IASSIST Interest Group Formation Checklist

Task	Additional Information
Determine if other IASSIST members share a common professional interest and want to participate Propose the interest group via IASST-L Solicit other interested members at the IASSIST annual conference other professional conferences you attend	
Identify at least 5 IASSIST members who are interested in participating	Verify membership status in the <u>IASSIST membership directory</u> . Only current, dues-paying members can be members of the interest group.
Identify a coordinator for the interest group	Coordinators serve for one year, and the term is renewable.
Compose and agree on a charge or mission for the interest group	Review the charges of existing interest groups or consult the IASSIST secretary or archivist for charges of groups that are inactive.
Contact a member of the <u>IASSIST Administrative</u> <u>Committee</u> , who will propose your interest group to the Administrative Committee for approval.	The request will be acted on at the Administrative Committee's meeting before the annual conference or at any time during the year. The Administrative Committee appoints interest group members for one-year terms, when can be renewed when there is ongoing interest.
Identify a set of tools your interest group will use to communicate and carry out work between annual conferences.	Examples include wikis, Skype, Google Docs, e-lists. You can also use IASSIST tools: To request an e-list, send your request to iasst-lowner@lists.columbia.edu Mention that the listserv is for interest group communication. To request an online forum space on the IASSIST membership site, send your request to iassist.membership@gmail.com
Plot a course of action to convey information about the interest group and its activities.	Examples: Regular postings to the IASSIST blog. Each AG must contribute a minimum of one iBlog posting per year. Contribute web site content (for assistance, contact the Web Editor) Present at the annual conference (poster session, panel discussion, session paper) These are only examples. Activities will vary depending on the resources and creativity of group members.