

Latin food activities and challenges during the period of 2009-2012

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The Latin American Network of Food Composition Data System (LATINFOODS) is the regional data center of the global network "International Network on Food Data Systems" (INFOODS)

co-sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations University (UNU). The aim of this work is to provide information on the main activities held

and challenges during the period 2009- 2012. The activities included: network organization,

technological development, research, web site modification, database location, publication of new food composition tables, organization and participation in scientific activities, assistance and

training. During this period, new strategic alliances where food composition is key were developed.

This promoted more activities and strengthen working links in the region. The main challenges were:

1) to improve and update the regional database 2) to improve the national capacities for generating and compiling data to elaborate and up