A case study on the use of online social networks to promote statistical collaboration labs

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Our statistical laboratory in Brazil

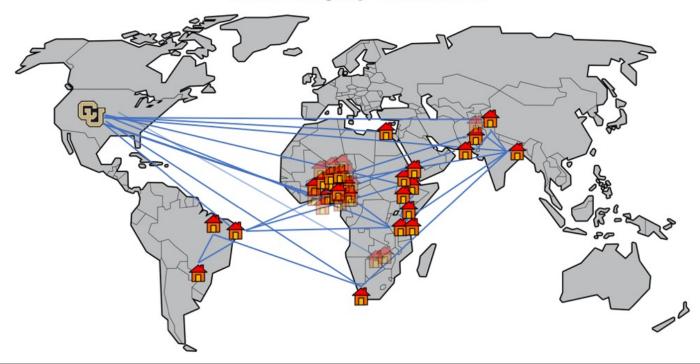
- In Brazil we have Laboratório de Estatística Aplicada (Applied Statistical Laboratory) - LEA
- It is located at Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN), in Natal
- It was created in 1978 under the name CONSULEST (Statistical Consulting), but it changed to its current name in 2013
- LEA is part of LISA 2020 since 2013





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LISA 2020 Network







The experiments we ran

- We ran three sustainability experiments at LEA:
- Experiment 1: University funding for scholarship and travel
- Experiment 2: Shiny apps as the result of a statistical collaboration
- Experiment 3: Use of online social networks to promote statistical collaboration labs





Social networks used to promote LEA

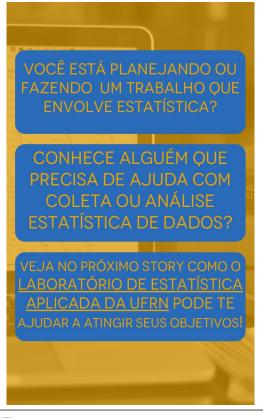








Material used to promote LEA





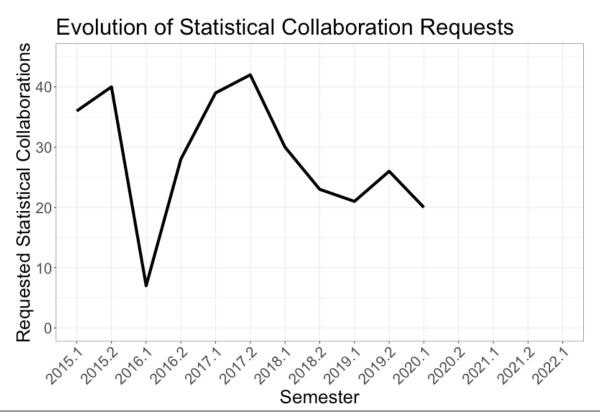




- Instagram alone didn't give us the results we expected
- We had to extend the submission deadline
- Professors used their personal WhatsApp and Facebook accounts to reach more people

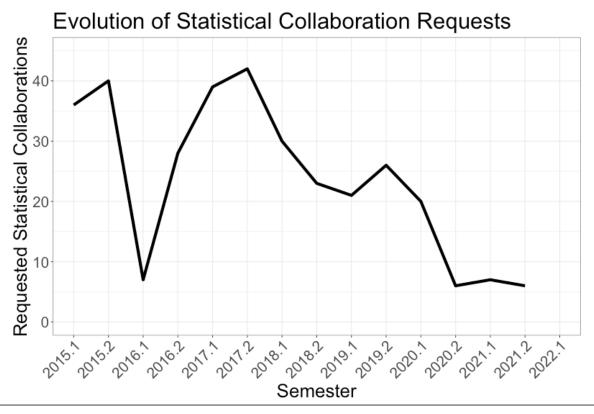






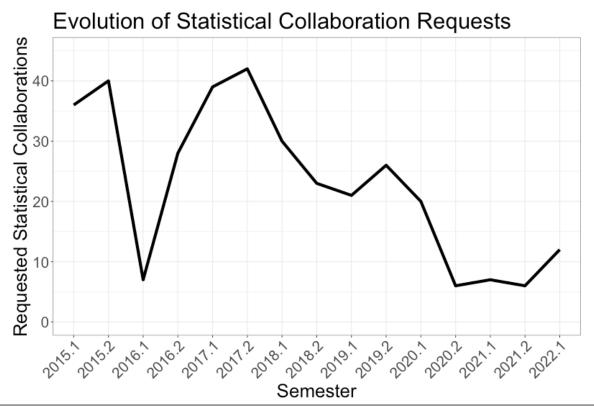
















Lessons learned

- Instagram stories are very limited
- Social networks are powerful, but the labs need to go where their target audience is
- Everyone in the lab must be involved





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