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IASSIST Overview

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IASSIST
International Association for Social Sciences Information Services & Technology
http://iassistsdata.org/
In a Nutshell

Nearly 400 members

About half of the membership is US-based, ¼ from Europe and ¼ from other parts of the world

1 Conference/year - This summer = Montreal with CARTO

IASSIST Quarterly, online issues back to 1977
Strategic Goals

As an organization IASSIST strives to:

- Foster and promote a network of excellence for data service delivery
- Advance infrastructure in the social sciences
- Provide opportunities for collegial exchange of sound professional practices
Communities

- Social science researchers & scientists who are producers & users of micro & macro-level social data
- Information specialists, who preserve social data, manage facilities & provide services that promote the secondary use of social data
- Methodologists & computing specialists who advance technical methods to manipulate & analyze social data
Strategic Directions

The focus of the plan is on the following strategic directions:

1. **Advocate** for policies that increase data access & promote responsible data curation.
2. **Community**. Cultivate a community that supports full data life-cycle; creation, use & preservation of data.
3. **Professional Development**.
Membership

- Current members are affiliated with academic, governmental, non-profit, & commercial institutions from around the world.
- Memberships are based on a July-to-June year.
- IASSIST welcomes new members
Benefits of Membership

- Participation in IASST-L, the organization's email discussion list.
- Access to Membership Directory
- iBlog
- Network of professionals w/ similar interest
- Opportunity to serve on IASSIST committees & action groups