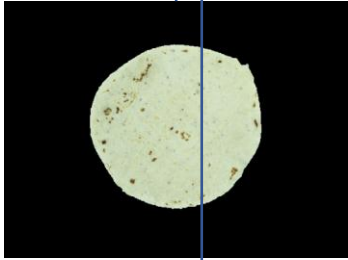
Research Projects: **Micro-economies**

Quality Evaluation of Food Products

- Automated computer vision System
- Low Cost
- For Small and Medium Enterprises



Server



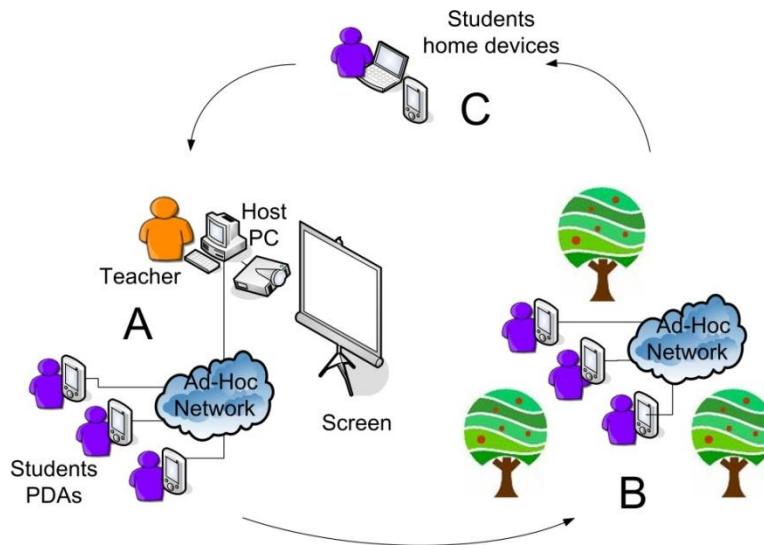
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Research Projects: Education

Bridging the gap between mobile and in-classroom learning

- Platform to support classroom activities.
- Outcome: a set of validated learning activities that will serve as patterns for implementing other learning activities



Research Projects: Environment

ANURA: Sensor Networks for Classifying and Monitoring Frogs Based on Their Vocalizations as an Early Indicator for Ecological Stress in Rain Forests

- Frogs and toads are natural candidates to be monitored as ecological stress indicator
- Outcome: Classification of frog species, allowing a long term monitoring of the frog population in rain forests, as an early indicator of ecological stress



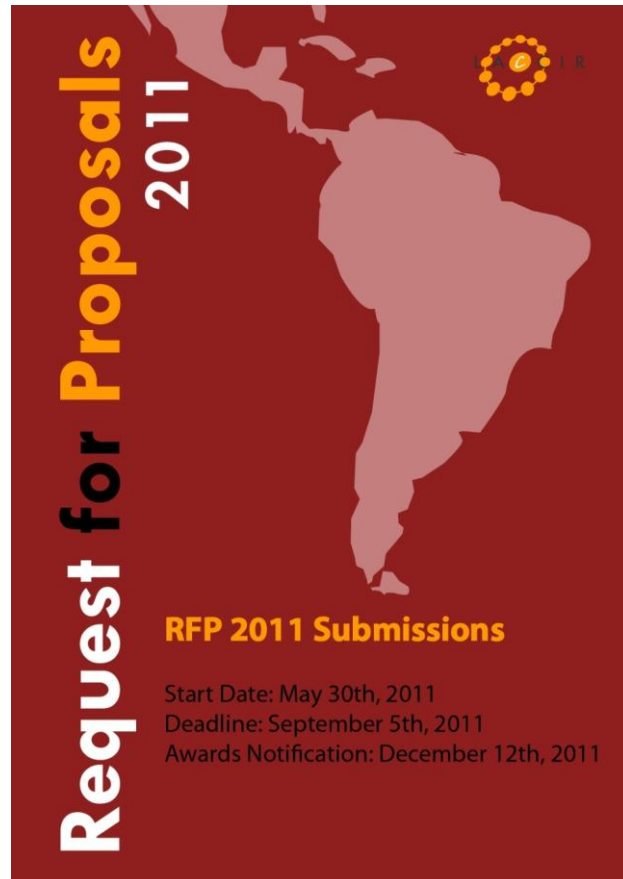
LACCIR RFP 2011

2011 RFP Submissions

Start Date: May 30th, 2011

Deadline: September 5th, 2011

Awards Notification: December 12th, 2011

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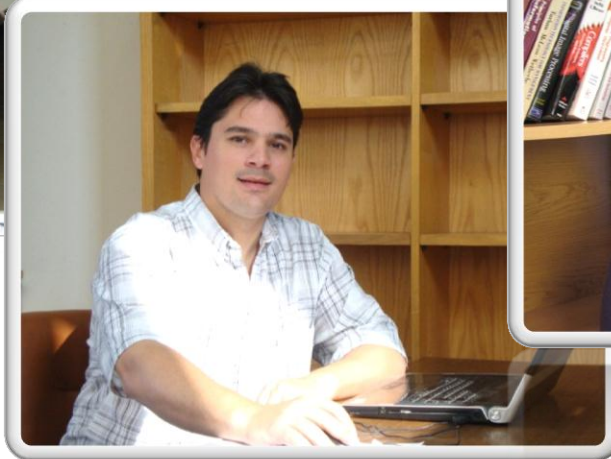
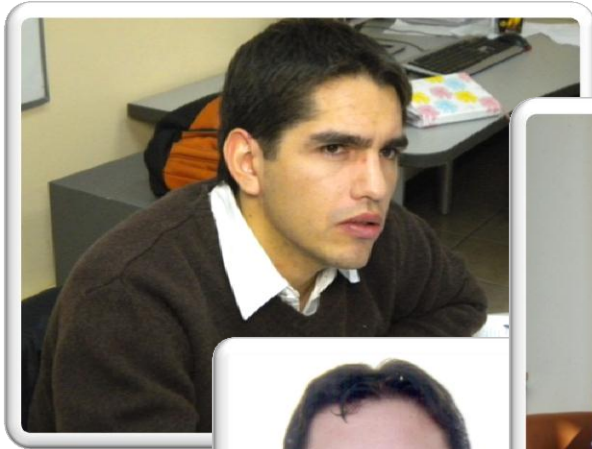
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M.Sc. and Ph.D. Students Short Stays

Year	Students	Countries
2008	6	Chile, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay , Brazil, Colombia
2009	12	Chile, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay , Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Paraguay
2010	10	Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico

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Short Stays Program 2011

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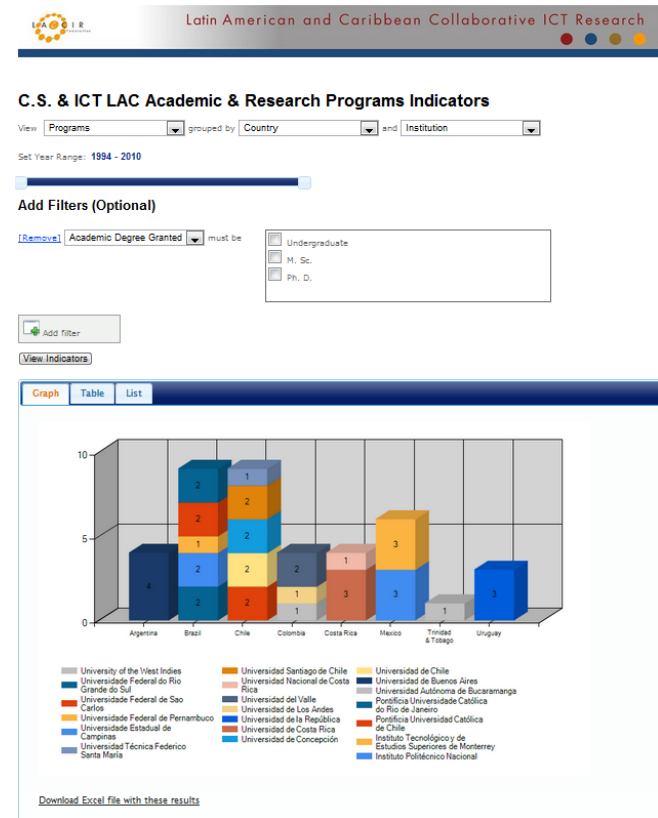
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Data Collection Initiative

Graduate Studies CS & ICT Alternatives in LAC

Indicators: Enrollment, Scholarships, Women, Foreign, Graduate.

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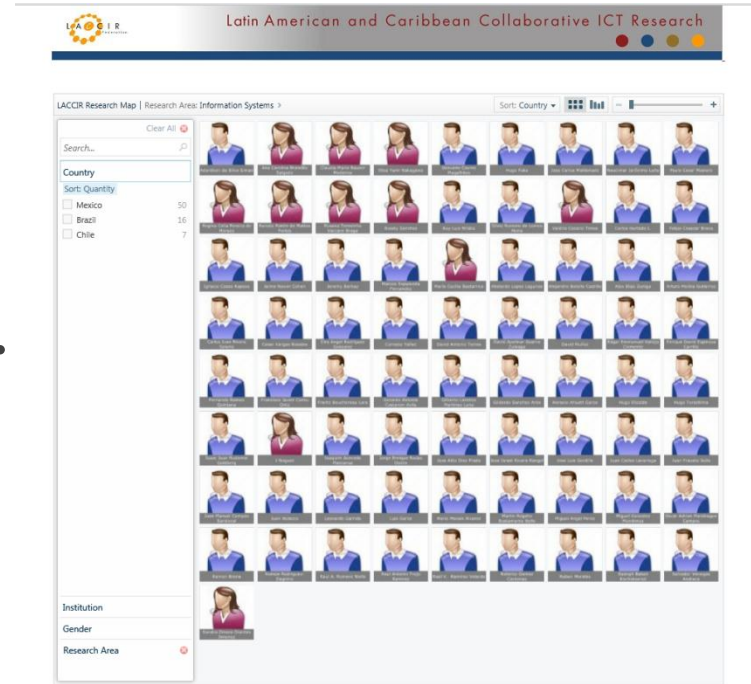


Research Observatory

Data Collection Initiative

- Researchers, Institutions, Areas
- Academic & Research Programs.

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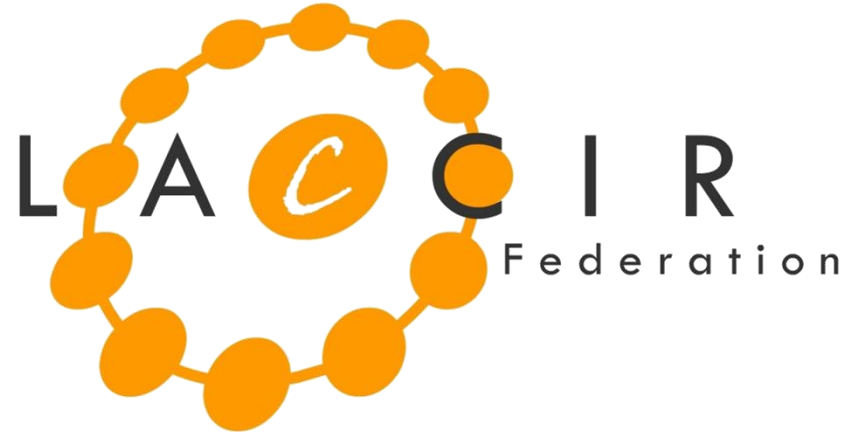
- Partnership with LAC national & state government agencies (i.e., CONACYT-México, FAPESP-Sao Paulo, COLCIENCIAS, CONICYT-Chile)
- Partnership with LAC industry (i.e., CODELCO-Chile, ICT industry)
- Improvement of Intellectual Property policies
- Joint LAC graduate programs in ICT (thesis, courses, diplomas)
- Collaboration with EU (FP7)

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