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SAMVERA

The Daniel Cosío Villegas Library at El Colegio de México submits this letter with hopes of becoming a *Samvera* Partner. We are an institution that is situated outside of the Global North, in a non-English speaking country that is considered as a developing nation. We seek to voice our experience as partners in such a way that it may help open the doors towards greater adopting by organizations whose reality might be like ours.

We were first introduced to Hydra by Tom Cramer during a site visit to Stanford University in 2013. We had mentioned our interest in finding a solution that concentrates digital objects and metadata while allowing for the creation of multiple views and modes of interaction and were aware of *Muradora* and *Islandora*. Tom recommended Hydra, which was both a system and community that works towards solving common problems and developing functionalities that further what repositories are capable of. The collaborative nature of the community was one of the strongest points in favor of adopting Hydra as it aligns with our organizational philosophy.

In 2016 the library began implementation of Sufia as part of a federal initiative to increase development of Open Access repositories in Mexico. That same year, Alberto Santiago Martínez and Eduardo Rivero were invited to speak at the Hydra connect about our experience adopting Hydra and the challenges that we face as adopters in Mexico. We were delighted to see the agility in which the community rallied to globalize the system. This further reinforced our decision to adopt the system. In 2017 the library launched its first instance based upon Ohio State University's Sufia Instance. In 2018 with a fully functional proof of concept and the approval of our superiors, we then migrated to Hyrax. During this process received a significant level of support throughout the Samvera Community.

Thanks to the efforts by Systems Specialist Rodrigo Cuellar, Metadata Coordinator Guadalupe Vega, and Digital Scholarship Coordinator Alberto Martínez, the Repository has reached a level of stability and maturity. Use of the system has allowed us to achieve our goals of having one repository with "many heads," and its overall ecosystem is being adopted at the campus level as the institutions overarching research and teaching infrastructure. We hope that our participation in Samvera will result in the development for new and innovative functionalities that may be of use to the greater academic community throughout the world.



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