



WORK UNDERTAKEN

TECHNICAL COOPERATION



As part of INTAL's Work Program during the year 2003, the Institute undertook the follow-up of eighteen (18) projects still ongoing or initiated during the year. These projects are part of the sixty five (65) projects begun as from July 1996, including those financed by the resources of INTAL's Contribution Fund.

At the same time, INTAL continued carrying out seven (7) Associated Technical Cooperations and in the year 2003 started to implement one (1) additional operation. These Associated Technical Cooperations are related to the following programs: Support to Trade Negotiations for Latin America and the Caribbean (countries of Central America, the Caribbean, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay); Integration of MERCOSUR Financial System; Support to Application of Regulations against Unfair Trade Practices in MERCOSUR; Bank of Investment Projects in Non-Ferrous Metal Mining; Technical Assessment in the Program for the Institutional Strengthening of Argentina's Foreign Trade Policy; Support to the Plan of Action for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America; Technical Assistance in the Program for the Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs International Trade and Worship (MRECIC), and Technical Assistance to the Andean Community Trade Policy Strengthening Program. It is to be noted that the concentration of some of these technical cooperations in the sub-region of MERCOSUR is based on a decision made by the Technical Cooperation Committee of MERCOSUR so that the IDB projects aimed at this integration plan be executed through INTAL, since there is no technical secretariat yet in that process. In the case of the other sub-regional plans, these projects are carried out by their respective secretariats.

Following is a brief description of the purposes and activities carried out through ongoing operations of regional technical cooperation and associated technical cooperations, including projects started and completed in the year 2003.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 548/03). "Program to Support Trade Negotiations for Latin America and the Caribbean"

Objectives To contribute to the institutional enhancement of the Program to Support Trade Negotiations for Latin America and the Caribbean through INTAL's logistic and administrative support to organize courses at the regional and sub-regional level on the various areas related to trade negotiations addressing issues resulting from consultations made with governments, within the framework of Memoranda of Understanding subscribed by officials from the World Trade Organization and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Activities Activities will consist in planning, organizing and funding different courses with an agenda to be defined by the WTO's Secretariat in coordination with the Bank, according to the requirements and needs of the beneficiary countries and covering the following fields: Competition Policies; Subsidies Disciplines; Access to Markets; Trade in Services; Rules of Origin; Trade of Textiles and Clothing; Free Trade Area of the Americas' Databases; Agricultural Trade Policy; International Food Negotiations; Research on Anti-dumping; Determination of Damage to Domestic Industries; the Multilateral Agenda and the WTO; Revision of Trade Policies and Techniques, and Negotiation Mechanisms. During 2003, eight training activities were conducted as part of this project.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 547/03). "Support to the Institutional Work of the Initiative for Regional Infrastructure Integration in South America"

Objectives To support the institutional work of the Initiative for Regional Infrastructure Integration in South America (IIRSA) by means of technical and administrative support, as agreed upon during the meeting of Heads of State and Government of South American Countries in September 2000, in Brasilia.

Activities The activities associated to this project will consist in the institutional management of the Initiative at the logistic and administrative level in relation with the hiring of services to perform the technical and administrative tasks to be undertaken by the Secretariat. This project will be funded by the three institutions that make up the Technical Coordination Committee (IDB, CAF and FONPLATA).

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 546/02). "Analysis of the National Trade Policy-Making Process in Central American Countries and in the Dominican Republic"

Objectives To reach an understanding -as in a similar project designed for other eight countries in the Western hemisphere- of the internal processes involved in international trade policy-making in six countries of Central America and in the Dominican Republic. More specifically, the project seeks to determine if participation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other civil society groups within each country is possible and, if so, which is the most suitable procedure.

Activities The activities will consist in drafting seven memoranda, one per country, answering some questions, namely: whether there are established consultation procedures in the field of trade policy in each of the countries concerned; whether such procedures are transparent and made available to the general public and the press; whether Ministries engaged in trade policies have the power to undertake consultation initiatives on public policy-making and to raise public support for trade agreements by explaining their costs and benefits; which groups will be included in the consultation process (companies, chambers of commerce, agricultural sector, NGOs, universities, etc.); how the consultation plan will be devised; which role plays the Congress in each country in trade policy-making and, lastly, whether there are key recommendations in place to make trade policy-making processes more open and participatory. Subsequently, a workshop will be organized, in which authors will analyze and discuss the memoranda, an essay with recommendations will be prepared and, lastly, all the material will be published. The project will be jointly executed by the Inter-American Dialogue, the University of Toronto and the IDB's Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 545/02). "Regional Public Goods and Regional Development Assistance"

Objectives To better understand the nature and scope of regional public goods and services provided by regional development agencies and to examine the reasons why a sub-global provision of international public goods is promoted. This will be an important input for the design, implementation, funding and assessment of regional projects.

Activities Activities related with this project will involve the drafting of some conceptual reports, the first of which will provide a general outlook of the restrictions and needs of regional public goods in Latin America and the Caribbean, together with an evaluation of past and present experiences. The other reports will approach specific issues such as health, education and environment and will be prepared by hired consultants. Consultants will present their studies during a conference to be held in November 2002 at IDB headquarters. This project was completed in the year 2003.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 543/02). "Design of INTAL's Structure and Procedure"

Objectives To support compliance with the recommendations related to the INTAL's operational and administrative needs in accordance with the report by the IDB's Auditor General on Revision of INTAL's Operational and Administrative Activities.

Activities

Activities will be carried out in three stages. In the first stage, a computerized system will be designed for the accounting and budget administration of technical cooperation projects. In the second stage, a basic structure for INTAL's formal organization will be defined. It must be capable of meeting its operational and administrative needs, complying with basic administrative principles and attaining the Bank's goals. In the third stage, a manual of accounting, administrative and budget control procedures will be prepared for INTAL, paying special attention to the reassignment of disbursement-processing related functions. These activities will be carried out by hired consultants who will have to abide by the schedule of tasks set down for this project.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 544/02). "Support to the Preparation of the Human Resources Training Program for Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean"**Objectives**

The CEFIR Foundation - a non-profit, non-governmental organization specialized in the training of human resources for the Latin American regional integration - submitted before the Bank an application for the development of a Human Resources Training Program to promote Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean. In order to respond to this application, the Bank incorporated an additional operation in its regional technical cooperation program; therefore, the objective of the project is to support the design and execution of this Program.

Activities

Consulting services will be hired to technically support the CEFIR Foundation in the design and implementation of the Program. The activities will include the drawing up of a document that must contain all basic contents and features of an IDB's Operational Plan for Regional Technical Cooperation; support will be given to the CEFIR Foundation in drafting the supporting documents required for the IDB's Regional Technical Cooperation; missions will be conducted on the premises of the CEFIR Foundation and INTAL to meet the requirements of these activities. The consultant will work in close coordination and contact with the authorities of the CEFIR Foundation and INTAL's management so that activities be conducted efficiently.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 542/01). "Start-Up of the Initiative for Regional Infrastructure Integration in South America"**Objectives**

To support the launching of the Initiative for Regional Infrastructure Integration in South America (IIRSA) by means of technical and logistic support for the functioning of the Executive Management Committee, the Secretariat of the Technical Coordination Committee, located at INTAL, and the Technical Executive Groups.

Activities

Collection of existing information on sectoral plans, studies and projects, regulatory and normative aspects of the fields of energy, telecommunications and transportation included in the area of influence of the pertinent hub; preparation of an inventory of projects classified according to their state; identification - based on collected information - of the potentials and obstacles for the development of the Inter-Oceanic, Andean and MERCOSUR-Chile Hubs, in a manner consistent with the regional, integrated and multisectoral IIRSA approach; preparation of a Work Program for the development of the mentioned Hubs, itemizing objectives, targets and works to be carried out; identification and promotion of networks and supportive channels for the initiative through contacts with national, sub-national, regional, provincial, departmental and local authorities, as well as with the private sector, civil society and specialized organizations that operate in the region; and preparation and update of the IIRSA website. This project was completed in the year 2003.

INTAL Contribution Fund (Project Document 541/01). "Economic Integration in the Americas: A Look into the Twenty-First Century"**Objectives**

To support decisions on policies regarding the evolution of the integration process in the region through high level research activities focused on relevant issues related to that process.

Activities

The project will involve academics, research groups, international organizations, policy makers, etc. to examine aspects of economic integration in America, covering four areas of analysis: (i) introductory analysis to set forth the conceptual, historical and global context in which integration in America is taking place; (ii) analysis of the fundamental matters of the economic integration - particularly modes, scope, intensity, strategies and mechanisms for its advancement; (iii) analysis of the possible impact of the economic integration process in different areas, such as growth, production and trade patterns, investments, labor markets, environment, etc; and (iv) analysis of the key points of economic policy. This point deserves special attention in a process involving various countries, is open to assessment by civil society and co-exists with other levels of global integration. This project is being carried out jointly with Harvard University. This project was completed in the year 2003.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-101/03-REG). "Academic Investigation in the Field of Integration

Objectives

To support the strengthening of research capacity on subjects concerning the field of integration.

Activities

Academic research works will be carried out through four lines of action, namely: summons of the INTAL Network of Research Centers on Integration (RedInt), which addresses research institutions belonging to Latin American and Caribbean countries, either individually or forming consortia, as the case may be; activities by the European-Latin American Research Network on Integration and Trade, launched jointly with the Special Office in Europe and the Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division of the Integration and Regional Programs Department - this initiative creates a forum in Europe on integration and trade issues relevant to Latin America and the Caribbean, the main objectives of which are to foster research, studies and debates on these matters, thus increasing interaction among researchers from both regions-; the Latin America/Caribbean and Asia/Pacific Economic and Business Association (LAEBA), an initiative launched jointly with the IDB and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), concerned with strengthening the relationship between the two regions through a series of activities, such as research works and exchange of experiences between both regions, and lastly the INTAL Award academic contest for professionals and/or academics from the Bank's member countries whose work contributes to the study of regional and hemispheric integration.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-102/03-REG). "Support to Trade Negotiations for Latin America and the

Objectives

To continue strengthening the negotiating capability of the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean regarding rules and disciplines issued by the World Trade Organization for its practical use in sub-regional, hemispheric and multilateral areas.

Activities

The agenda of activities foreseen includes course-workshops related to various priority areas of trade negotiations, such as: anti-dumping and compensation rights, customs assessment, investments, defense of competition, intellectual property, agriculture, dispute settlement, facilitation of trade and governmental procurement. During 2003, five training activities were conducted as part of this project.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-103/03-REG). "Andean Community/INTAL Internship Program"

Objectives

To promote the awareness of the principles and advances of Andean integration and the internationalization of its economies and to familiarize professionals from the member countries with the workings of the Community in order to ease the process to which the sub-region is committed by means of a training mechanism.

Activities

Continuation of internships of young professionals from the member countries at the Secretariat of the Andean Community. During these internships, theoretical training is given, including integration strategies, both Andean and of other experiences, as well as the structure and characteristics of the Andean Community, in order to generate direct knowledge of the way the Community works and of each one of its issue areas. The internship ends with specific work done in one of the areas of the Community, thus allowing the trainee to deepen the knowledge acquired and to put it into practice.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-202/03-REG). "Policy Fora and Special Events"**Objectives**

To support the analysis and dissemination of subjects referring to integration and trade in Latin America and the Caribbean, in order to generate policy recommendations at the level of public and private sectors, as well as to increase knowledge and awareness of these matters among civil society.

Activities

The activities scheduled for this project comprise all the tasks that are required for the organization of policy fora and special events. Among them, the following tasks stand out: hiring of experts to prepare studies to be used for debates in these policy fora and special events; travels for selected participants from the public and private sectors; organization and logistic support; drafting and issuance of documents related to the policy fora and special events.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-203/03-REG). "INTAL's Documentation Center, Information Systems and**Objectives**

To promote the dissemination of specialized bibliography, studies, regulatory or other types of information concerning ongoing or planned integration processes in Latin America and the Caribbean, through the activities of INTAL's Documentation Center and Library. Likewise, to continue updating and broadening the temporal and geographic coverage of DATAINTAL and other databases, as well as the Institute's Internet site.

Activities

INTAL's Documentation Center and Library (CDI) disseminates information and bibliography in the field of integration and trade by means of a strategy that will allow it to become a cooperative regional center of information. Other activities, as mentioned before, are the updating of the DATAINTAL database and the Internet site.

ATN/SF-8120-RE (Project CTR-204/03-REG). "INTAL Publications"**Objectives**

To promote the dissemination of specialized studies, articles, information and ideas concerning the ongoing or planned integration processes in Latin America and the Caribbean, through a number of publications.

Activities

INTAL publications to be supported by this project are divided into: (i) *Integration & Trade Journal*; (ii) INTAL Monthly Newsletter; (iii) Dissemination and Working Papers of INTAL and INTAL-ITD Series; (iv) Special Reports on Development of the Regional Integration Process. Worthy of underlining in this latter group is the publication of MERCOSUR, Andean, Central American and Caribbean Reports, as well as of reports emerging from the summons of the Network of Research Centers on Integration (RedInt). Likewise, special issues are published on other activities of INTAL, such as fora, seminars, regional technical cooperation, etc.

ATN/SF-7095-RE (Project CTR-207/01-REG). "Policy Fora and Special Events"**Objectives**

To support the analysis and dissemination of subjects referring to integration and trade in Latin America and the Caribbean, in order to generate policy recommendations at the level of public and private sectors, as well as to increase knowledge and awareness of these matters among civil society.

Atividades To achieve these objectives, the following tasks stand out: hiring of experts to prepare studies to be used for debates in Policy Fora and special events, as well as consultants to follow up and coordinate their logistic and technical aspects; travels for selected participants from the public and private sectors to attend the Policy Fora and special events; organization and logistic support of the Policy Fora and special events and drafting and issuance of documents related to the Policy Fora and special events. This project was completed in the year 2003.

ATN/SF-7095-RE (Project CTR-105/01-REG). "Support to Trade Negotiations for Latin America and the Caribbean"

Objectives To continue strengthening the negotiating capacity of the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean regarding rules and disciplines issued by the World Trade Organization for its practical use in sub-regional, hemispheric and multilateral areas.

Activities The agenda of activities foreseen for the current period comprises course-workshops related to various areas of trade negotiations that will involve negotiators from all Latin America and the Caribbean. Priority will be given to activities such as: Calculation of anti-dumping and compensation rights; Customs assessment; Investments; Defense of competition; Intellectual Property; Negotiation techniques and mechanisms; Agriculture; Dispute settlement; Review of policies for OECS (Organization of Eastern Caribbean States) countries; Subsidies; Services; International food negotiations; Electronic commerce, among others. During 2003, ten training activities took place as part of this project.

ATN/SF-7095-RE (Project CTR-401/01-REG). "INTAL Publications"

Objectives To promote the dissemination of specialized studies, articles, information and ideas concerning the ongoing or planned integration processes in Latin America and the Caribbean, through a number of publications.

Activities INTAL publications to be supported by this project are divided into: (i) *Integration & Trade Journal*, a semi-annual publication in Spanish and English; (ii) INTAL Monthly Newsletter, a monthly publication in Spanish, Portuguese and English; (iii) Dissemination and Working Papers of INTAL and INTAL-ITD Series, specializing in the field of regional integration; (iv) Special Reports on Development of the Regional Integration Process, papers published in sequence as an updating instrument on the evolution of ongoing and planned integration schemes in Latin America and the Caribbean and at the hemispheric level. Worthy of underlining in this latter group is the publication of MERCOSUR, Andean, Central American and Caribbean Reports, as well as of reports emerging from the summons of the Network of Research Centers on Integration (REDINT). Likewise, special issues are published on other activities of INTAL (fora, seminars, regional technical cooperation, etc.). Details of the publications issued during the year 2003 are shown further on in this report.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 013/03-RG) (ATN/SF 8142-RG). "Support to the Program for the Strengthening of the Andean Community's Trade Policy"

Objectives To promote the strengthening of the institutional capacity of the Andean Community countries' governments with regard to their foreign trade policy-making, particularly in the framework of the multilateral agenda concerning trade negotiations laid down by the World Trade Organization.

Activities Activities related to this project will consist in the organization of three approximately 5-day training courses on issues such as Anti-Dumping, Subsidies and Competition, Agriculture and Services. The courses will be targeted to experts in trade negotiations from the Andean Community countries, to be selected by their respective governments, approximately three per country.

ATN/SF-7095-RE (Project CTR-302/01-REG). "INTAL's Documentation Center, Information Systems and Databases"

Objectives

To promote the dissemination of specialized bibliography, studies, regulatory or other types of information concerning ongoing or planned integration processes in Latin America and the Caribbean, through the activities of INTAL's Documentation Center and Library. Likewise, to continue updating and broadening the temporal and geographic coverage of DATAINTAL and other databases, as well as the Institute's Internet site.

Activities

INTAL's Documentation Center and Library (CDI) disseminates information and bibliography in the field of integration and trade by means of a strategy that will allow it to become a cooperative regional center of information. With this project, CDI will have sufficient resources available to continue developing the tasks aimed at achieving its goal. Some of the most relevant tasks scheduled for the duration of the project are increasing INTAL's Publications Catalog and broadening and improving system designs that will simplify the regional projection of CDI's activities, particularly via Internet. Other important activities in this field are the implementation and updating of the databases of Foreign Trade Statistics - DATAINTAL - , the INTAL-MERCOSUR base (BIM), the base of Legal Treaties and Instruments of Integration and the Program for Holding Trade Rounds. This project was completed during the year 2003.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 012/02-MER) (LOAN 1279/OC-AR). "Program for the Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (MRECIC)"

Objectives

To give technical support to the Program for the Institutional Strengthening of MRECIC in relation to activities involving the hiring of consulting services and the organization of training activities, according to the provisions set forth in the Loan Agreement signed between the Republic of Argentina and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Activities

INTAL will play the role of a technical advisor in the execution of the Program with regard to the development of works related to the components indicated below, thus supporting the management of the Program Execution Unit (PEU), headquartered at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship in Argentina. The Program components in which INTAL will participate are: (i) the revision of the three candidate consultants and/or of the process to call for bids in connection with professional services; (ii) the presentation before the PEU of its non-objection to the three candidate consultants for its subsequent submittance before the IDB; and (iii) supporting the PEU in the organization and implementation of dissemination and training activities. INTAL's technical support will be given in coordination with the Bank's representatives in Argentina.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 009/00-MER) (ATN/SF-7276-RG). "Bank of Investment Projects for Non-Ferrous Metal Mining"

Objectives

To support the development of non-ferrous metal mining in the MERCOSUR countries, through the design and launching of a Bank of Investment Projects. Its specific objectives are the following: (a) to design a Bank of Investment Projects for Non-Ferrous Metal Mining; (b) to train the necessary personnel to launch the Bank.

Activities

The priority function of the Bank will be the preparation and continuous update of an inventory of Investment Projects. Projects in the inventory will have their pertinent definition and will be evaluated according to economic indicators of performance and risk as defined by the methodology to be developed. This evaluation and classification methodology will be defined according to internationally recognized and accepted standards and will also take into account the environmental effects of the proposed projects. This project was completed in the year 2003.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 010/01-RG) (ATN/SF-7775-RG). “Project to Support the Plan of Action for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America”

Objectives To support the establishment of a process enabling governments in South American countries to make coordinated decisions with the aim of: (i) making progress in the development of the regional physical infrastructure in the fields of transportation, communications and energy; and (ii) improving and harmonizing their regulatory frameworks. All projects resulting from this process are required, in turn, to have an active involvement of the private sector for their financing, to protect the environment and to foster integral social development.

Activities To attain these objectives, this project will consist of four activity groups: (1) Support to Executive Technical Groups (ETGs) by contracting supporting specialized consultants who must be highly-qualified professionals in the areas of transportation, communications and energy in order to coordinate and support the activities undertaken by the Executive Technical Groups in the hubs and sectoral processes of integration; (2) Logistic Support to IIRSA Secretariat and organization of meetings and seminars to be carried out by hiring the services of a professional and two assistants to manage the Secretariat and to design and update the website of the Initiative; (3) Regional infrastructure-specific technical studies financed by: (a) consultancies for the elaboration of diagnoses and methodological studies on financial, economic, environmental and risk aspects related to the potential projects for infrastructure or regulatory framework harmonization identified by the Initiative, and (b) mechanisms to disseminate the conclusions of these studies through publications or electronic distribution; (4) Evaluation by an independent consultant of the contribution made by the Institution to the implementation of the project activities.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 008/01-MER) (LOAN 1206/OC-AR). “Program for the Institutional Strengthening of Argentina’s Foreign Trade Policy”

Objectives To give technical-administrative support to the Argentine Government in matters involving consultant service contracts and organization of training activities, as provided for in the Loan Agreement signed between the Government of the Argentine Republic and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Activities INTAL will act as technical-administrative assistant for the development of the following components of the Program, in support of the management of the Program Execution Unit (PEU), headquartered at the Ministry of Economy of the Argentine Republic. The components of the Program in which INTAL will participate are: (i) Institutional strengthening; and (ii) Interrelation of trade policy between the private sector and the provincial institutions of the public sector. The technical-administrative support of INTAL will be given in coordination with the Bank’s representatives in Argentina.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 007/00-MER) (ATN/SF-7287-RG). “Unfair Trade Practices in MERCOSUR”

Objectives To contribute to the strengthening of the integration process in MERCOSUR by perfecting the protective instruments against unfair trade practices and ensuring their proper usage.

Activities The project foresees activities aimed at creating proposals for improvement in the field based on the rules of the Regulations for the Defense against Dumping Imports from countries that are not members of MERCOSUR, developing the Common Regulations on Subsidies and transferring experiences of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to MERCOSUR. The cooperation between NAFTA and MERCOSUR focuses on strengthening the use of research techniques and the calculation of subsidies, for which an entity/agency of a NAFTA country with ample experience in the subject will be chosen.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 006/00-MER) (ATN/SF-7032-RG). "Integration of the Financial System of MERCOSUR"

Objectives To support MERCOSUR in the process of strengthening its financial integration through the diagnosis of the mechanics of Consolidated Global Supervision used by its members and to obtain recommendations in order to harmonize such procedures.

Activities The activities of this project include the preparation of comparative studies between legislations, procedures and consolidated supervision programs adopted by MERCOSUR countries. It also foresees the preparation of recommendations to member countries in order to perfect and make their respective legislations and supervision procedures compatible. This project was completed in the year 2003.

Associated Technical Cooperation (CTA 003/00-REG) (ATN/SF-6789-RG). "Program to Support Trade Negotiations for Countries C and D of Latin America and the Caribbean"

Objectives To contribute to the improvement of the negotiating capabilities of the countries of Central America, the Caribbean, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay in the framework of regulations and disciplines issued by the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Activities Within the framework of the Program, a Course-Workshop was held during the year 2003 with the participation of countries C and D of the Bank, detailed further on in this report. This project was completed in the year 2003.

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POLICY FORA AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The Policy Fora and Special Events are discussion and debate meetings on the subject of integration, with the active participation and leading role of the private sector, including representatives of the business and labor sectors and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as public authorities, sub-regional integration organizations and experts in the fields covered at each meeting.

During the year 2003, seventeen Fora on Policy and nineteen special events were held, co-organized with other entities or institutions. These events were attended by over 4,000 participants and gave rise to a significant number of documents that have been disseminated as books, CD-ROMs and reports, as well as through INTAL's and other institutions' sites on the Internet. A detailed list of the fora and events are shown in a summary chart further on in this report.

The Policy Fora held by INTAL dealt with the opportunities and challenges posed by trade agreement negotiations to Latin America and the Caribbean. In this context, multilateral meetings were held at the level of the World Trade Organization, while other meetings were focused on the hemispheric level and approached the issue of the sub-regional integration process. Special emphasis was paid to the analysis of the processes of participation and consultation of civil society at both national and regional levels-an issue of particular importance as part of the need to legitimate the scope and content of agreements under negotiation. More

specifically, discussions were held concerning some challenges in areas such as rules of origin, foreign direct investment, and the fiscal impact of integration as well as its influence on the design of tax reforms required to respond to this challenge.

In addition, other areas related to the promotion of cooperation activities among countries in the region were treated with special interest. In the first place, discussions were held with regard to possible cooperation actions in the framework of regional or sub-regional financial safety nets created to mitigate the effects of external shocks on the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean. In the second place, analyses were made regarding the scope and content of any regional or sub-regional cooperation action related to social policies and measures to alleviate existing poverty or inequality levels. Finally, several meetings were devoted to designing strategies of approach, research and dissemination of information about interregional relationships between Latin America and the Caribbean, on the one hand, and Asia and Europe, on the other, particularly in the context of LAEBA (Latin America/Caribbean and Asia/Pacific Economic and Business Association) and the Euro-Latin Study Network on Integration and Trade. These events convened over 2,300 participants and gave rise to a great number of technical documents published and disseminated by the Institute through its website.

Apart from the policy fora and the special events organized by INTAL, officials of the Institute participated in five seminars and lectures on several subjects related to the Institute's field of action, as shown in the summary chart below.



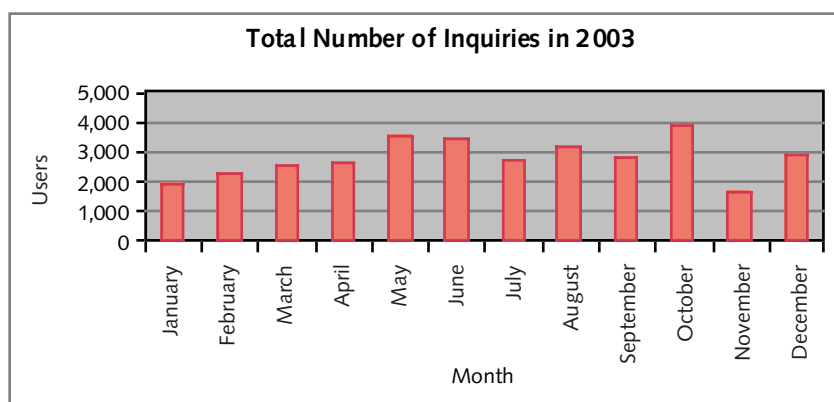
DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION



The three lines of action used by INTAL in this area are: the services of INTAL's Documentation Center (CDI); the preparation and updating of databases and other computerized systems, and the Institute's publications.

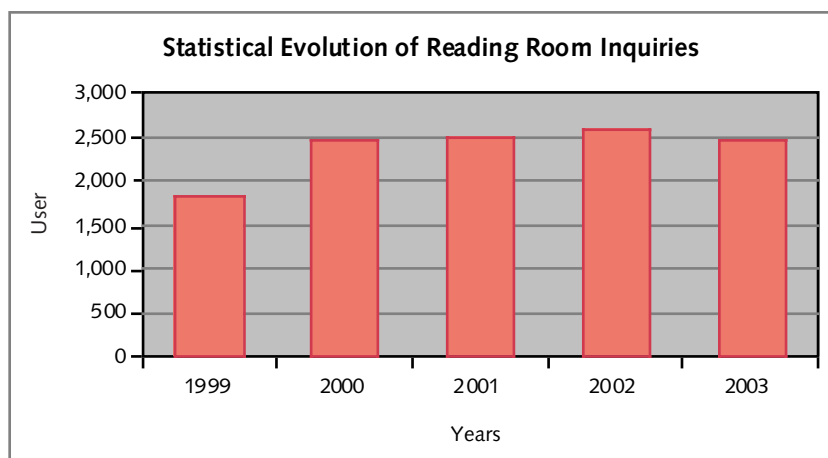
Concerning the CDI's services, statistical data on its activities during the year 2003 continue showing the evolution of the work done by the Center. In general terms, 32,994 inquiries were received, including inquiries in the CDI's reading room, inquiries from remote users (replies given by e-mail or telephone), access to PDF files prepared by the CDI and visits to the CDI sector on INTAL's website.

Year 2003	Total
January	1,931
February	2,237
March	2,486
April	2,561
May	3,466
June	3,416
July	2,701
August	3,151
September	2,729
October	3,825
November	1,664
December	2,827
Total	32,994



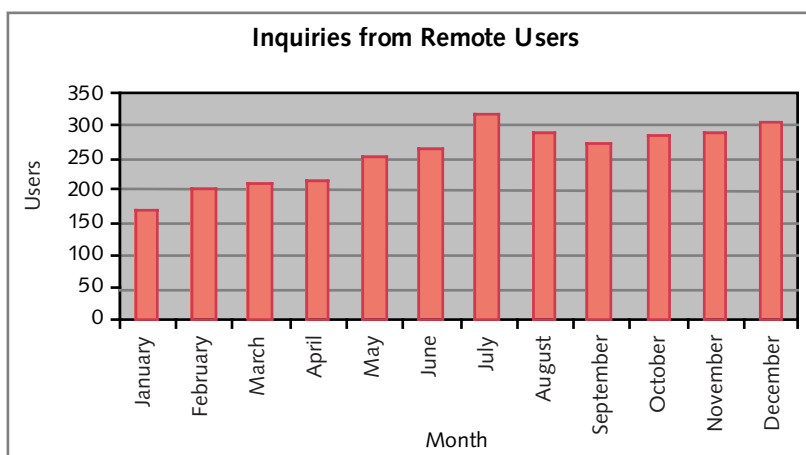
2,440 inquiries were resolved in the reading room. This figure has declined by 6.15% vis-à-vis the previous year. The small difference can be attributed to the growth of virtual/remote inquiries, since more resources were available for users who visited INTAL's website in 2003.

Year	Total Inquiries
1999	1,822
2000	2,440
2001	2,500
2002	2,600
2003	2,440



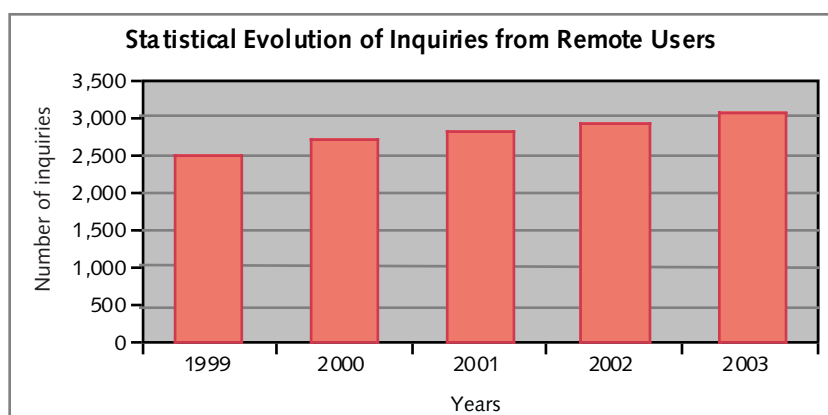
On the other hand, 3,064 inquiries from remote users were resolved, representing a growth rate of 5.65% as compared to the previous year. In many cases, inquiries involve virtual resources, electronic mail and telephone calls.

2003	Contact by e-mail	Contact by telephone	Total
January	85	85	170
February	100	100	200
March	105	105	210
April	107	107	214
May	125	125	250
June	132	132	264
July	165	150	315
August	140	150	290
September	135	135	270
October	143	143	286
November	140	150	290
December	150	155	305
Total	1,527	1,537	3,064



Below is the evolution of this kind of inquiry in the last years

Year	Total Inquiries
1999	2,500
2000	2,700
2001	2,800
2002	2,900
2003	3,064

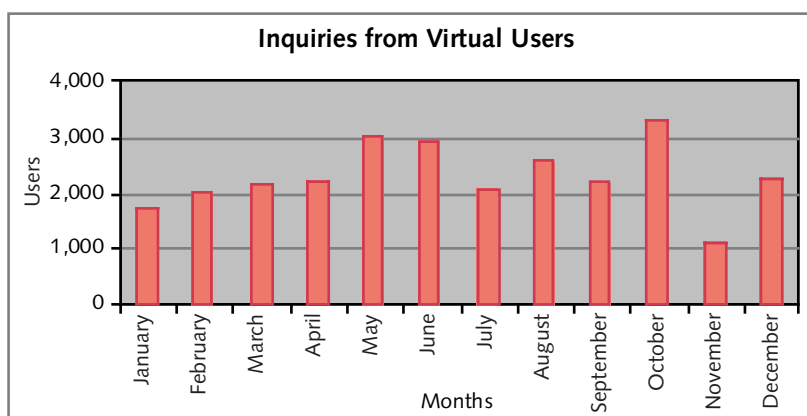


In addition, 27,490 inquiries were received, which include visits to the CDI sector in the Institute's website, where the following items can be found:

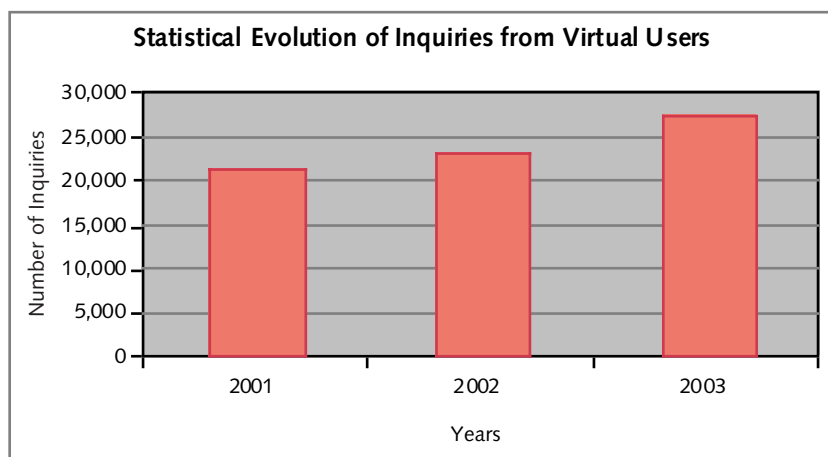
- ◆ Bibliographic lists on integration plans.
- ◆ Bibliographic lists per subject.
- ◆ Thematic and analytical indexes of the Monthly Newsletters.
- ◆ Lists of recent purchases.
- ◆ Links to periodical publications on Integration and Trade.

This shows a growth rate of 19.5% as compared to the previous year figures.

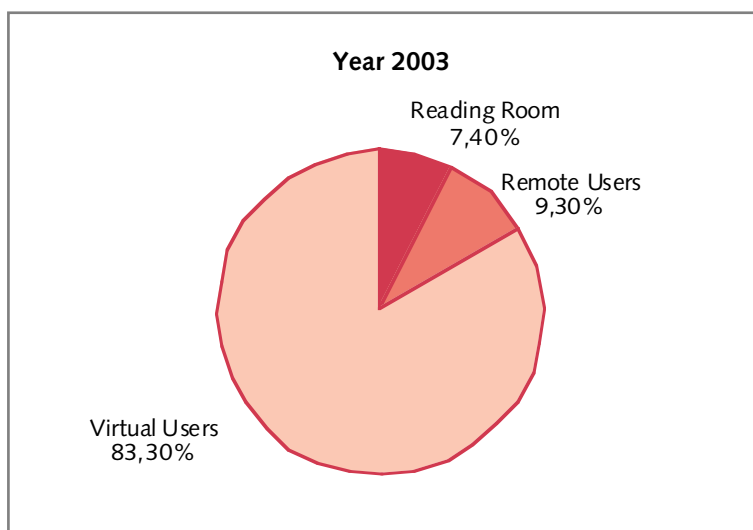
2003	Visits to CDI site	PDFs consulted	Total number
January	1,409	337	1,746
February	1,715	307	2,022
March	1,785	341	2,126
April	1,732	465	2,197
May	2,747	279	3,026
June	2,173	729	2,902
July	2,076	0	2,076
August	2,315	266	2,581
September	2,090	99	2,189
October	2,903	386	3,289
November	881	203	1,084
December	1,795	457	2,252
Total	2,3621	3,869	2,749



Year	Total Inquiries
2001	21,189
2002	23,003
2003	27,490



The graph below shows the composition of all the inquiries received by the CDI.



Based on statistical data, an increase in remote and virtual users' inquiries can be observed. This can be attributed to the vast information that was uploaded to the Institute's website during the year. Remote users' personalized inquiries generally involve simultaneous requests about different subjects and/or materials.. Obviously, this also holds true in the case of users who personally attend the reading room. This may easily explain quantitative differences for each item. Besides, it should be highlighted that the difference between direct inquiries for PDF files and those personalized is that the latter have the added value of an individual assistance to the end user. This description shows the quantitative importance of electronic services as well as the qualitative value involved in any individual advice.

As it usually does, CDI prepared the thematic and analytical indexes for INTAL's Monthly Newsletters No. 78 to 89 in Spanish and English, which can be consulted in the website <http://www.iadb.org/intal/publicaciones/icm.htm>

Besides, 12 lists of recent purchases were prepared, with a total number of 382 records, 81 % of which have been incorporated with their respective links. <http://www.iadb.org/intal/cdi/adquisiciones.html>.

Bibliographic lists with the CDI's existing material on integration blocs were updated: MERCOSUR, FTAA, NAFTA, ANDEAN COMMUNITY, CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN REGION. <http://www.iadb.org/intal/cdi/cdi.htm>

As to dissemination, forms were sent to the following institutions and/or publishing houses to update different on-line repertoires and/or databases: Gale's Directory of Special Libraries; UNIRED; CAICYT-CONICET; Europa Publications - World of Learning; Ulrich's Periodicals Directory; Yearbook of International Organizations; LEV-LEER (Assistance to the Department of Publications); World Guide to Foundations; Ministry of Economy (Project to Sponsor Periodical Publications in Argentina)*; Contexto Internacional; Información Científica Internacional de México; NIRA -World Directory of think tanks.

The CDI has cooperated with the Project to Sponsor Periodical Publications in Argentina, under the auspices and sponsorship of UNIRED. This project consisted in preparing and supplying information on articles in the following periodical publications: "Integration & Trade" and "Latin American Integration, comprising a total number of 1,200 records. It should be highlighted that 95 Argentine libraries participated in the project and that the database contains 160,796 articles. It is available on the Ministry of Economy's website, providing virtual users with a useful information source. <http://cdi.mecon.gov.ar/isiswww/pppp/index.html>

Another activity conducted by CDI during the current period was participating in the Meeting of National Libraries of MERCOSUR and Associated Countries, held in Buenos Aires from November 3 to 5, and organized by the Argentine National Library with the support of IDB-INTAL. During this meeting, INTAL and its Documentation Center were introduced, by furnishing the public with information on INTAL's activities of support and strengthening of regional integration processes, by publishing, distributing and making specialized literature available.

As to data systems, it is important to point out that the Trade Statistics System of the Americas (DATAINTAL) has been modernized and updated. The new CD-ROM 4.0 version of the system offers a modernization of the inquiry options and of the technical characteristics and contents of DATAINTAL. This system contains statistics on imports and exports of countries in the American continent, by country of origin and destination, in volume and value, as per the tariff nomenclature used by each country. Likewise, a new version of DATAINTAL, available through the Institute's Internet page, offers important advances in technology and content, as compared to earlier versions. Modernization of the system was done with the technical support of the IDB's Statistics and Quantitative Analysis Unit.

There was a further updating of the INTAL-MERCOSUR Base (BIM), available through the Internet, which includes the basic legal instruments of the integration process as well as resolutions, decisions and guidelines from the respective executive and technical branches.

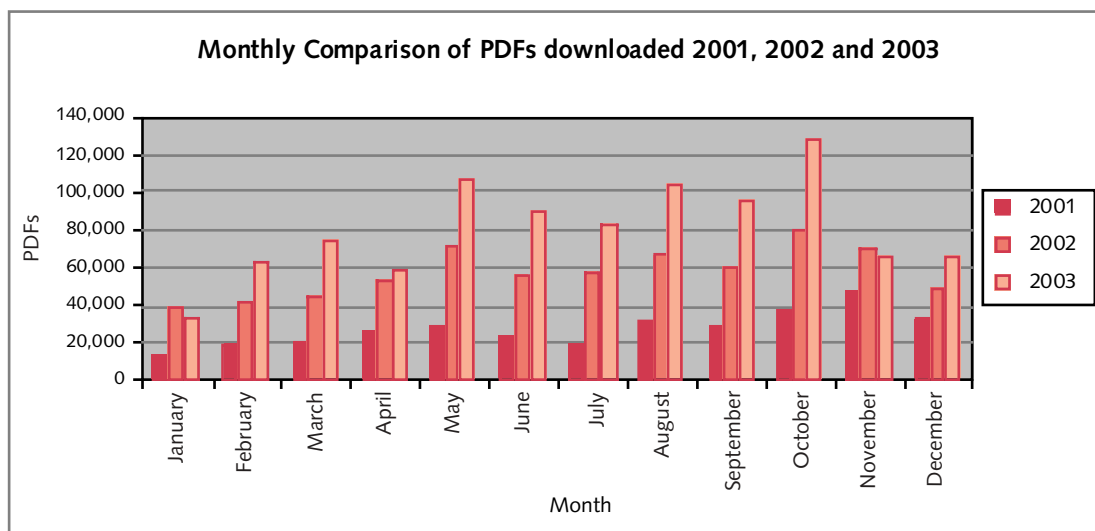
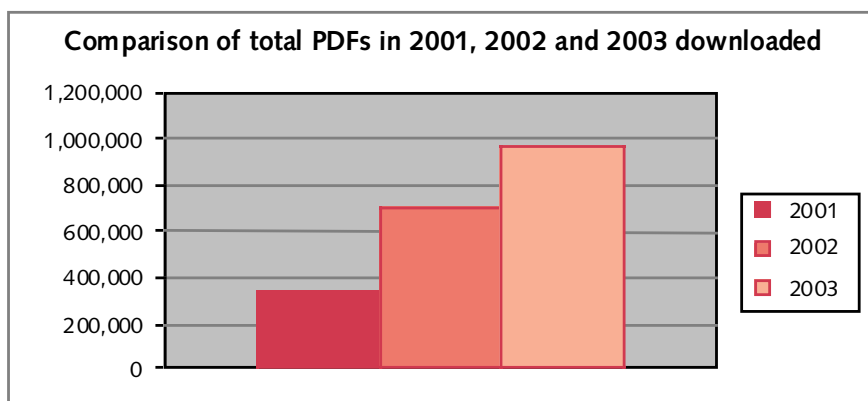
Also worthy of mention is the database of Legal Instruments of Economic Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean, which includes a compendium of legal instruments relevant to the integration process and receives a growing number of inquiries through the Internet thanks to its updating mechanism, which reflects the constant evolution experienced by the region in this field.

Finally, also still available in the Institute's website is the Directory of Economic Relations of Latin America and the Caribbean with Asia-Pacific, a database that contains information as to relevant governmental and non-governmental actors that work in the field of relations between both regions. This database is the result of the work jointly done with SELA's Permanent Secretariat.

As to publications, a total number of sixty-six (66) were published, the details of which are presented further on in this report. Aside from continuing with INTAL's usual series of publications, there was an intense research activity, which is reflected in the great number of working and dissemination papers published in the INTAL/ITD Series. Besides, a new series of technical publications was launched; it is related to works resulting from the Special Initiative of Trade and Integration, coordinated by the IDB's Integration and Regional

Programs Department. The Catálogo INTAL 2000-2003 was updated with all the Institute's publications, databases and data systems as of December 2003.

In short, besides the above-mentioned 66 publications, the distribution of titles of earlier publications by the Institute, as well as of presentations or documents submitted in its fora and special events, both in print or electronically through INTAL's website, was continued. This distribution of publications and other technical documents comprised a total of 990,000 during the year 2003. The diagram below shows the substantial growth experienced by this activity as compared to the year 2001 and 2002, representing 204% and 44%, respectively.



TECHNICAL COOPERATIONS

- ◆ "Support to Trade Negotiations for Latin America and the Caribbean" (3)
- ◆ "Support to the Institutional Work of the Initiative for Regional Infrastructure Integration in South America"
- ◆ "Analysis of the National Trade Policy-Making Process in Central American Countries and the Dominican Republic"
- ◆ "Regional Public Goods and Regional Development Assistance"
- ◆ "Support to the Preparation of the Human Resources Training Program for Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean"
- ◆ "Design of INTAL's Structure and Procedures"
- ◆ "Start-Up of the Initiative for Regional Infrastructure Integration in South America"
- ◆ "Economic Integration in the Americas: A Look into the Twenty-First Century"
- ◆ "Academic Investigation in the Field of Integration"
- ◆ "Andean Community/INTAL Internship Program"
- ◆ "Policy Fora and Special Events" (2)
- ◆ "INTAL's Documentation Center, Information Systems and Databases" (2)
- ◆ "INTAL's Publications" (2)

ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL COOPERATIONS

- ◆ "Support to the Andean Community Trade Policy Strengthening Program"
- ◆ "Technical Assistance to the Program for the Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (MRECIC) of Argentina"
- ◆ "Plan of Action for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America"
- ◆ "Bank of Investment Projects in Non-Ferrous Metal Mining"
- ◆ Technical Assistance for the Institutional Strengthening of Argentina's Foreign Trade Policy"
- ◆ "Unfair Trade Practices in MERCOSUR"
- ◆ "Práticas Desleais de Comércio no MERCOSUL"
- ◆ "Financial System Integration in MERCOSUR"
- ◆ "Support to Trade Negotiations for Central American Countries, the Caribbean, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay"

IDB/INTAL-WTO TRAINING PROGRAM

18 to 21/02/03. "Regional Course on Negotiating Techniques for the Public and Academic Sectors in the Caribbean Countries", Trinidad & Tobago. Participating countries: Caribbean Countries. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, The University of the West Indies (UWI).

25 to 27/02/03. "Course on Trade and Environment for South American Countries and Mexico", La Paz, Bolivia. Participating countries: South American Countries and Mexico. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.

10 to 14/03/03. "Regional Course on Course on Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices and Dispute Settlement Understanding Negotiations for South American Countries and Mexico", Asunción, Paraguay. Participating countries: South American Countries and Mexico. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.

19 to 21/03/03. "Regional Course on the Implementation of the Textile and Clothing Agreement for the Caribbean and Central American Countries", Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Participating countries: CARICOM and MCCA (Central American Common Market) Countries and Panama and the Dominican Republic. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.

24 to 26/03/03. "Course on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Selected Latin American Countries", Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Participating countries: El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.

02 to 04/04/03. "Regional Seminar Regarding Policies on Competition, Economic Development and the Multilateral Trade System: the Doha Mandate and its Future Options", Kingston, Jamaica. Participating countries: CARICOM Countries. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, OMC, CARICOM Secretariat, Jamaica Fair Trading Commission and Government of Jamaica.

08 to 10/04/03. "Regional Course on Technical Barriers to Trade: Improving Participation of Developing Countries in Standardization Activities", Lima, Peru. Participating countries: South American and MCCA Countries, plus Panama and the Dominican Republic. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO, General Secretariat of the Andean Community, International Electro-Technical Commission (IEC), International Organization of Legal Metrology (IOLM), Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual in Peru (INDECOPI).

22 to 25/04/03. "Regional Course on Dispute Settlement Procedures and Practices and Dispute Settlement Understanding Negotiations", Bridgetown, Barbados. Participating countries: CARICOM Member Countries. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO, CARICOM Secretariat.

28 to 29/04/03. "Regional Course on the Links between Trade and Investments: Implications of Reinforced Multilateral Cooperation in the Area of Long-Term Cross-Border Investments, Particularly Foreign Direct Investments", Kingston, Jamaica. Participating countries: CARICOM Member Countries. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO, CARICOM Secretariat, Jamaica Promotions Ltd. (JAMPRO), Government of Jamaica.

28 to 30/04/03. "Course on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Selected Latin American Countries", Quito, Ecuador. Participating countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.

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18 to 20/06/03. "Regional Course on Competition Policies and the Multilateral Trade System: Towards Cancún", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participating countries: South American Countries and Mexico. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO, Comisión Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia (CNDC).

28 to 30/07/03. "Regional Course on Transparency in Government Procurement", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participating countries: South American Countries and Mexico. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.

21 to 22/08/03. "Regional Conference for Parliamentarians 'From Doha to Cancún' – The Latin American Countries at the WTO: Negotiations on Agriculture, Services and the New Issues", São Paulo, Brazil. Participating countries: Latin American Countries. Organizing institutions: WTO and Parlatino with the participation of IDB/INTAL.

27 to 28/08/03. "II Regional Course on Agricultural Policies", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participating countries: MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, IICA, Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food (SAGPyA) of the Argentine Republic.

23 to 25/09/03. "Regional Course on the Implementation of the Textile and Clothing Agreement for LAIA Member Countries". Montevideo, Uruguay. Participating countries: LAIA (Latin American Integration Association) Member Countries. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO, LAIA.

07 to 09/10/03. "Course on the Toolkit for Negotiators from the Andean Community Member Countries", Lima, Peru. Participating countries: Países Andean Community Members. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO, General Secretariat of the Andean Community.

13 to 18/10/03. "Regional Course-Workshop on International Agricultural Policies and Trade", Montevideo, Uruguay. Participating countries: MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, IICA, WTO, Forum of Agricultural Sciences Schools of MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile.

20 to 31/10/03. "Third Brief Course on Trade Policy for LAIA Member Countries", Montevideo, Uruguay. Participating countries: LAIA Member Countries. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO, Government of the Kingdom of Spain.

27 to 29 /10/03. "Regional Workshop for University Teachers on WTO-Related Topics", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participating countries: Latin American Countries. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.

05 to 07/11/03. "Regional Course on Toolkit for Trade Negotiators from MERCOSUR Member Countries, Bolivia and Chile", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participating countries: MERCOSUR Member Countries, Bolivia and Chile. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.

17 to 19/11/03. "Regional Course on Disciplines Applicable to Subsidies for the Andean Community Member Countries", Quito, Ecuador. Participating countries: Andean Community Member Countries. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.

25 to 26/11/03. "Regional Course on Trade and Environment for CARICOM Member Countries", Kingston, Jamaica. Participating countries: CARICOM Member Countries. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO, CARICOM Secretariat, Government of Jamaica.

16 to 18/12/03. "Regional Course on Trade in Services and Current Negotiations under GATS", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participating countries: Andean Community Member Countries. Organizing institutions: IDB/INTAL, WTO.

POLICY FORA

March 13, 2003. "Taller Técnico: Impacto Fiscal de la Integración Económica", Lima, Peru. Jointly organized with the General Secretariat of the Andean Community (CAN) and the IDB's Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division.

April 21-22, 2003. "Forum: FTAA and the Future of the American Integration", Puebla, Mexico. Jointly organized with Universidad de las Américas and Latin American Trade Network (LATN) and the IDB's Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division.

May 9, 2003. "Presentation of the Report on Economic and Social Progress in Latin America (IPES) 2002 – 'Beyond Borders: The New Regionalism in Latin America'" / "Reflection Seminar: 'The FTAA's Impact and Perspectives'", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jointly organized with the IDB's Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division.

June 11-12, 2003. "Technical Workshop: Fiscal Impact of Economic Integration", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jointly organized with the IDB's Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division.

August 8, 2003. "Workshop on the Domestic Trade Policy Making in Central American Countries", Washington, USA. Jointly organized with the Inter-American Dialogue and the Munk Centre for International Studies and the IDB's Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division.

August 21, 2003. "Presentation of the Mercosur Report 2001-2002 published by the IDB-INTAL in the framework of the Seminario Mercosul: Análise e Perspectivas", São Paulo, Brazil. Jointly organized with the Centro de Estudos das Negociações Internacionais (CAENI), sponsored by the Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA).

September 9, 2003. "Seminar on Financial Safety Nets and Regional Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean", Washington, USA. Organized by the IDB's Integration and Regional Programs Department through the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL), the IDB's Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division and the Special Initiative on Trade and Integration (SITI).

September 26, 2003. "Workshop on Environment and Trade Related Capacity Building Needs in Latin America and the Caribbean", Washington, USA. Organized by the Department of Sustainable Development, with the support of the IDB's Integration and Regional Programs Department.

October 6-7, 2003. "Second CEPIL-IDB Conference: Economic Implications of the Doha Development Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean", Washington, USA. Organized by the Centre D'Etudes Prospectives et D'Informations Internationales (CEPIL), the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL), the IDB's Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division and the Special Office in Europe (BID-SOE).

October 13, 2003. "International Seminar: Effects of Foreign Direct Investment in Mexico during the 90s", Mexico Federal District, Mexico. Jointly organized with the Universidad Nacional de México (UNAM), in the context of the Network of Research Centers on Integration (RedINT), within the purview of the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL).

October 16, 2003. "Workshop on Tax Reform and Integration in MERCOSUR", Brasilia, Brazil. Jointly organized with the Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division, within the purview of the IDB's Integration and Regional Programs Department.

POLICY FORA (continued)

October 30, 2003. "Presentation of the MERCOSUR Report published by the IDB-INTAL", Porto Alegre, Brazil. Jointly organized with Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS).

October 30-31, 2003. "International Seminar: Citizens' Participation in Civil Society in MERCOSUR and Trade Negotiations", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jointly organized with the Foro para la Participación Ciudadana (FOCO).

November 6-7, 2003. "First Annual Conference of the Euro-Latin Study Network on Integration and Trade", Barcelona, Spain. Organized by the Special Office in Europe (IDB), the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL), the IDB's Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division and the Center for Research in International Economics (CREI).

November 12-13, 2003. "Forum on Regional Integration and Social Agenda", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jointly organized with the Asociación Argentina de Políticas Sociales (AAPS), the Fundação Alexandre Gusmão (FUNAG), and the Fundación Centro de Estudios Brasileiros (FUNCEB).

November 17-18, 2003. "Presentation of the Mercosur Report published by the IDB-INTAL within the framework of the MERCOSUR Regional Meeting 2003: Growing Together", Montevideo, Uruguay. Organized by the MERCOSUR Secretariat, the MERCOSUR Economic Research Network and the Pro Tempore Presidency - Uruguay (Ministry of Foreign Relations).

November 24-25, 2003. "Sub-regional Workshop on Certification and Self-Certification of Origin", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jointly organized with the IDB's Integration, Trade and Hemispheric Issues Division and the Cámara de Exportadores of the Argentine Republic.

SPECIAL EVENTS

March 17-18, 2003. "Conference: Greening the FTAA? Towards the Protection of Ecological Integrity in the Americas", Ottawa, Canada. Organized by Environmental Law McGill

March 25, 2003. "Policy Choices and Implications for Korea and the Americas", Washington, USA. Organized by the Korean Economic Institute (KEI)/Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP); IDB-ADB Latin America/Caribbean and Asia/Pacific Economics and Business Association (LAEBA).

March 31 - April 1st, 2003. "Reunión Técnica del MERCOSUR Social, Bolivia y Chile", Asuncion, Paraguay. Organized by the Social Action Secretariat of the Republic of Paraguay.

April 1st, 2003. "Seminar on Participation of Civil Society in Economic Integration: Experiences in France and Brazil", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jointly organized with the Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero (UNTREF).

April 3-4, 2003. "International Seminar-Workshop on Technical Cooperation in the Social Sector between Argentina and Brazil", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jointly organized with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship -General Direction of International Cooperation- (Argentina) and the Agencia Brasileña de Cooperación (ABC).

SPECIAL EVENTS (continued)

April 22-23, 2003. "PECC Trade Forum Seminar / Regional Trade Agreements in Comparative Perspective: Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific", Washington, USA. Organized by the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), Institute for International Economics (IIE) and the Latin America/Caribbean and Asia/Pacific Economic and Business Association (LAEBA), upon the initiative of the Inter-American Development Bank and the Institute of the Asian Development Bank.

April 28, 2003. "Conference: U.S.-Singapore and U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreements: Opening Markets and Advancing Regional Trade", Washington, USA. Organized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Latin America/Caribbean and Asia/Pacific Economic and Business Association (LAEBA), upon the initiative of the Inter-American Development Bank and the Institute of the Asian Development Bank.

May 12-13, 2003. "Reunião Regional do Grupo Zapallar: El Desafío de Incidir" and presentation of "Estudio sobre la Formulación de Políticas Comerciales en el Hemisferio Occidental", published by the IDB-INTAL, the Inter-American Dialogue and the Munk Centre; Angra dos Reis, Brazil. Organized by Grupo Zapallar (GZ).

June 13, 2003. "Taller de Trabajo: Análisis de Experiencias de Participación de la Sociedad Civil en la Formulación de la Política Comercial", Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Jointly organized with the Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero (UNTREF) and the Universidad de Brasilia (UnB).

June 24-27, 2003. "Preparation of Five Year Plan of Action (2003-2008)", Barbados. Organized by the Caribbean Conservation Association and sponsored by the Inter-American Development Bank/INTAL; the International Fund of Animal Welfare and the Commonwealth Foundation.

July 31 - August 1st, 2003. "II Forum of MERCOSUR and Visegrad Countries (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Poland) and their Relationship with the European Union", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jointly organized with the Direction for Central and Eastern Europe of the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship.

August 28, 2003. "Seminar: Latin American Regional Integration and International Competitiveness: Contributions to the Third EU/LAC Summit", Montevideo, Uruguay. Organized by the Centro Latinoamericano para las Relaciones con Europa (CELARE) and the Centro Latinoamericano de Economía Humana (CLAEH), under the auspices of the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA) and sponsored by the MERCOSUR Secretariat, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL) and the Delegation of the European Commission in Uruguay and Paraguay.

September 24, 2003. "LAEBA Panel at FIEALC Meeting: 'Globalization in Asia and Latin America: Trade, Investment and Finance'", Osaka, Japan. Organized by the International Federation of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (FIEALC).

September 29-30, 2003. "Seminario Sub-regional: Integración Regional e Integración Física en la Comunidad Andina y Sudamérica: Elementos de Reflexión para la III Cumbre UE/ALC", Lima, Peru. Organized by the Centro Latinoamericano para las Relaciones con Europa (CELARE) with the cooperation of the General Secretariat of the Andean Community (CAN); the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA); the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL); the MERCOSUR Secretariat; the Consejo Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales (CARI); Delegations of the European Commission in Mexico, Peru, Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile; ECSA: Latin America, Argentina, Brazil,

SPECIAL EVENTS (continued)

Chile, Mexico; the Institute for European Integration Studies (IEIE-ITAM) and the Instituto de Estudios Europeos of the Pontificia Universidad Católica in Perú (IEE-PUCP).

September 29-30, 2003. "Conference: Economic Development and Integration in Asia and Latin America", Tokyo, Japan. Organized by the Latin America/Caribbean and Asia/Pacific Economic and Business Association (LAEBA), upon the initiative of the Inter-American Development Bank and the Institute of the Asian Development Bank.

October 20-21, 2003. "International Seminar: The EURO Experience: Construction of an Economic and Monetary Union, Joint Evaluation by European and Latin American Macroeconomists", Santiago, Chile. Organized by the European Commission (ECFIN), the ECLAC-UN and the CELARE, in the framework of the Third Annual Meeting of REDIMA.

October 23-24, 2003. "Seminar on Liberalization of Financial Services", Bogota, Colombia. Organized by the Government of Colombia.

November 3-5, 2003. "Meeting of National Libraries of MERCOSUR Member and Associate Countries", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jointly organized with the National Library of the Argentine Republic.

November 4, 2003. "Brazil and the Challenges and Opportunities of Integration", São Paulo, Brazil. Jointly organized with Fundação Getulio Vargas.

PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES 2003

March 25, 2003. "Jornada sobre Mujer, Libre Comercio e Integración Regional", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship - Subsecretaría de Política Exterior, Representación Especial en Temas para la Mujer en el Ámbito Internacional- and the Consejo Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales (CARI).

May 16, 2003. "Seminario Temático: El Rol del Ferrocarril en los Mercados Integrados", Montevideo, Uruguay. Organized by the Asociación Latinoamericana de Ferrocarriles (ALAF) and the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA).

May 22, 2003. "Seminario: La Experiencia de Chile en las Negociaciones con Estados Unidos y la Unión Europea", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Organized by Fundación Gobierno y Sociedad in the framework of the Program to Strengthen Foreign Trade Policy conducted in the Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Mining in Argentina.

May 30, 2003. "Seminario de Actualización en Integración Regional: Estado Actual de la Integración en América Latina y el Caribe", Rosario, Argentina. Organized by the Universidad Nacional de Rosario; Cátedra Internacional Andrés Bello, Centro Interdisciplinario de Investigación, Docencia y Asistencia Técnica sobre el Mercosur (CIDAM).

December 2, 2003. "Conferencia: Los Procesos de Integración y Cooperación Regionales", Santiago, Chile. Organized by the Instituto de Estudios Internacionales of the Universidad de Chile, Cátedra Internacional Andrés Bello.

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Regional Integration and Productivity:
The Experiences of Brazil and Mexico

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- Issue 20: Zonas francas y otros regímenes especiales en un contexto de negociaciones comerciales multilaterales y regionales (English and Spanish)
- Issue 21: Desigualdad regional y gasto público en México
- Issue 22: The Trade and Cooperation Nexus: How does the MERCOSUR-EU Process Measure Up?

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- Issue 2: Reciprocity in the FTAA: the Roles of Market Access, Institutions and Negotiating Capacity
- Issue 3: Agricultural Liberalization in Multilateral and Regional Trade Negotiations
- Issue 4: The Impacts of US Agricultural and Trade Policy on Trade Liberalization and Integration via a US-Central American Free Trade Agreement
- Issue 5: Estudio sobre las condiciones y posibilidades políticas de la integración hemisférica
- Issue 6a: MERCOSUR: En busca de una nueva agenda - Informe del Relator
- Issue 6b: MERCOSUR: En busca de una nueva agenda - La inserción del MERCOSUR al mundo globalizado
- Issue 6c: MERCOSUR: En busca de una nueva agenda - MERCOSUR: Dilemas y alternativas de la agenda comercial
- Issue 6d: MERCOSUR: En busca de una nueva agenda - La inestabilidad cambiaria en el MERCOSUR: causas, problemas y posibles soluciones
- Issue 6e: MERCOSUR: En busca de una nueva agenda - Agenda de institucionalización del MERCOSUR: los desafíos de un proyecto en crisis

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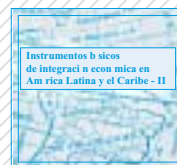
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