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**COMMUNICATING RESEARCH AND ENABLING ITS IMPLEMENTATION: THE CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICA INTERPARES DISSEMINATION - TEAM (CLAID) (2005-2006)****Principal Investigator:** Luciana Duranti**Major Sources of Funding:** UNESCO Memory of the World program

**Significance of Research:** The CLAUD team, constituted of five members from Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, and Peru, had the goal of acquiring the knowledge developed by InterPARES in the course of its research activities, and disseminate it to the Caribbean and Latin American communities in the Spanish and Portuguese languages. Such knowledge would enable records management and archival professionals of those regions to maintain and preserve in an accurate, reliable and authentic way the artistic, scientific and government records of their countries that are in digital form; it would also contribute to ensure that those who create digital records would do so in such a way that they will be preservable over the long term regardless of media fragility and technological obsolescence. Indeed, this undertaking was so successful that Brazil and Mexico were able to constitute their own research team participating as equal partners in InterPARES 3.

**Objectives & Methods:** The primary objective was to create in each country involved a local team of records and archival professionals, with whom the CLAUD team would share the knowledge acquired during the involvement with the InterPARES research team, and with whom it would disseminate it through conferences and articles in scholarly journals, and would implement it through the development of policies, strategies and action plans. The method consisted of involving the CLAUD team in InterPARES research through two months of full immersion in the research, two weeks of workshops about methods of communication and strategies of implementation, and a year of constant interaction both through the internet and through reciprocal visits.

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