

ACCOLEDS 2001 Data Liberation Initiative Orientation

Wednesday, December 5

Room 2-05B, Rutherford South

An orientation session will be held on December 5th for DLI Contacts who did not participate in the 1997 training program or whose institution joined DLI after 1997. Following the advice of the EAC, this session is open to qualifying DLI Contacts across Canada. Those attending will also be invited to participate in the Workshop following the Orientation. The instructional team for this session consists of Mike Sivyver, Elizabeth Hamilton, Garth Homer, and Chuck Humphrey. Mike will represent DLI; Garth will speak on behalf of smaller institutions; Elizabeth represents middle-sized institutions, while Chuck will speak on behalf of larger-sized institutions. The outline of the orientation follows:

Introduction

- a. How did we end up with DLI?
- b. What is DLI?
 - the products : definition of standard data products
 - the license : the rules of membership
 - the service : how the service is organized
 - the community : the importance of the membership

The Products and Levels of Service

- a. Perspectives on the continuum of access
- b. Product types
 - microdata
 - aggregate data
 - spatial data
 - documentation
- c. Levels of service to support these products

DLI Tool Kit

- a. DLI Web site and DLI list
 - finding and ordering
- b. File retrieval
 - web browser vs. ftp
 - file types
 - uncompression
 - maxline
 - storing the data that are downloaded
- c. Processing
 - aggregate data files
 - . B2020
 - microdata files
 - . SPSS
 - spatial files
 - . Arcview

Local Services

- a. Reference
- b. Technical services
- c. Licensing

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ACCOLEDS 2001 Workshop Program:

Thursday, Dec. 6

9:00 - 12:00
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Getting Started

We will begin with a brief session of introductions and will invite people to share one or two major changes that have happened since the Winnipeg workshop one year ago.

Products and Services Updates

- a. "DLI: the permanent program" and what's new in DLI services over the past year
- b. 2001 Census Products
- c. CANSIM II
- d. Research Data Centres: how DLI Contacts and RDC Analysts can work together

Program items will consist of presentations, demonstrations, and handouts.

1:00 - 5:00
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Data Management Skills

- a. Building a conceptual understanding: working with units of analysis
- b. Developing skills: working with complex data files

This session will take place in the large computing lab and will consist of presentations and computing exercises.

Friday, Dec 7

9:00 - 12:00
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Local Promotion of DLI

- a. Best practices in working with Faculty to promote effective data use and data literacy
- b. Using Qarbon's Viewlet Builder to create tutorials

This session will consist of a panel discussion, presentation, and demonstration.

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Discussion Forum: Highlights from the October ICPSR OR meeting in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Enriching Data Access: data that complement DLI

- a. The Data Analysis System for the ICPSR Special Topic Archives

b. Finding comparable data in the ICPSR to the NPHS, SLID, and NLSCY

— The closing session for COPPUL/ICPSR federation members will be held to discuss **ICPSR Direct** and issues for the federation.

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