

Argentine Report
ASFA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
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3. Input Statistics

2005: 60 For the first time the records were sent directly to the publisher CSA
 2004- 53, 2003- 62

4. Distribution list for complementary ASFA entitlements

ASFA CD versions were regularly received as well as the permanent access to Internet version.

5. Usefulness of ASFA products

ASFA online version is available with desktop access for a group of more than 130 INIDEP scientists, and it is strongly used by INIDEP librarians to answer specific remote scientists e.m. requests from the whole country. Last month, a report was send with positive and negative comments regarding the new CSA-Illumina search interface. We want to highlight that it is easygoing and user-friendly, with excellent options such as the Link resolver.

According to CSA usage report from Sept. 2004 to Sept 2005, aprox 228 searches/month were were counted, a number rather low according to our expectations and the amount of scientists at INIDEP. During 2004 we linked ASFA online with our local databases and we constructed inbound links to full-text periodicals accessed through SECYT Portal (includes Science Direct, Springer, SCIELO and others). INIDEP scientists are receiving 35 Alert services from profiles prepared between librarians and users.

With regards to the CD-Rom ASFA versions, they have had almost no use at INIDEP because we prefer promoting the online version, but they are kept as safety copies in case Internet connection fails.

6. Changes to Monitoring List

The following changes were made to the Monitoring List, remaining 17 periodicals, out of which 7 are core ones. Contacts with publishers are maintained in order to make sure the documents fulfill ASFA requirements.

DELETED (2) Physis and Manejo de fauna, Publicaciones técnicas.

ADDED (2) IBMP Serie Publicaciones and Monografías del Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales

7. Problems

The problems to be mentioned are related to our INIDEP working conditions that were not favourable to accomplish some ASFA goals proposed for this year.

Last June, we had to reject the Trust Fund Proposal approved: Marine bibliographic information from the L. A. and Caribbean Region processed for the ASFA database (1955-1980). The purpose of the proposal, is indeed still worthwhile, but all the document processing will have to be done not under the umbrella of a formal project. New institutional administrative requirements as well as changes in the library staff during the time elapsed since the project was submitted for the first time during the ASFA Bd. Meet. 2002, turned into an impossible task for us to accomplish it in the short term.

Pending: Contacts started during 2004, with the Chilean ASFA partner in order to promote ASFA through posters and/or the Regional Office for the L. A. and the Caribe website <http://www.rlc.fao.org>

8. Ideas for development of and improvements to ASFA, including trust fund proposals

Some activities were done in order to promote the System and to increase and improve Regional visibility:

** Through e-mail Lists, conferences, and during the one month Training Course JICA-INIDEP October 2004, and next one during November 2005.

** With regards to ASFA, Perú, contacts were made since November 2004 with Biologist Ricardo Tafur from IMARPE.

**Informal ASFA trainings for our scientists are usually held by demand but a formal course in small groups by Projects will be started during this month on "How to search on the ASFA Database online"