

LA REFERENCIA: Latin America network of national systems of institutional repositories



SPEAKERS

- **Eloy Rodrigues**, COAR and University of Minho, Portugal.
Interoperability, the key to reaching the true value of open access to science
- **Malgorzata Lisowska**, LA Referencia Project, Colombia
LA REFERENCIA: scientific production in an Latin America network
- **Luis Núñez**, CLARA – CHAIN REDS, Venezuela.
Harmonizing academic cooperation in the world

The Latin American Federated Network of Scientific Documentation Repositories - LA Referencia was officially constituted on December 2012. It is a project funded by the Fund of Regional Public Goods of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), as part of the effort to consolidate the regional public asset.

The main purpose of LA Referencia is to build a Latin American collector of scientific production for storing, sharing and disseminate the scientific production of Latin America. The first steps of La Referencia are to be done by the incorporation of the national nodes of the nine Latin American countries that are members of this project. Through this initiative coordinated by RedCLARA, the Latin American region joins the world effort to organize the joint work on Open Access.

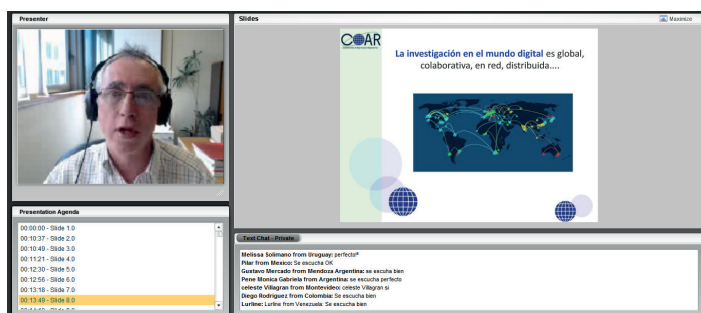
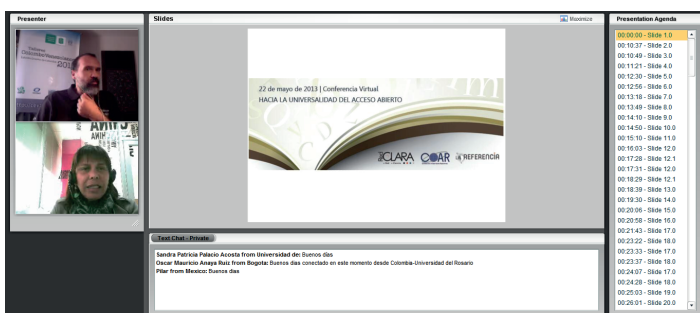
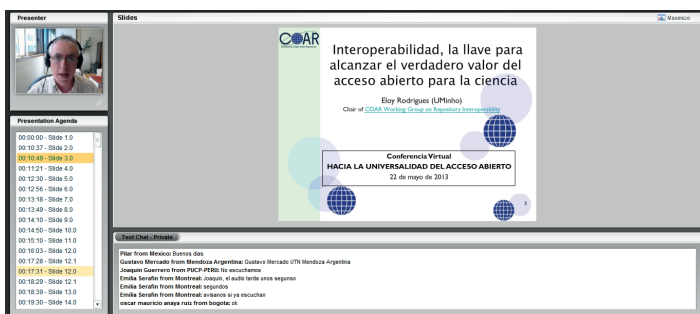
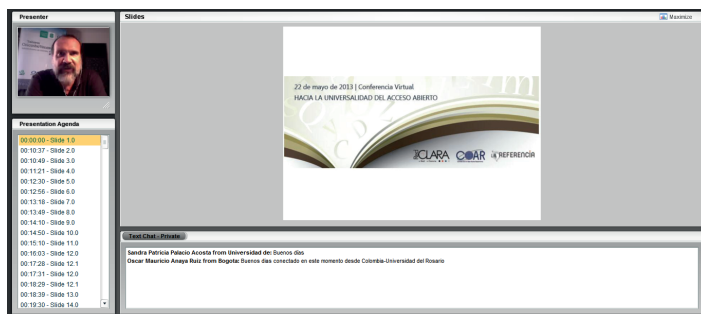
The membership of La Referencia is comprised of nine partner countries actively involved, represented by National Organizations for Science and Technology and Advanced Academic Networks from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela and El Salvador.



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Images of the Virtual Day



La Referencia Virtual Day as testimony of best practice

On May 22nd 2013 Red CLARA gave the Virtual Day "Towards the University of Open Access" under the format of a virtual videoconference (webinar).

RedCLARA, COAR, CHAIN REDS and La Referencia were involved in the organization of this activity. This webinar, held in Spanish language, was a totally success with the attendance of 186 participants from over 16 countries (Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina, Mexico, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay, Peru, Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador, Venezuela, Brazil, Costa Rica and Bolivia).

The speakers were Carmen Gloria Labbé, Director of Innovation and Development, Red CLARA, Eloy Rodrigues, University of

Minho, Portugal and Chair of COAR Working Group on Repository Interoperability, Malgorzata Lisowska, LA Referencia Project Manager, Colombia, and Luis Nuñez, CHAIN REDS Manager, Venezuela.

The purpose of this virtual workshop was to provide a general overview of the requirements for interoperability of Open Access Repositories, to identify key issues and challenges to be addressed and to present examples of how interoperability between repositories enables the creation of value-added services for scientists so that they find new ways to tackle with major research challenges facing society in our time.