International Meeting on the InterAcademy Panel's Program on Digital Knowledge Resources and Infrastructure in Developing Countries: focus on Central America and the Caribbean.

Organized by Academy of Sciences of Cuba (ACC) Interacademy Panel on International Issues (IAP)

Palco Hotel, Havana, Cuba, September 5, 2008

9:00 – 9:45 Session 1. Meeting background and overview of the IAP Program on Digital Knowledge Resources and Infrastructure in developing countries.

Chair: Ismael J. Clark Arxer, President, Academy of Sciences of Cuba (ACC).

Welcoming remarks and introductions, Sergio Jorge Pastrana, Foreign Secretary, Academy of Sciences of Cuba (ACC), (Cuba).

Overview of the IAP Program and the goals for this meeting, Michael T. Clegg, Foreign Secretary, National Academy of Sciences (US NAS), (USA).

Review of previous activities and results of the 2004 – 2006 IAP initiative and the current IAP Program, Paul F. Uhlir, Director, Office of International S&T Information Programs, National Academy of Sciences (US NAS), (USA).

9:45 – 10:00 Coffee Break.

10:00 – 11:00 Session 2. Presentation and discussions of specific projects for promoting access to and use of Research and Education Networks (RENs) in Central America and the Caribbean.

Moderator: Luis Carlos Silva Ayçaguer, INFOMED, Cuba. Rapporteur: Francisco A. Fernández Nodarse CITMATEL, Cuba.

2.1 Latin American Cooperation of Advanced Networks (CLARA), Martha I. Giraldo Jaramillo, Executive Director, High Technology National Academic Network (RENATA), (Colombia).

2.2 General Discussion.

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee – Break.

11:15 – 13:00 Session 3. Presentation and discussions of specific projects for promoting access to and use of Open Institutional Repositories in Central America and the Caribbean.

Moderator: Alejandro Caballero Rivero, Specialist, Academy of Sciences of Cuba (ACC), (Cuba) Rapporteur: Alexander M. de Sherbinin, Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), (USA).

3.1 Open Institutional Repositories at IAP Member Academies, Paul F. Uhlir, Director, Office of International S&T Information Programs, National Academy of Sciences (US NAS), (USA).

3.2 Open Access Scholarly Information Sourcebook (OASIS), Leslie Chan, Associate Director, Bioline International, (Canada).

3.3 General Discussion.

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch.

14:30 – 15:30 Session 4. Summary of Sessions 2 and 3 Results and concluding observations.

Chair: Sergio Jorge Pastrana, Foreign Secretary, Academy of Sciences of Cuba (ACC).

4.1 Summary of discussions by Rapporteurs.

4.2 Next step and actions, Michael T. Clegg, National Academy of Sciences (US NAS), (USA).

4.3 Closing Remarks, Ismael J. Clark Arxer, President, Academy of Sciences of Cuba (ACC), (Cuba).

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