



RESPONSE TO
CORONAVIRUS FROM
THE LATIN AMERICAN
RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION
NETWORKS

An outline report on the impact of
collaboration.



UNITED AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

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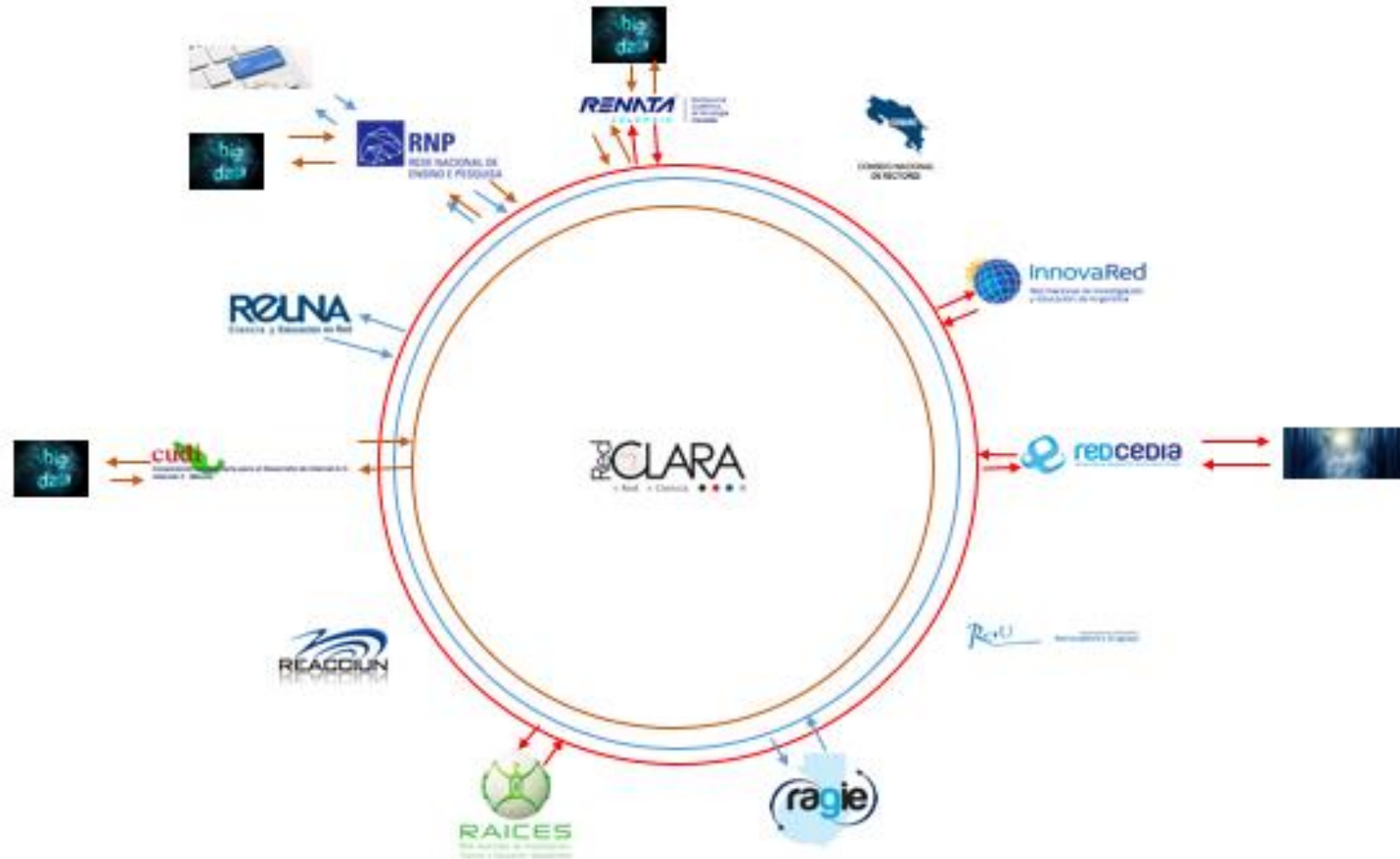
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About RedCLARA

- Creation: 2003 in Valle del Bravo. 13 Latin American NRENs
- Mission: Strengthen development of science, education, culture and innovation using advanced networks.
- History of successful cooperation with Europe (12 projects funded through the EC: Alice, Alice2, Elcira, Magic)
- International NGO organization with headquarters in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Cooperative DNA.
- Organization:
 - Assembly of Members.
 - Board of Directors
 - Offices in Montevideo, Santiago and Bogotá

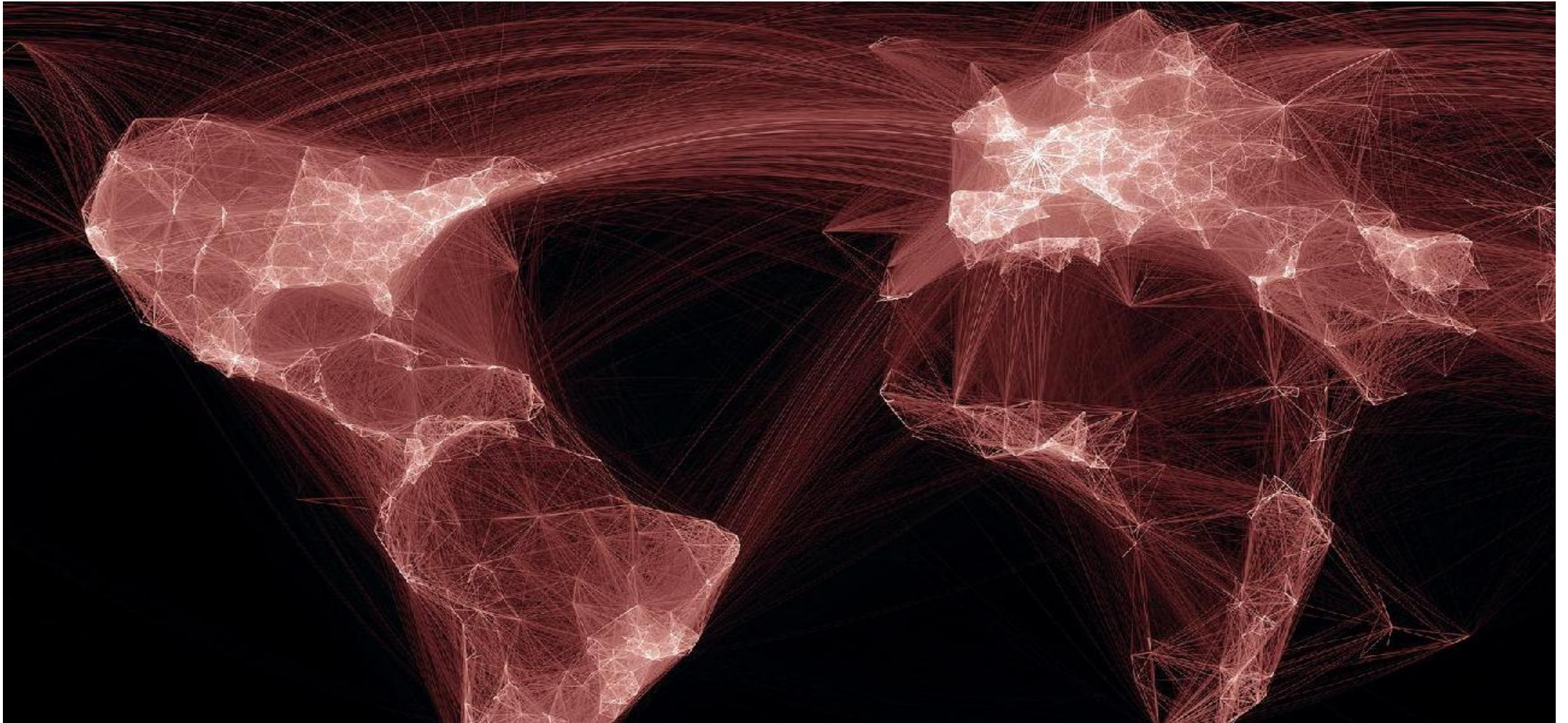


Collaborative Approach



Scientific Collaboration

2008-2012DB Scopus analysis Source: [Olivier H. Beauchesne](http://olihb.com/2014/08/11/map-of-scientific-collaboration-redux) <<http://olihb.com/2014/08/11/map-of-scientific-collaboration-redux>>

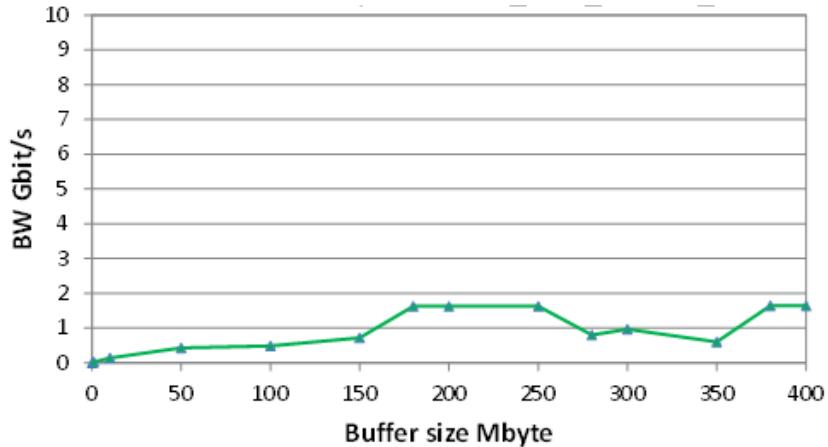




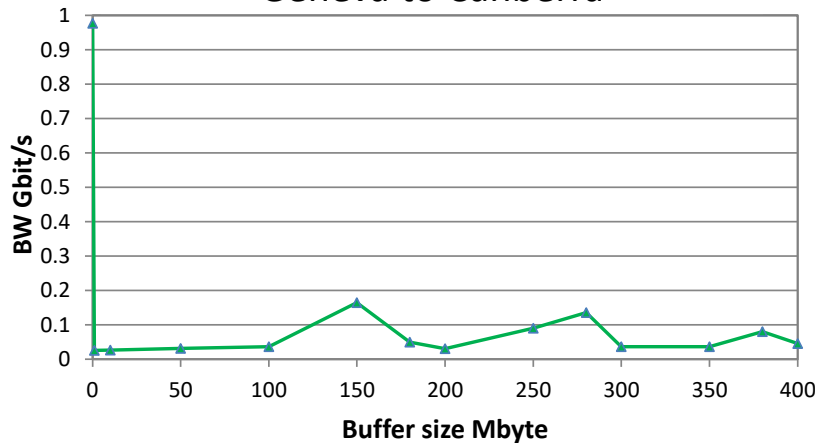
Optimised for research data transfers

Public Internet

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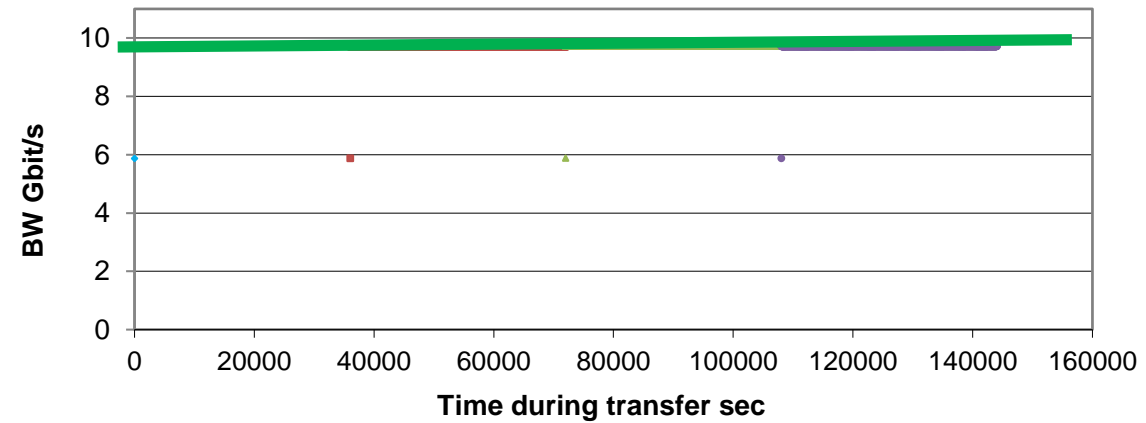


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GEANT and R&E partners

Geneva to Canberra GEANT + R&E networks US to Australia



R&E networks are designed for different goals than Internet

Comparative Times for a 100TByte data transfer.

File Size (TB)	Data rate (Gbit/s)	Time taken (Hours)	Time Taken (Days)
NREN 100	9.27	34.0	1.4
ISP A 100	1.72	183.2	7.6
ISP B 100	0.11	2864.3	119.3

high performance computing



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RedCLARA and its partners helping to publish and reference scientific data



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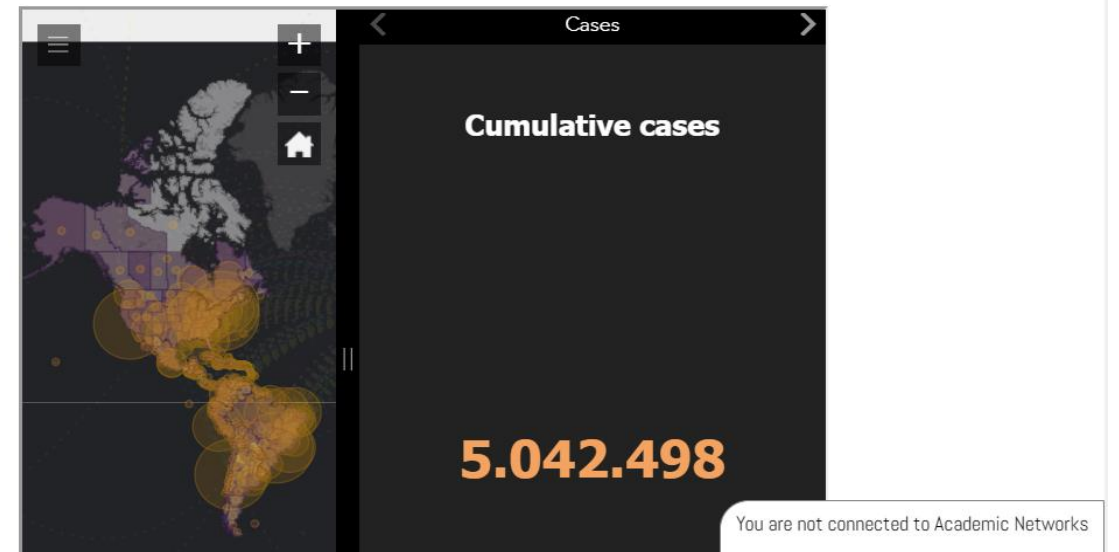
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This contribution is part of the collaborative actions that the National Research and Education Networks (NREN) of Latin America are coordinating, together with RedCLARA, to support our partner institutions in the fight against the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

For more information about this or other free services to face the situation that plagues us due to the

PAHO: Novel Coronavirus - COVID-2019- geographic distribution in the Americas - Updated on March 18, 2020





Desktop Videoconference

For hospitals, health centres, health professionals and researchers, Universities and Research Centres.

+ Information



VC Espresso

The VC Espresso videoconferencing service is an easy-to-use tool, available 24 hours a day and



Processing Capacity

Provision through Scalac of computing capabilities, in all its computing centres at the regional level, for research activities associated with the virus.

+ Information



Cisco WebEx Meetings

Through RedCLARA, Cisco will offer



Wolfram - Mathematica

Free access to the "Mathematica Online" - a modern technical computing system - tool will last until August 15, 2020.

+ Information



Heavy Files Transfer - eNVIO

With this large file transfer service, you can upload documents, images, presentations, videos and

Coronavirus Webinars Videos

COVID-19 | Innovación Tecnológica en la educación en tiempo de crisis, sesión 2, 04-24-2020



COVID-19: Innovación Tecnológica en la educación en tiempo de crisis, sesión 1, 04-22-2020



Día Virtual Coronavirus, sesión 2, Salud Mental, 03-27-2020



Día Virtual Coronavirus (COVID-19) El Virus, 03-26-2020





THEMATIC COMMUNITIES / WORKING GROUPS

- Education in Digital Age
- Climate Change
- HPC – Advanced Computing
- Health
 - RUTE L.A.

IMPACT

- More than 20000 Video Conferencing licences made available to the Community.
- Support to more than 70 universities, mainly in Central America and Mexico.
- Innovative solutions in each of the networks.
- Webinars to guide the community with topics of:
 - Covid-19
 - Virtual Education
 - Webinar with GEANT-Europe (Dealing with COVID in the European R&E Community)
 - Online Telehealth Solutions (CEDIA, REUNA) (<https://coronavirus.udec.cl>)
 - Health Centers Connectivity Support (RNP) – 16000 basic health units connected.

IMPACT

- Development of low-cost ventilator solutions at member universities (RAICES el Salvador)
- Provision of Moodles cloud platforms for Universities.
- Other health projects: Echo Project at CEDIA Ecuador
- Supporting other organizations to develop their events online. Includes TICAL2020, AmeriGEO Week, IDRC Workshops and others.

SOME CHALLENGES

- Connectivity available in some countries.
- A regional public good managed by a non-governmental organization, this generates little capacity to generate the required investments with only the contributions of the member networks. Public policies are needed in this regard, both for the national networks and at the regional level.
- Many more resources are required to have cloud capacities that can support the development of many of these initiatives.
- Geolocation resources are required for multiple pandemic monitoring issues (contact ESRI)
- How can we move forward with projects like the one in Central America?

SOME CONCLUSIONS

- The impact of Covid has generated an important impulse to promote the digital transformation in the region.
- There will be no return to normality, a new standard will surely be generated.
- This opens up enormous opportunities for us to collectively generate a transformative process in Universities and Research Centres.