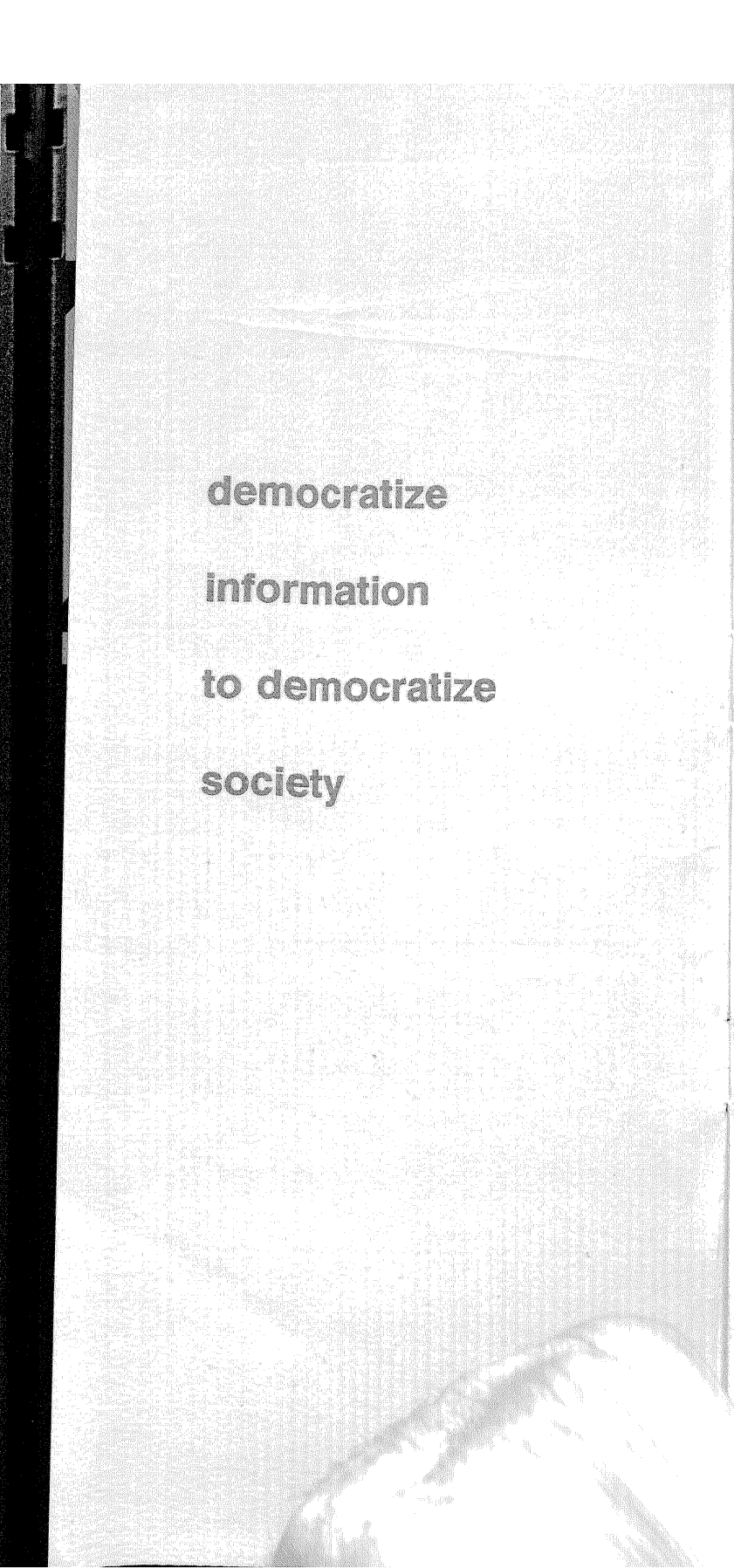




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**democratize
information
to democratize
society**

IBASE

The Brazilian Institute of Social and Economic Analyses, IBASE, is a non-profit, non-governmental organization, without party or religious affiliation. Its aim is the democratization of information making available to civil society reliable information on issues directly affecting it.

Since its foundation, in 1981, IBASE has been studying the use of new techniques of information exchange, particularly those involving audio-visual media and data communications. In 1989 this work culminated with the installation of the ALTERNEX Node.

WHAT IS THE ALTERNEX NODE?

It is an alternative data communication network that links up non-governmental organizations in Brazil and other Latin American countries. Services available include electronic mail, conferences and remote access to data banks. ALTERNEX was installed with the technical assistance of IGC (Institute for Global Communications), based in San Francisco, and with aims similar to those of IBASE. Other organizations contributing to the success of the project were UNDP (United Nations Development Program) and CESVI (Cooperazione e Sviluppo), an Italian non-governmental organization which gives support to development projects.

ALTERNEX is operated by IBASE with the support of a consultative council made up of representatives from organizations active in various areas.

WHAT IS ITS USE?

ALTERNEX allows you to:

- exchange messages;
- hold permanent conferences in which hundreds of individuals throughout the world can participate. These conferences can function as systems of alert or denunciation in regard to important social, ecological or other issues;
- consult databases on various subjects besides participating in their maintenance;
- make available to users your organization's newsletters;
- set up a communications network among organizations with common aims;
- create a variety of other forms of information exchange.

WHO IS IT FOR?

ALTERNEX is primarily destined for use by civil organizations.

Groups or individuals in any part of the world, if they have access to a microcomputer or terminal, connected to a telephone line, can use the Node.

WHO USES IT?

ALTERNEX is already used, both for sending messages and remote conferencing, by organizations such as

DESCO (Peru), ILET (Chile), IDOC (Italy), Foro (Colombia), CUI (Uruguay), IOCU-LAC (Uruguay), Tercer Mundo (Uruguay), PARC (Japan), Antenna (Holland), CESVI (Italy), UNIC, UNICEF, UNDP, in addition to dozens of Brazilian non-governmental organizations.

COST

ALTERNEX is non-profit and does not perform any kind of commercial service. Whenever possible, operational costs are shared among users. The cost per character transmitted or received is much cheaper than telex, telephone (voice), or even telefax.

The subscription cost includes registration and manuals as well as 60 minutes of free connection, which is sufficient to send or receive 200 pages of text (during continuous transmission at 1200 baud). The minimum monthly rate also allows 60 minutes of free connection.

WORLDWIDE REACH

The ALTERNEX Node is automatically connected to nodes in other countries, thus forming the worldwide data communications network provisionally known as EarthLink.

The network is composed of:

- PeaceNet/EcoNet/HomeoNet, in the system operated by IGC (USA);
- GreenNet (London);
- The Web (Toronto);
- Nicarao (Managua), operated by

Coordinadora Regional de
Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales
(CRIES);

- FredsNätet (Stockholm);
- Pegasus (Australia).

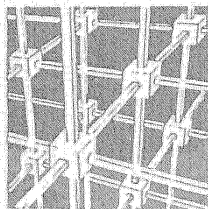
EarthLink represents the linking-up of around five thousand users throughout the world, with the majority of these attached to human rights, pacifist and ecology groups, or to centers of research, consulting, documentation and popular education. If the automatic connections to networks, such as Bitnet and Geonet, are considered, about 25 thousand people and organizations are interconnected and able to exchange information via microcomputers.

ACCESS

ALTERNEX operates 24 hours a day. Access in Brazil is by way of RENPAC (Brazil's packet switching system). From other countries, please check with your local data communications company (Telenet, Tymnet, Datapac, ENTEL, etc). The international network access number of ALTERNEX is 72412120479.

LINK UP WITH THE WORLD WITH ALTERNEX!

As can be seen, ALTERNEX offers tremendous potential for information exchange. Contact us for more information. Take advantage of this powerful tool that IBASE puts at your disposal. Link-up with the Node!



To participate in the ALTERNEX Node in the details below and send the form to us.

Name: _____

Profession: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

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Telephones: _____

Interests: _____

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