

York University finally migrated LISTSERV to a new server on May 3, 2022 so a modern browser can once again be used by subscribers to join and by me to distribute messages.

Unfortunately, **the date information in the archives were damaged** during this migration. Here is an email exchange that highlights the problem:

From me to York IT:

1) I was looking at the archive and it only goes back to 2006? I changed the date order and the earliest one was March 2006. We had messages in the archives back to Feb 1995.

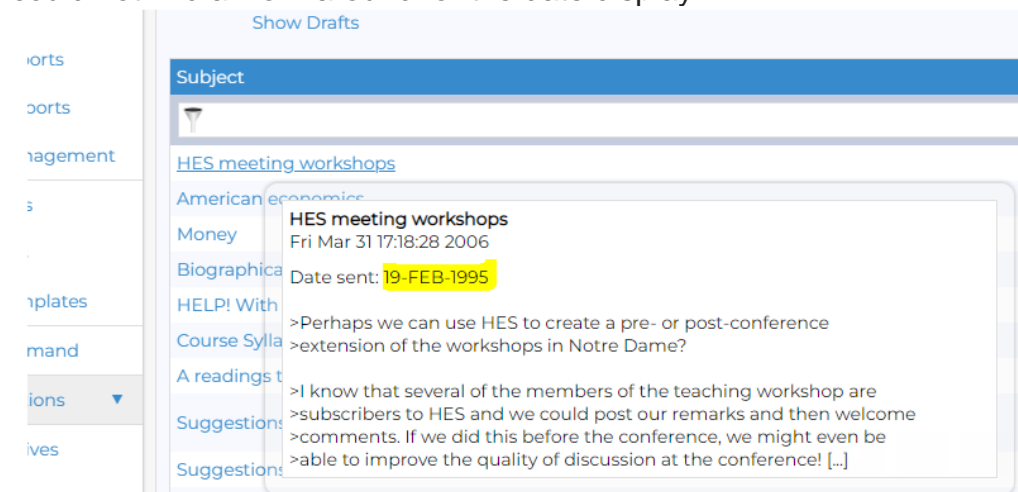
Reply from York IT:

I had my team investigate the missing archive issue and I have good news and bad news!

The good news is that all the archives are accounted for, but the bad news is that the new listserv is displaying the data differently than the older software. They believe that “something” happened back in March 2006, perhaps an import of the archives...(this is just speculative as we don’t have any data to back this up) with resulted in a change to the date of the document. There are hundreds of archive documents with that exact date stamp.

My team checked the backup that we took before the migration and the data was the same as it is now, so this did not occur during the migration.

I sorted in reverse date order and hovered over the first entry: HES meeting workshops and the Date stamp is March 31, 2006, but the actual Date sent was Feb 19, 1995. So, the real issue is that the new software is displaying the date the document was modified and the old software was displaying the Sent date...they double checked and could not find a work-around for the date display.



We are sorry for the inconvenience that this is causing.

From me to York IT:

Thank you for investigating.

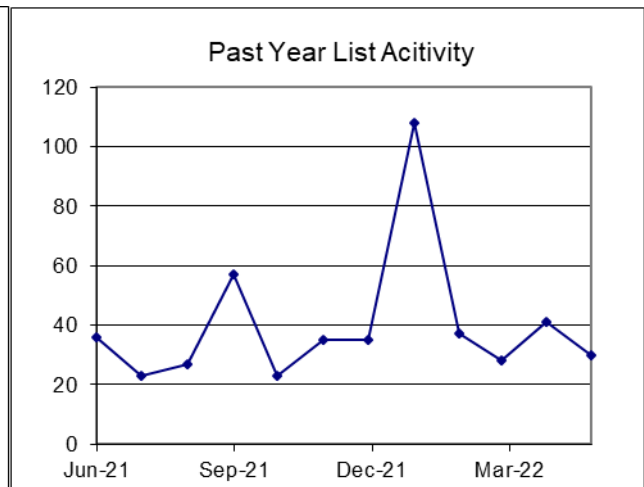
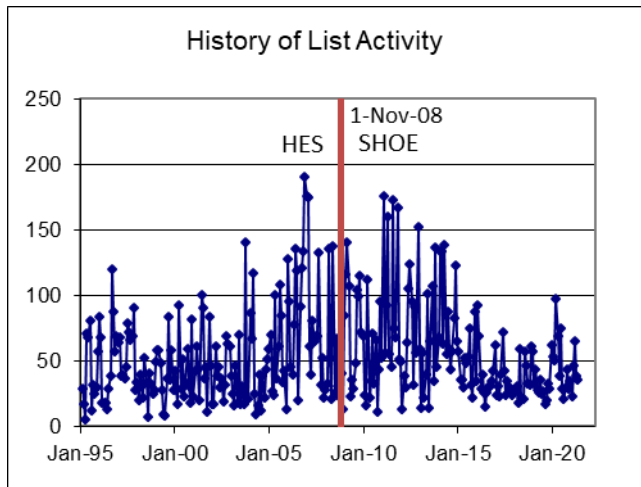
It's puzzling how messages pre-Mar 2006 lost their dates. There was an import of messages from our previous host, but I don't understand how the dates got changed like that.

I am asking my society's executive committee what they want to do about this. Is it correct to say that on your end, you don't see any solution?

Reply from York IT:

Yes, that is correct...the newer software displays the date differently. I did ask the team to see if there was a solution to change the display date and they were unable to find any workaround for this.

What do we do about this?



Average of Number of Messages per month	
Year	Total
1995	39
1996	52
1997	58
1998	30
1999	42
2000	42
2001	50
2002	41
2003	38
2004	44
2005	55
2006	100
2007	81
2008	51
2009	81
2010	50
2011	98
2012	71
2013	58
2014	87
2015	50
2016	39
2017	36
2018	36
2019	31
2020	50
2021	37
2022	49
Grand Total	54

June 14, 2022
 Number of members:
1139
Annual Δ = - 38

Average of Number of Messages in each month	
Month	Total
Feb	58
Mar	53
Apr	47
May	48
Jun	56
Jul	49
Aug	47
Sep	59
Oct	48
Nov	59
Dec	58
Jan	62
Grand Total	54

Data from Feb-1995 to May-2022.

* Country	Subscribers
* -----	-----
* Argentina	4
* Australia	14
* Austria	10
* Belgium	9
* Brazil	23
* Bulgaria	1
* Canada	26
* Chile	1
* Colombia	7
* Denmark	5
* ??? (EU)	4
* Egypt	1
* Finland	1
* France	74
* Germany	36
* Greece	10
* Hungary	2
* India	2
* Ireland	2
* Israel	4
* Italy	60
* Japan	22
* Mexico	5
* Netherlands	19
* New Zealand	2
* Norway	1
* Poland	5
* Portugal	8
* Romania	1
* Russia	3
* Spain	19
* Sweden	5
* Switzerland	17
* Taiwan	4
* Thailand	1
* Tonga	1
* Turkey	7
* United Kingdom	46
* United States	668
* Uruguay	7
* ???	2
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* Total number of users subscribed to the list:	1139
* Total number of countries represented:	41

Comments, suggestions, and all feedback most welcome!

Respectfully Submitted by Humberto Barreto