

Interim Report: International Partnership & Mobility Scheme

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3. Duration of Project

Date of Award
16 th July 2014

Start Date	End Date
1 st March 2015	28 th February 2018

4. Stage of project

End of first year.

5. Title of research project

Establishing and learning from comparative subnational demographic development in Latin America

6. Synopsis of research for public dissemination

Please supply up to 150 words describing your research in terms suitable for a non-specialist. Please note that information supplied here may be used by the Academy in its publications, either in print form or on its web site.

We aim to build on professional encounters 2010-2013. Our goals are to advance the methods and understanding of sub-national socio-demographic development in Latin America, to strengthen research networks in Latin America and UK, and to transfer academic knowledge to government planning. We will construct and analyse a database of socio-demographic rates between and within countries: from the International Public Use Microdata Samples, and census and survey data held in REDATAM. We will research and document a sub-national projections system for Venezuelan states and smaller areas, developing a planning-relevant approach to projections in which population, household and labour force projections are integrated. We will convene three seminars on methods and results, at the Latin American Population Association (ALAP), at the Venezuela statistics institute, and in Manchester UK. We will use specialist UK software, and explore cost-effective alternatives.

7. Additional information

Please supply any useful website addresses related to your research that may be of interest to other scholars or general browsers. The Academy may provide links to these sites on its web pages. Please indicate if you would prefer the sites **not** to be listed publicly.

Project web site	The site will be available at http://www.cmist.manchester.ac.uk/research/projects/ - material has been prepared in October 2015, but due to problems of website re-organisation, expected in February 2016.
Individual home page	
Other useful addresses	The call for collaborative analysis, and associated data prepared by the project, is at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/02k2kus02d1mm3o/AADMXmFn1FT2l_BVojHEByu2a?dl=0

8. Partnership & Mobility Project Report

Please give a summary of the project so far, including information on how far the original aims of the project have been achieved, and any problems which have arisen. Indicate how far plans for future activities remain in line with the original application. *Add one additional sheet if necessary.*

Plans remain in line with the original application. In the first year the data for sub-national areas across Latin America and the Caribbean have been collated and disseminated as planned, and the Principal Partner has successfully developed a network as described in detail below.

Costs will be vired between headings and years to achieve the same results, with expenditure increased in year 2 compared to year 1. This has been prompted by lower research costs and higher air fares than expected. This has been discussed with and approved by BA and Manchester University research support staff.

The internet services of the external partner have been weaker than expected. Her illness and then pregnancy have led to Brenda Yopez' decision to withdraw as the principal external partner, and her replacement by Leandro Gonzalez, as approved by BA in January 2016. Gonzalez and Simpson have worked together in the past, the team is strengthened by the commitment of another University network, and none of the plans or aims of the project are threatened.

Reports of the work of the project have been submitted for the project website at the University of Manchester and are expected to be live in February 2016.

In the first year, we have concentrated on three parts of the project

(a) Collecting data for sub-national areas across Latin America and the Caribbean.

We have succeeded in making databases of indicators from censuses between 1960 and 2011, referring to 2 billion people, from the collection of public use microdata samples (IPUMS) held at the University of Minnesota.

Research assistance in Caracas supported the construction of further indicators taken from web pages of national statistical agencies, referring to population, fertility, mortality and economic activity.

These have been distributed to the Latin American population studies network and will be the basis for the project workshop and special session at the 2016 Latin American Population Studies Congress. The details are at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/02k2kus02d1mm3o/AADMXmFn1FT2I_BVojHEByu2a?dl=0, including the invitation to the network to contribute analyses, as planned.

(b) Discussion of the demographic projections and planning policy with Venezuelan and other colleagues

Simpson visited the continent in June-July 2015 with the following activities (each 'conferencia' refers to an open and publicised meeting starting with a talk on projections and planning from Simpson):

Venezuela:

1 Junio: Con Director de la Escuela, y Decano de Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Sociales (FACES), de la Universidad Central de Venezuela (UCV). Miguel Angel Lovera. Sobre la agenda de mi estancia.

Incluimos extra una conferencia con estudiantes, y una charla-social con profesores.

2 Junio: Conferencia en el Instituto de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales, UCV. 35 personas de la Universidad y de otras instituciones.

4 Junio: UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund). Director Jorge Gonzalez Caro , y Marycarmen Villasmil (assistant representative?).

5 Junio: Emilio Osorio, presidente Asociación Venezolana de Estudios de Población (AVEPO).

5 Junio: Conferencia en el Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas (INE). 20 personas, incluyendo jefe de Estadísticas Demográficas Nestor Cegarra, y el sub-director del INE Rafael Torres.

8 Junio: Alvaro Sanchez, Ministerio de Relaciones Externas, exchange d'affaires de la embajada Venezolana en Londres.

8 Junio: Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas (INE). Conversación sobre sus estimaciones de población de este año en base de Gran Mision Vivienda. Resulta en una nota mía fecha 13/6/15)

9-11 Junio: Curso-Taller de software POPGROUP en la UCV. Asistencia de 11 personas. 4 del proyecto, 2 del INE, 5 otros profesores de UCV.

10 Junio: Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas (INE). Conversación con Nestor Cegarra jefe de estadísticas demográficas sobre colaboración futura.
12 Junio: Conferencia en el Instituto de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (UCAB), que tiene la única maestría en estudios de población. 45 personas.
16: Conferencia con estudiantes de UCV. 35 personas.
17 Junio: PDVSA, Dirección Ejecutiva Desarrollo Territorial, jefe de sistemas y estadísticas territoriales Edgar Medina, con investigador Armary Perez.
18 Junio: Conferencia en el Doctorado Ciencias Sociales de Mauricio Phelan. 12 personas.
19 Junio: Consejo Nacional Electoral (CNE) George Azariah Moreno, Relaciones Internacionales.
19 Junio: INE, Solange Velasquez, sobre sus proyecciones y colaboración futura.
22 Junio: Radio Aldea, Los Nevados, Omar Sanchez
26 Junio: Reunión final de trabajo con el equipo del proyecto s-ALyC
26 Junio: INE: Rafael Torres (Coordinador Ejecutivo del Despacho), Solange Velasquez. Solicitud de RT de una propuesta de colaboración de LS, enviado el 29 de Junio. (La propuesta no se ha aceptado y el técnico (Solange Velasquez) ha salido del INE.)

Ecuador:

29 Junio: Conferencia del Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, Quito. 15 personas
30 Junio-2 Julio: Curso-Taller de software POPGROUP en el IAEN. Asistencia de 7 personas: 3 de IAEN, 2 de INEC, 1 de SENPLADES, 1 del Ministerio de Agricultura.
2 Julio: Reunión con Hernan Villarraga (investigador) y Jesus Ramos (Decano) de CEPROEC (Centro de Prospectiva Estratégica).

Cuba:

8 Julio: Enrique Gonzales, jefe de Estadísticas Demográficas, Centro de Población y Desarrollo, Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas e Información.
8 Julio: Conferencia en el Centro de Demografía (CEDEM). 12 personas, incluyendo director y subdirectora.

United Nations:

As a result of the work in June-July, Simpson was invited to talk to the United Nations CEPAL heads of state seminar on Planning and Development, in Ecuador, and made a presentation on November 18th 2015 at Yachay University, titled "Proyecciones demográficas y planificación territorial en la región".

(c) Preparation for activities in 2016.

One workshop and one ordinary session proposed by the project have been accepted by the organisers of the October 2016 Congress of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Población (ALAP).

An strand on Latin American demography has been proposed for the British Society of Population Studies annual conference in September 2016 – this would be the first time such sessions have been held, and is extra to the plans of the project but will help prepare for the UK activities planned for year 3 of the project.

9. Statement of accounts

List items of expenditure under the headings given below (where appropriate), giving details.

Item	Amount Spent		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Travel costs. <i>Please note that Apex/economy fares should be quoted unless there are special circumstances, in which case, please specify.</i> Economy flights Manchester-Cuba-Venezuela-Cuba-Manchester	934.78		
Accommodation and daily maintenance (incorporating local travel costs) away from home: <i>please state number of days and rate claimed, for each location</i> All expenditure has been on receipts rather than a daily rate. May-July fieldwork Cuba-Venezuela-Ecuador (includes internal travel)	630.24		
Consumables: <i>please state item and number</i>			
Other eligible costs: <i>please specify</i> Software Data collection May-July Research Assistance Nov-Dec	120.00 284.58 405.05		

PLEASE submit with your report either receipts for major items such as air-fares or accommodation, or a statement from your institution confirming the accounts.

Total of Expenditure

2374.65

Total grant awarded


9891.00

Underspend remaining (if any)

7516.35

PLEASE NOTE: **Any underspend should be returned to the Academy at the award's completion.**

10. Institutional officer's authorisation of expenditure


Signature:
Name (please print): PAUL HENSHALL

Date: 16.02.16

Position (please print): SENIOR RESEARCH FINANCE OFFICER - SOSS

11. Future plans

Interim report: Please indicate any plans for future collaboration in the light of the experience of the Partnership & Mobility scheme so far.

It is too early to indicate firm plans for future collaboration after the award's end date.

12. Publications

Indicate any publications which are planned, are in preparation or have arisen

Title and format (books, articles, other output)	Expected publication date
None yet. Plans remain as in the proposal.	

The Academy would like to receive a copy of any book resulting from this visit, as indicated in the conditions of award. You should provide the Academy with full bibliographical information of any other published outputs resulting from this award. There is no need to send copies of articles.

13. Dissemination

Indicate if any other dissemination (e.g. other publicity) has taken place or is planned for the future

Title/description	Date
Dissemination through the conferences itemised in the report above, and through the invitation to collaborative analysis as also itemised above.	June 2015-January 2016

14. Audiences

The Academy is asked to consider whether the work it supports has a business or public service impact. Please list any specific public service or business audiences (in the UK and overseas) who might benefit from the programme.

(tick)	Details
Public service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National statistical agencies UN (eg through CEPAL meeting 18 November 2015)
Business <input type="checkbox"/>	

Principal UK Partner Signature

Signature 	Date 25 th January 2016
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