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B4: #IASSIST17: Data Professionals and Collaboration
(working session shared notes)

[Maximizing on The IASSIST Way: Data Support for All (without burning out)](#)

Who are we?

(What are the variety of work areas in which IASSIST members may collaborate?)
- Librarians & data trainers
    - specialty areas: GIS / qualidata / dataViz / Census and other gov't data…
- Curators
- Programmers / DDI
- Archivists
- Social scientists

Where do we work?
- different size institutions
- Differently resourced universities
- Non-academic institutions
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Potential Areas of collaboration (Internal):

- potential [libguide](#) (or equivalent) (Start the structure for supporting one another in creating "guides")
    - Starting in:

- - - **Google drive?** (probably work here during the session - but where after this month?)
        - [Wikipedia](#)? (probably not)
        - [DiRT](#)? (unlikely)
        - LibGuides -- will benefit from having an IASSIST membership - but then the content can be public.
    - If we choose to perpetuate a shared resource, it will benefit from following a few basic steps:
        - Set up an [action group](#)
    "Action Groups undertake specific tasks, find solutions to specific problems, or develop and compile relevant materials for specific projects."
            - The action group will then set up an ongoing interest group or a subgroup of the communications committee to continue the maintenance of the resource.
  - PRO to lib guides as a resource: easy to generate usage statistics; easy to share
    - Distributed knowledge and workforce since quite a few people are already creating some of these resources for their internal purposes; it's a question of identifying the topics covered and making them more centrally available to the full IASSIST membership

  - Also maybe there is no need to attempt a full-blown / formal "lib guide" -- could be a resource page / resource reviews / white papers more generally
    - But needs to be put together, authoritatively written (i.e., some form of "stamp of approval by IASSIST) and well sourced (give credit to original creators)
    - Issue of content actually created as "work for hire" wherever content creators are based; So maybe the organization cannot put a "stamp" on a resource, but can serve as a clearinghouse and provide "approved" documents for use by other members

  - IASSIST structure allows for this via *action groups* (there is a product / output in mind from the beginning = the resource list/guide) formed around the relevant topics of interest (see for some ideas below)

Ways to frame the conversation:
- Topic areas .. different constituencies (outreach to non-traditional data support people)
    - Digital humanities
    - Social sciences
    - Arts
    - Data-specific support
    - Data visualization
    - Text mining, data mining
    - Data management
    - Curation tools
    - Data literacy

- Vocabulary lists
    - Nonthreatening ways of talking about what they're building being "data"
- ? Working conversations .. with who's in the room
- Comprehensive guide to data sources -- across all areas of social science (potentially open-access, but will it need to be done by a professional publisher or IASSIST as an organization)

- NEW IASSIST INITIATIVE re: regular webinars
  - Maybe bring up the topic of sharing expertise along the lines of everything discussed here in order to reach more people among the broader membership
- How about a "content-a-thon" preconference work session on lib guides. Thu mai volunteers!

Potential Areas of collaboration (External):
- CODATA
  - Share mailing list activities?
- Library associations
  - ACRL
  - IFLA
- RDA
- RDAP
- Data Carpentry
- Data Science (specific group?)

- An additional approach (other than via such other org's) might be to identify "big names" in a given related field and communicate with them / inform them about about IASSIST.

- Individual IASSIST members who also attend other organizations (from the list above or others) are the best ambassadors re: the work of this community. Communicate both informally and formally via presentations at other forums.

Q: Look at similar initiatives from the past and learn lessons of the instances where it worked better / died out.

Ex: search engine for data sources (Paul Bern was behind original effort on this)

Q: There used to be a section on IASSIST's website with similar sources, but seems to no longer be there. How do you maintain anything that gets started? -- ASK COMMUNICATIONS TEAM?