

LACLO (Latin American Community of Learning Objects)



Community collaboration

Usually the secretary contacts another member in a weekly basis. The community has monthly virtual meetings, for them uses H323, Flashmeeting, Blackboard, and even Skype.

Thanks to ALFA funding for 2 LACLO projects (LATIn and IGUAL) they have 2 annual meetings per project per year.

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Network usage

Produces data, but not intensively and doesn't uses remote equipments. However uses intensely the network for large videoconferences.

Sustainability

Mostly through projects applied to international funding organizations. Three or more members join together and write the proposals.

Objective

To encourage the use of learning objects and other technology for education in Latin

America, the interoperability of existing repositories and content management systems in

education for the common use of resources for education in Latin America and promote projects joint research on learning objects applications within the region of Latin America, in order to solve regional problems.

Scope, organization and members

LACLO has an open structure. Depending on the subjects, members form groups with common interests. Also in a parallel way institutions can conform workgroups to develop projects. The community uses constantly the videoconference services for their coordinations. Usually in the meetings participates more than 10 people, so making them using commodity internet would not be feasible.

Visibility

Annually the community organizes an academic face to face event and semestral virtual events . They also had published papers, technical reports and conference proceedings with authors based on three different countries in the last three years.

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LACLO uses RedCLARA Difusión de Eventos y Noticias service and no social networks.

Current projects

LATIn (ALFA) <http://www.latinproject.org>
 IGUAL (ALFA) <http://www.igualproject.org/>

- LA RESEARCH COMMUNITY**
- National University of Rosario (Argentina)
 - University Presbiteriana Mackenzie (Brazil)
 - Universidad Autonoma de Aguascalientes (Mexico)
 - University of Guadalajara (Mexico)
 - Catholic University of Peru (Peru)
 - University of the Republic (Uruguay)
 - Central University of Venezuela (Venezuela)
 - Universidad Autonoma de Aguascalientes (Mexico)
 - Universidad de los Andes (Colombia)
 - Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (Ecuador)
 - Universidade Federal do Pampa (Brazil)
 - Universidad Austral de Chile (Chile)

- EU RESEARCH PARTNERS**
- Universidad Austral de Chile (Chile)
 - Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (Ecuador)
 - University of Alcalá de Henares (Spain)
 - University Paul Sabatier (France)
 - Leuven University (Belgium)
 - Tampere University of Applied Sciences (Finland)
 - Universitatea Constructii Tehnica of Bucuresti (Romania)

