General Study Research Proposal/Summary of Activities:
Records/archives appraisal in Latin America (including Spain)

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Goal
To study issues related to appraisal of record/archives from the following points of view:

a. Appraisal analysis in different institutions, types of records and media—to recommend general criteria;
b. Professional education for appraisal for records manager and archivists—to try to standardise teaching methodology in educational centers, mainly in university institutions;
c. Terminology related to appraisal—to conduct a comparative study of the terminology adopted by the participating countries;
d. Sampling issues—to study and propose criteria and techniques applied according to the media; and
e. Special features for digital records appraisal—to develop general criteria for said material.

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Goal
To propose general criteria to archivists and records managers on specific issues to account for digital records appraisal.

Activities 2009-2010
- Obtain information related to digital records appraisal
- Prepare cards with the information recovered
- Determine concepts and terms related to appraisal in order to propose their inclusion to the Terminology Group
- Identify issues related to digital records appraisal
Fulfilled activities 2009-2010

- The following sites were analysed and their cards related to appraisal were prepared
  - National Archives of New Zealand
  - Digital Curation Centre
  - Digital Preservation Europe
  - ICPR Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research
  - InterPARES Project
  - U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
  - UK Data Archives

- Seven cards fulfilled, a first analysis of the cards was carried out and preliminary conclusions were obtained.

Activities 2010-2011

- Analyse and prepare cards with information from Canada and France
- Review ISO 23081 for appraisal metadata
- Determine and send appraisal concepts and terms to the Terminology Group
- Carry out a comparative analysis of findings so as to get a first draft of the technical guide
- Propose the Educational group contents on digital records appraisal
- Submit the first draft of the technical document for its revision and opinion to FIED, in Lima, and to InterPARES participants

Digital Appraisal group 2010-2011

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Activities 2011-2012

- Revise the first draft according to opinions and comments received and draft a final document in order to integrate it with the final documents of the project and to disseminate it according to the FIED proposals
- Present the technical document and conclusions of the group during the XVII ICA Congress in Brisbane