Data Liberation Initiative Update

ACCOLEDS
November 2013

David Price

Outline:
- Changes in staff
- Changes in committees
- Status of the DLI
- Current Projects and Activities
Chief

Access, Infrastructure, Innovation and Development (AIID) section

David Price
Reference Services Coordinator,

Chantal Ripp
Data Liberation Initiative

• Monitoring the dlilist
• Survival Guide
• DLI Update
• Annual Report
• Web page content
• And other project

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

- Responsible for administrative matters
- Look after your travel forms
- Answers all your questions related to these famous forms

Renée Rocan
ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

- Took care of:
  - the FTP site
  - the website
  - registrations on listserv
  - Passwords
- Jackie retired
  September 27, 2013

Jackie Godfrey

DLI MEMBERSHIP

- Membership remains at 75
- 66 universities, 9 colleges
- 8 changes in DLI contacts in 2013
- Continue to outreach with OCLS
DLI UPDATE - Members of External Advisory Committee

- Atlantic:
  - Peter Webster – Saint Mary’s University – co-chair
  - Donna Bourne-Tyson – Dalhousie University NEW
- Quebec
  - Nathalie Vachon – Institut national de la recherche scientifique
  - Gaston Quinon – Université Laval
- Ontario
  - Sylvie Lafortune – Carleton University – co-chair
  - Vince Grey – Western University
- West
  - Gail Curry - University of Northern British Columbia
  - Peter Peller – University of Calgary
- Library Director
  - Carol Shepstone – Mount Royal University NEW
- Researcher
  - Lisa Dillon - Université de Montréal
- Statistics Canada
  - Pamela Best – Special Surveys Division last meeting fall 2013
  - George Sciadas, CSBP/CPSE
  - Heather Dryburgh – Manager of Microdata Access Division
  - David Price – Microdata Access Division
- Senior Advisors
  - Ernie Boyko – International DLI
  - Wendy Watkins – Carleton University

Your regional representative on the EAC.

DLI UPDATE

External Advisory Committee

- Met October 2-3 2013
  - Presentation on Statistics Canada’s current project, activities and future direction
  - Review of developments in Social Statistics field, including survey redesign and new outputs
  - Review of the DLI’s Strategic Plan
  - Discussion on DLI needs for business data
Education Committee

- Atlantic
  - Siobhan Hanratty – University of New Brunswick - Chair
  - Ann Smith – Acadia University – last meeting February 2013
- Quebec
  - Caroline Patenaude – Université de Montréal
  - Nathalie Vachon - Institut national de la recherche scientifique
- Ontario
  - Sandra Keys – University of Waterloo
  - Liz Hill – University of Western Ontario
- West
  - Chris Burns– Kwantlen Polytechnic University
  - Marilyn Andrews – University of Regina

Chair of Education Committee is an Ex-officio (non-voting) members of the EAC

Met October 21-22, 2013

Summary of activities

- Review of Education Committee reference documents and Best practices for hosting a training session
- Training Repository
- Review of results of the DLI contacts and Designate Survey 2012 and internship process
- CIHI evaluation framework
- Planning of National Training Day
DLI Exemplary Access Award

● To recognize Statistics Canada divisions who provide exemplary access to their data products, documentation and expertise, the DLI periodically bestows the Exemplary Access Award to a deserving division.

● Past recipients included:
  ● Industry Accounts Division (2011)
  ● Health Statistics Division (2009)
  ● Special Surveys Division (2008)

DLI Award Committee – looking for volunteers

DLI ACTIVITIES

● Annual Report 12/13
  ● Moving forward we will produce a bi-annual report
    ● The report will be done on a bi-annual basis to coincide with the EAC meetings
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DLI ACTIVITIES – Reference Services

Dlist Messages by Year

Year
Statistics Canada • Statistique Canada

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DLI ACTIVITIES – Reference Services

DLI/Reference Questions by Month

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Downloads of all files, such as documentation and data files.

Number of Downloads, DLI EFT

Number of Downloads, DLI EFT_CIHI

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DLI ACTIVITIES – Training

- Webinars
  - Upcoming sessions:
    - CCHS – December 4th (Fra) and 5th (Eng)
    - CIHI – December 11th (Eng only)
    - APS – Tentative date Jan 21st
    - CDS – February, TBD
  - National Training Day

DLI ACTIVITIES – Website restructuring

- Website has been available since the year 2000
- embarked on a project to remove ROT static content
- **Goal:** enhance discoverability of current information
- **Focus:** new data dissemination tool

Web Content updates
- Published Volume 15 of the DLI Update this past October
- Updating the DLI Survival Guide, a valuable resource for understanding and using the DLI collection and resources, to reflect changes to licensing, staff updates and other resources.
Surveys currently added to Nesstar for master file include

- Aboriginal Children’s Survey (ACS), 2006
- Adult Education and Training Survey (AETS), 1997 and 2002
- Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS), 2001 and 2006
- Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2001-2005
- Canadian Survey of Experiences with Primary Health Care (CSE-PHE), 2007-08
- General Social Survey (GSS), 1989-2009
- Labour Force Survey (LFS), 2005-2010
- Participation and Activity Limitation Survey (PALS), 2001
- Survey of Financial Security (SFS), 1999 and 2005

Training Repository

- Moved to Carleton University (soft launch in Sept)
- cudo.carleton.ca
- Currently being updated
CIHI/DLI Pilot project

- 2012-2013 marked the launch of a pilot project with the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) to improve access to health information.
- Sample files from the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD).
- The pilot will be evaluated in the spring of 2014 to inform future rollouts of research analytical files using other CIHI databases.

We need your feedback!

DLI Projects: Listserv

- Current DLI listserv relies on 1998 technology which will no longer be supported on the physical servers
- Reviewed potential electronic mailing list software and other communication platforms
- L-Soft LISTSERV Classic
  - Web interface that allows for customization,
  - Built-in virus protection,
  - Searchable web archive,
  - As well as supporting RSS feeds
- Implementation stage