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EDITORIAL

The year that is just coming to an end was extremely significant for Latin America librarians in virtue of the Buenos Aires World Library and Information Congress. That Congress, with a record attendance by Latin Americans, was held in an atmosphere of great professionalism and solidarity. In addition to the various lectures, workshops, presentations, meetings, the delegates could enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the magnificent Argentina's capital city. We wish to express our sincere gratitude and send our best regards to the Congress National Organizing Committee, especially Ana Maria Peruchena, Claudia Rodriguez, and Roberto Servidio.

In August 2005 we will be traveling to the equally beautiful city of Oslo to attend the 71st General IFLA Conference and Council Meeting. Again, we hope to meet a great number of friends from Latin America to enjoy the unparalleled professional atmosphere we can enjoy in all conferences sponsored by the Federation. Start getting ready and don't miss Oslo.

This issue of Newsletter brings a lot of news, and I call your attention mainly to those concerning WIPO (IFLA position and Argentina and Brazil proposals), to the calls for the President and Governing Board elections, and to the Standing Committees of the Sections, and the news about IFLA Congress in Norway, besides many others.

Finally, we regret the resignation of General Secretary Ramachandran, but we are confident that the Coordinator of Professional Activities Sjoerd Koopman, who took office pro tempore, will be able to steer our boat securely to its final destination, seeing that he is experienced and skilled enough for the task.

To all our readers we wish a Merry Christmas and a New Year plenty of successes.

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HEADQUARTERS, CORE ACTIVITIES, COMMITTEES, DIVISIONS, SECTIONS

IFLA HQ

IFLA's Three Pillars: Society, Members and Profession

At its meeting this week, the Governing Board decided to endorse a new model for IFLA's operations, the three pillars, which recognizes that IFLA's core functions relate to the societal contexts in which libraries and information services operate, IFLA's membership and professional matters. These three pillars are supported by the infrastructure offered by IFLA HQ, IFLANET and the Federation's governance structures.

* The Society Pillar focuses on the role and impact of libraries and information services in society and the contextual issues that condition and constrains the environment in which they operate across the world. Those issues are addressed currently through FAIFE, CLM, Blue Shield, and our advocacy in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and other arenas. Next year, of course, we will need to place particular emphasis on the World Summit on the Information Society in which IFLA has invested so much and to such good effect. We must capitalize on that investment and those results so that we take full advantage of the second phase leading up to the November 2005 summit meeting in Tunis and to the achieve the longer term goals.

* The Profession Pillar focuses on the issues covered by the long established Core Activities - ALP, ICABS, PAC, UNIMARC - and the Sections and Divisions. They lie at the core of our professional practice and help libraries and information services to fulfill their purposes and to shape responses to the needs of clients in a rapidly changing global environment.

* The Members Pillar is of course central to IFLA. It includes the services we offer to members, management of their membership of IFLA, conferences and publications. We must work together to make IFLA more vibrant and attractive and beneficial for members throughout the world.

Of course, all three pillars and the underlying infrastructure are interdependent and not mutually exclusive. They offer a way of understanding and presenting IFLA holistically to the

library and information sector and to governments and the wider community. The pillars should also provide the framework for IFLA's management and their focus should be reflected in program based budgeting.

Working parties of the Governing Board are focusing on the Society Pillar, the improvement of IFLANET and the new approach to budget management with actions to be identified early in 2005. These priorities recognize the crucial significance of WSIS, WIPO and other current advocacy initiatives, the vital importance of IFLANET as a medium for engagement and communication within the Federation and beyond, and the need for more contemporary approaches to management and finances. The other pillars and areas of activity will be tackled subsequently.

As announced, Mr. Ramachandran has resigned from the position of Secretary General. Mr. Sjoerd Koopman, the Coordinator of Professional Activities has been appointed acting Secretary General while a new Secretary General is being sought. Sjoerd will continue the process of change and support the reframing of IFLA's programs over the coming months. Any issues relating to IFLA activities should be referred to Mr. Koopman at ifla@ifla.org.

At this time, as the process of change in IFLA accelerates, it is important that we should all work to strengthen our Federation. We need to build the resources to undertake fully the priorities which IFLA members have signaled especially a strong advocacy program, flourishing professional activities, valued membership benefits and effective infrastructure. All members need to join with IFLA staff and elected leaders to help secure the required financial strength which will allow us to achieve these goals. All need to promote IFLA and its priorities - and particularly, at this time, the World Summit on the Information Society.

And, finally, if we are to achieve these aims we need the best possible governance so we encourage the nomination of committed colleagues from around the world to the positions on Standing Committees, to the Governing Board and for President elect by the closing date of 2 February 2005. They should be nominated not as sectional representatives or representatives of particular countries or regions but as strong candidates who represent the best of our profession, reflect its diversity and will be able to make significant contributions to its development through a strong and effective IFLA.

We both wish you all the very best for 2005:
Kay Raseroka
President
Alex Byrne
President elect

The Hague, 10 December 2004

Call for nominations for president-elect and members of the governing board of IFLA, deadline: 2 February 2005

Nominations are invited for the position of President-Elect and Members of the Governing Board of IFLA, which will determine the direction of IFLA for the next few years.

The Governing Board, in accordance with the Statutes, consists of:

The President

The President-elect

Ten members elected by the membership at large

Nine members of the Professional Committee, consisting of a chair elected by the Committee itself and one officer, preferably the chair, from each of the eight Divisions of the Federation.

The position of President-elect is open to anyone, including all the present Governing Board members, except the current President and the current President-elect. Each candidate needs 10 (ten) valid nominations. The successful candidate will serve for two years as President-elect (2005-2007), followed by two years as President (2007-2009) only.

The ten elected places on the Governing Board are open to anyone, except the current President, who will complete her term of office in August 2005, and the President-elect who will begin his term of office as President in August 2005. Each candidate needs five valid nominations.

The successful candidates for these places on the Governing Board will serve for two years (2005-2007). Those elected for the first time will then be eligible for election for a final, second term of two years (2007-2009).

Qualified Voting Member of IFLA and Personal Affiliates are entitled to submit nominations for the vacancies. Nominations should be made on the appropriate form on which the name, address, membership code and the authorized signatory of the qualified member is mentioned. This form has been sent to all voting members and Personal Affiliates. Nominees need not be formal representatives of IFLA Members or Personal Affiliates of IFLA. Their nominators, however, must be the designated representatives of National Association Members or International Association Members or Institutional Members of IFLA. Personal Affiliates of IFLA may also nominate candidates, but they are not entitled to vote in the subsequent elections.

Nominations must be received at IFLA HQ by the close of business on Wednesday, 2 February 2005.

Please note the following points:

1. There is no restriction on the number of candidates you may nominate for these positions.

2. "Valid nominations" means nominations signed by an authorized representative of Voting Members of IFLA (or by Personal Affiliates of IFLA) who have paid their membership fees for 2004 in full and who are not in arrears.
3. Candidates should have a working knowledge of at least one of the working languages of IFLA (English, French, German, Russian and Spanish). Since the business meetings of IFLA tend to be conducted in English, reasonable fluency of this language is highly desirable.
4. Candidates should have reasonable expectation of attending meetings of the Governing Board without cost to the Federation. The Governing Board is expected to meet on three occasions each year; during the General Conference of IFLA, and in the following December and March, at IFLA HQ in The Hague. Forthcoming conferences will be held in Oslo (2005), Seoul (2006) and Durban (2007).
5. You should ensure that your nominee is willing to stand. We shall seek formal confirmation from each candidate, together with a statement, once we have received sufficient nominations for that candidate.
6. Nominations will be accepted only from qualified Voting Members and qualified Personal Affiliates. "Qualified" means those Voting Members and Personal Affiliates who have paid their Membership Fees in full for 2004 and who are not in arrears.
7. In accordance with the Statutes, the elections will be conducted by postal ballot. Only qualified Voting Members will be entitled to vote.

It is expected that the ballot will take place during March and April 2005, with eight weeks between the dispatch of ballot papers and the closing date for their return. The results will be announced on IFLANET in June 2005.

These elections are extremely important for the future development of IFLA. Please take steps to consider whether you wish to nominate candidates for these positions on the Governing Board.

(Ramachandran Rasu - Secretary General)

Call for nominations for Section Standing Committees, deadline: 2 February 2005

Like most professional membership associations, IFLA is heavily dependent on the voluntary effort of dedicated people, who serve on committees and boards, developing policies, organizing the professional content of our conferences and generally ensuring the continued success of the Federation. The next elections for Section Standing Committees of IFLA will take place early next year.

Nominations are therefore invited for these important committees.

Qualified voting Members of IFLA are entitled to submit nominations for vacancies on the Standing Committees for which they are registered. (A "qualified member" means a member who has paid the appropriate membership fees in full for the year 2004 and who is not in arrears).

IFLA Sections for which you are registered are mentioned on the appropriate nomination form that has been sent to all qualified members. If you need more copies of this form, please photocopy as necessary. Alternatively, check the online membership directory.

As known, a number of former Round Tables were transferred into Sections. The Executive Committees of the former Round Tables have acted as *Interim* Standing Committees. They can participate fully in this call for nominations.

Those currently serving on the Standing Committee of each Section are listed at:

<http://www.ifla.org/database/SCMembers-list.pdf>

Please note that they are limited to a maximum period of service of 8 years (two four-year terms). Those who are completing their second term in 2005 are indicated. They are not eligible for nomination.

Nominations should be made on forms being sent by IFLA HQ. They should be returned to arrive at IFLA HQ by close of business on Wednesday 2nd February 2005. They should be signed by the authorized signatory of the IFLA Member concerned.

Please note the following points:

1. You may nominate only one candidate for the Standing Committee of each Section for which you are registered.
2. Under the current Rules of Procedure adopted by the Governing Board in August 2001, candidates need to be nominated by only one voting Member. That Member may be either an Association Member or an Institutional Member.
3. Candidates should have a working knowledge of at least one of the languages of IFLA (English, French, German, Russian and Spanish).
4. Candidates should have reasonable expectation of attending meetings of the Standing Committee without cost to the Federation. The principal meetings of Standing Committees are held immediately prior to, and during, the general conferences of IFLA. Forthcoming conferences will be held in Oslo (August 2005), Seoul (August 2006), Durban (August 2007) and Québec City (2008).

5. You should obtain the consent of your nominee, using the Consent Form, which should be attached to the Nomination Form, together with confirmation that the nominee meets the language and attendance requirements, and a brief statement of the nominee's career and present position.
6. No one may be a member of more than one Standing Committee, except that a person may be a member of the Standing Committee of a regional section in addition to one other Standing Committee.
7. Each Section may have up to 20 people serving on its Standing Committee. If the number of candidates for any Section exceeds the number of vacancies, a postal ballot will be held after the close of nominations.

Please take some time to persuade suitable candidates to accept nomination. The work is rewarding; it presents possibilities for sharing knowledge and expertise with like-minded professionals in different parts of the world - and it helps IFLA achieve worthwhile developments on behalf of our profession. It can be great fun, too!
(Ramachandran Rasu - Secretary General)

IFLA in Buenos Aires – The Tango Conference!

This year, instead of a report from the Chair of the Professional Committee at the Closing Ceremony, it was decided that she should give her perspective on the conference in the last issue of IFLA Express. The conference exceeded all our expectations – housed in memorable surroundings and introducing those of us who were unfamiliar with South America to many of the highlights of Buenos Aires. The official ceremonies of Opening and Closing and the social events demonstrated to the delegates a fascinating and culturally rich city. It was also an excellent opportunity to get to know our South American colleagues with the largest Spanish-speaking representation ever known at IFLA and the biggest South American delegation ever. IFLA is truly a world-wide organization with a President from Botswana, a Vice President from Australia, a Secretary General from Singapore and a conference in Argentina!

Space only permits the highlighting of a few of the many professional and social events that took place, but it was a busy and profitable time for all, and an excellent opportunity for the exchange of ideas with colleagues from those parts of the world who do not regularly attend the WLIC. It was the first conference where many of the newly formed Sections, previously Round Tables, had the opportunity to hold sessions and committee meetings and to prepare their programmes for the future in an election year when they will achieve parity with all the other sections, with duly elected Chairs and Secretaries and full committees. It was also the first opportunity for the new Core Activity, the CDNL-IFLA

Alliance known as ICABS, to present its programme and inform the delegates of its activities.

The Plenary Sessions were outstanding with all seats taken both for Adolfo Perez Esquivel, the Argentinean Nobel Peace prize winner and for Ismail Serageldin, Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. It was similarly standing room only for the Newcomers to IFLA session.

One of the many pleasing features of the organization was the day dedicated to student attendance, an opportunity that was enthusiastically taken up by a large student delegation. The conference also saw the convening of the Young Professionals Discussion Group, all of which emphasizes the importance that is attached to the younger or newer generation of librarians. The volunteers with their red tee shirts were highly visible, ready to assist on every occasion and remained cheerful throughout what must have been an exhausting week for them. The library visits were very popular and were well organized and the shuttle bus between the two hotels, together with the remarkably cheap yellow cabs, eased the flow between meetings in the two locations considerably. The social occasions were enjoyed by all and especially the fantastic, energy-filled cultural evening at the Opera.

One of the new features of this conference was the raffle, organized by asking delegates to bring gifts from their own countries to be raffled to raise funds to pay for delegates from the developing world to attend future IFLA conferences. It raised a very satisfactory US \$4000. Thanks are especially due to Sissel Nilssen and Ellen Tise who were responsible for devising it and to all the IFLA staff who added the task of managing it to all the other tasks that they carry out so efficiently and unobtrusively throughout the conference.

The eight Divisions all worked hard as well as playing hard, both in their committee meetings where they developed their policy for the next couple of years and in their open programmes, and the same is true of the Core Activities, all of which put on interesting and well attended sessions. Great efforts were made to ensure that as many papers as possible were translated into Spanish, or into English if delivered by Spanish speakers, and the Professional Committee was pleased to earmark some of its budget to ensure that this was achieved. A record number of sessions had simultaneous interpretation. There was also a pleasing increase in the number of sections holding joint sessions, in line with the new policy proposed by the Professional Committee.

All took advantage of the Latin American environment, both in the organization of satellite meetings, for example that of the Management and Marketing Section in Sao Paulo, Brazil, attended by almost 250 participants from 26 countries, with papers translated into 4 languages, Portuguese, English, Spanish and French and the conference held in the

Universidad de San Andres, Buenos Aires, where 45 participants from 20 countries met to advance the IFLA International Cataloguing Principles to replace the 1961 Paris Principles. Similarly, in the main conference programme, there was a pervading Latin American theme. Parliamentary Libraries founded the Latin American Association of Parliamentary Libraries. The contrast between the roles of national libraries in different parts of the world was highlighted by the case of Trinidad and Tobago, where the national library runs the public and school library service, as is normal in the Caribbean and in other parts of the world, unlike the European situation. Multicultural Libraries spent a whole day highlighting the Library Service for Multicultural populations in Latin America and the Caribbean. There was a storytelling session in Spanish and English organized by the School Libraries Section and Intercultural, Bilingual Education and the development of indigenous libraries in Latin America was the theme of the Multicultural Section. The Classification and Indexing Section included a report on SACO in Latin America and a paper from Mexico in its programme and the Preservation and Conservation and Audiovisual Sections held a joint programme which included video and audio presentations from organizations in Brazil, Chile and Uruguay. The Division of Education and Research paid a well organized visit to the LIS Research Institute (INIBI) of the University of Buenos Aires, and papers in Spanish and English marked a high degree of exchange and marked the beginning of collaboration which will be continued in the Divisions' activities and publications.

Record attendances were recorded at many of the sessions and a wide range of publications was reported from the various sections, not least the publication of the Children's and Young Adults Guidelines in Spanish and English. The Telecentres Workshop proved a great success and generated considerable interest and the President-elect explored his theme of partnership in a session that had contributors from all sections of the IFLA community from members of the Governing Board to First-timers.

The poster sessions proved as popular as ever and provided many insights into the situation in Latin America. Five were marked out by the judges for special mention, with the winner being "Young library volunteers: from passive users to active designers", presented by Verena Tibljasof Croatia. The winner of the Best newsletter prize was Library & Research Services for Parliaments, and the Section was presented with a copy of their winning newsletter specially bound by Kelly Moore of IFLA Headquarters staff.

All in all, it was a memorable conference and one that will remain in the IFLA corporate memory as its first visit to South America. As the president said of her first conference as president, one can never forget one's first baby and there is nothing like it!
(I.C. McIlwaine Chair, IFLA Professional Committee)

Winners of free registrations

At the closing session 3 winners of a free registration for the 2005 World Library and Information Congress in Oslo, Norway were announced.

The winners of the free registrations are:

Claudia G. Casarin, Argentina
María Elena Santiago, Argentina
Sarah Kagoda-Batuwa, Tanzania

A fourth winner will be drawn from the all evaluation forms, including those forms that were sent to Niels Ole Pors at the Royal School of Library and Information Science in Denmark. IFLA would like to use this opportunity to thank Mr. Pors for collecting and compiling the information from the evaluation forms and providing us with a great tool for development and improvement.

New Members join IFLA!

IFLA welcomes the following new members, who joined IFLA during the congress in Buenos Aires.

National Associations

- Association pour la Promotion des Sciences de l'Information Documentaire – Côte d'Ivoire
- Association des Bibliothécaires, Documentalistes, Archivistes et Museologues, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Sierra Leone Association of Librarians – Sierra Leone

Other Associations

This new membership category was introduced during the conference, and 2 associations immediately took advantage.

- Grupo de Informação e Documentação Jurídica do Rio de Janeiro – Brasil
- Bibliothèque Publique du Québec – Canada

Institution

- Universidade Agostinho Neto – Angola

Personal Affiliates

- Pedro Rogério F. Rey, Angola
- Analía Cañibano, Argentina
- Iris Carmen Rodríguez Umpierrez, Argentina
- Maria de Fátima Pereira Raposo, Brazil
- Maryon McClary, Canada
- Juanita Jara De Sumar, Canada
- Amparo Rios de Fleres, Guatemala
- Stephney Ferguson, Jamaica
- Taghreed Alqudsi-Ghabra, Kuwait
- □ Ghaji Badawi, Nigeria

Student Affiliates

- Nancy Digiacomio, Argentina
- Maria Angela Sosa, Argentina

- Mariella Justo, Peru
- David Eifler, United States

World Library and Information Congress: 71st IFLA General Conference and Council - "Libraries - A voyage of discovery", August 14th - 18th 2005, Oslo, Norway

We hope to see you in Oslo next August!

We are now preparing for the next World Library and Information Congress - IFLA's 71st General Conference and Council – in Oslo, Norway, August 14.-18. 2005.

Some of us have just been to a professionally interesting and socially pleasant IFLA Congress in Buenos Aires. We have learnt a lot and will use the experiences to arrange a wonderful congress in our country. We are longing to see many of you here next year.

The year 2005 is a special year for Norway, as we are celebrating that it is 100 years since the peaceful dissolution from the Swedish-Norwegian Union. The conference will take advantage of cultural events and other activities celebrating the centennial. King Harald V of Norway is the Royal Patron of WLIC 2005.

THE CITY OF OSLO

Oslo, the capital of Norway, is situated by the fjord, surrounded by magnificent scenery of forests and hills. People settled here at the turn of the 10th century, something that makes the city one of the oldest in Scandinavia. Oslo is also a friendly capital offering the visitors both lots of cultural activities and a wide range of restaurants, coffee-shops and bars.

The congress takes place in the compact centre of Oslo, with the majority of the hotels, meeting and exhibition facilities within walking distance from most tourist attractions and restaurants. Even if Oslo is situated on the same latitude as Anchorage, Alaska, 60 degrees north, the climate during the summer months is pleasant, and August is usually warm and sunny.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The opening ceremony next year will take place on the Sunday 14 August in the morning followed by the opening of the Exhibition and opening Party in the late afternoon the same day.

The traditional cultural evening will be arranged at the Norwegian Folk Museum. The "walk-along-party" will be held between 50 traditional buildings mostly dated from the 17th and 18th centuries. While walking the reconstructed

village streets you can enjoy food and refreshments. One evening there are two parallel receptions: The Mayor of Oslo invites you to one in the magnificent Oslo Town Hall and the University of Oslo invites to another at the old University in the city centre. On the Monday evening the National Library will invite you to a grand opening of the totally renovated building dated from 1913.

In addition you will get several opportunities to see the tourist-attractions as many sightseeing tours in and around Oslo will be arranged.

PROFESSIONAL THEME

We are sure that the professional theme for the congress

LIBRARIES – A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY

will be illustrated in many various sessions throughout the conference programme. Curiosity and imagination push the limits of your knowledge towards the unknown and unexpected – libraries help you get there!

35 different libraries invite you to visit them – in the city as well as in the greater Oslo area.

In the final announcement and in IFLA Express no 1 (will be published early in 2005) you will also find information about many satellite meetings that will be arranged both in Norway and in other Nordic countries in connection to the congress.

Information about poster sessions and call for papers is now to be found on IFLA-net.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We want to remind you to apply for visa early if that is required from your country. Please check with the Norwegian Embassy or at the Norwegian Consulate. You also need a valid passport to enter Norway and an adequate health and travel insurance.

Congrex Holland BV has been appointed by IFLA to serve as the professional conference organiser from 2005 and onwards - for five years altogether. You will find all general and practical information on registration, booking of hotel etc. in the Final Announcement.

(<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/index.htm>)

If you want the printed version of this, please send an e- mail to wlic2005@congrex.nl

TRAVEL GRANTS

The National Organising Committee of the WLIC 2005 is pleased to announce that there are travel grants available to support a number of delegates from developing countries to attend the congress. Applications, including a CV and information on present occupation should be submitted as

soon as possible and not later than 1 February 2005 to IFLA 2005 Oslo, Malerhaugveien 20, NO- 0661 Oslo, Norway.
E-mail: IFLA2005@norskbiotekforening.no
Application-forms can be requested from the secretariat and you will also find them at the IFLA web site.

The grants are made available from the NORAD (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation) and from the Norwegian Library Association.

Priority will be given to applicants that are not regular IFLA attendees, but all are free to apply. For the NORAD money, however, candidates will be chosen among nationals of the NORAD cooperation countries: Tanzania, Mozambique, Uganda, Malawi, Angola, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Mali, Nigeria, South Africa, Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Indonesia, China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, East Timor, Palestine, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Oslo next August. You are heartily welcome!
(Sissel Nilsen - Oslo, Norway - Member IFLA Governing Board)

Satellite meetings to be held in conjunction with the WLIC

1. CPD and Preparing for the New Roles of Librarians: a voyage of discovery

Date: 10–13 August 2005 **Place:** Norway, Oslo, National University Collage **Sponsor:** Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section **Contact:** Anne-Drag.Tidemand-Fossum@jbi.hio.no

2. Management, Marketing, Evaluation and Promotion of Library Services

Based on statistics, analyses and evaluation in your own library **Date:** 9-11 August 2005 **Place:** Norway, Bergen **Sponsors:** Management & Marketing, Public Libraries and Library Theory and Research Sections **Contact:** Trine.Kolderup-Flaten@bergen.kommune.no Call for papers <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/call-2005-mm-e.htm>

3. The Impact and Outcomes of Library Services

Performance measurement for a changing information environment **Date:** 20–23 August 2005 **Place:** UK, University of Durham, Collingwood College **Sponsor:** Statistics and Evaluation Section **More information:** IFLA Express 1, 2005

4. The 21st Annual Preconference of Library and Research Services for Parliaments

Hosted by the Norwegian Parliament (Stortinget) the event will include a visit to the Norwegian Parliamentary Library and a Research Meeting Value Added Services and Products for Legislative Processes. **Date:** August 2005 **Place:** Norway, Oslo, Stortinget **Sponsor:** Library and Research

Services for Parliament Sections **Contact:** gro.sandgrind@stortinget.no

5. Documenting Censored Books and Newspapers through all ages for the Bibliographic Database "Beacon for Freedom of Expression"

A seminar on methodology based on case studies **Date:** 11 or 12 August 2005 **Place:** Norway, Oslo **Sponsor:** FAIFE Core Activity **Contact:** Frode. 6. Accessible Libraries **Date:** 10–12 August 2005 **Place:** Sweden, Göteborg **Sponsors:** Libraries Serving Disadvantages Persons and Libraries for the Blind Sections.

More information: www.bibl.vgregion.se Bakken@hit.no

6. How Government Libraries and Information Services Support the Strategies of their Home Organization in Practice

Date: 10–12 August 2005 **Place:** Government Offices, Stockholm, Sweden **Sponsor:** Government Libraries Section **More information:** Ms Inger Jepsson, Chief Librarian, Regeringskansliet, Office of Administrative Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden Tel. +4684054710 E-Mail: inger.jepsson@adm.ministry.se or Ms Maija Jussilainen, Knowledge Specialist, Information Management Unit, Ministry of Finance, Helsinki, Finland Tel. +358916034935 E-Mail: majja.jussilainen@vm.fi Preliminary programme: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/satellite7prg.pdf>

7. The Decade of Literacy – Roles for Stakeholders

Date: 11–12 August 2005 **Place:** Norway, Oslo, Oslo University College **Sponsors:** School Libraries and Resource Centres and Reading Sections **More information:** IFLA Express 1, 2005

8. Public Libraries from Public Education to what?

Designing the new strategies for Public Paradises to Adults, Children and Young **Date:** 10–11 August 2005 **Place:** Norway, Stavanger **Sponsors:** Libraries for Children and Young Adults and Public Libraries Sections **Contact:** Leikny.Haga.Indergaard@abm-utvikling.no

9. Responsible Stewardship of Cultural Property

Date: 11–12 August 2005 **Place:** Denmark, Copenhagen, The Royal Library **Sponsor:** Rare Books and Manuscripts Section **More information:** IFLA Express 1, 2005 **More information:** www.rogaland.fylkesbibl.no/ifla

10. The Physical Library and Beyond - Library as Place and the Library in Cyberspace

Who is Responsible for the Virtual Library? (With a possibility of library tours on 10 and 13 August) **Date:** 11–12 August 2005 **Place:** Finland, Järvenpää, Järvenpää Hall **Sponsors:** Library Buildings and Equipment and Reference Work Sections **Contact:** Tuula Haavisto, Secretary of the Finnish organizing committee: tuulah@kaapeli.fi **More information:** <http://www.fla.fi/PHYSICALvsVIRTUAL05/>

11. Nordic Mobile Meet and Conference to Further the Knowledge and Development of Mobile Library Services
Date: 12–14 August 2005 **Place:** Norway, Oslo **Sponsor:** Mobile Libraries Section **Contact:** ruth.ornholt@hordaland-f.kommune.no

12. Organizations in Change: Effects on Art Libraries
Date: 12 August 2005 **Place:** Norway, Oslo, Oslo University Library **Sponsor:** Art Libraries Section **More information:** www.arlisnorden.o

13. Arctic Circle Conservation Colloquium: Preservation Storage Solution for all Library Materials
Date: 11–12 August 2005 **Place:** Norway, Mo i Rana, National Library **Sponsors:** Newspapers and Preservation and Conservations Sections **Contact:** Gunhild.Myrbakk@nb.no or ed.king@bl.uk rg/norge/arrangement/ifla

14. The Multicultural Library - Staff Competence for Success
Themes: Language Rights, Staff Competence and Multilingual Catalogues **Date:** 10–12 August 2005 **Place:** Sweden, Stockholm, Kulturhuset **Sponsor:** Library Services to Multicultural Population Sections **Contact:** ww@biblioteksforeningen.org or ann.katrin.ursberg@kommun.alvesta.se

15. Biblioteca Universalis – How to Organize Chaos? FRBR, a New Effort to Organize Content, and Some Practical Applications - With a possibility of library tours on 10 and 13 August **Date:** 11–12 August 2005 **Place:** Finland, Järvenpää, Järvenpää Hall **Sponsor:** Bibliographic Section **Contact:** Gunilla.Jonsson@kbommun.alvesta.se

Call for Poster Presentations

An alternative approach for the presentation of projects/new work will be available for conference participants. An area on the conference premises has been designated for the presentation of information regarding projects or activities of interest to librarians. Presentations may include posters, leaflets (etc.) in several of the IFLA working languages (English, French, Spanish, German and Russian), if possible. Further advice on poster sessions may be obtained from IFLA Headquarters. The Professional Committee of IFLA will review all submissions.

Colleagues interested in presenting a poster session are invited to complete the form and to send it with a brief description of not more than 200 words of the session (in English, French, Spanish, German or Russian).

Time schedule:

16 February 2005 Deadline for receipt at IFLA Headquarters of the application form and a detailed description of the poster session.

Early April 2005 IFLA Headquarters will inform applicants of the final decision of the Professional Committee

Intent to submit a Poster Session proposal

Please download the form:

www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/Poster-Session-proposal2005.pdf
www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/Poster-Session-proposal2005.doc

This form with a 200 word description of the poster session should be sent to:

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To all National Association Members of IFLA

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to the long process of developing the new structure for IFLA National Association membership, contributing your information, suggestions, and concerns. This has been a long and complex procedure. But, thanks to your support, we are finally able to begin implementing the much needed changes to the system of calculating and administering National Association fees and related benefits.

Results of the Postal Ballot

The changes to the structure of the category of National Association membership were overwhelmingly approved by Members. 91% of the votes cast were in favor of the changes, 8% were against, and 1% abstained.

The addition of a new membership category for Other Associations was also approved on this ballot. Of the votes cast, 94% were in favor, 2% were against, and 4% abstained.

Because the introduction of the Other Associations category requires a change to IFLA's Statutes, the ballot results had to be ratified by Council at the recent meeting during the World Library and Information Congress in Buenos Aires. Ratification required approval by a 2/3 majority of the voting members present. This was achieved at Council II. The vote was 187 in favor, 0 against, and 8 abstentions.

What happens next?

Current IFLA National Association members now enter a transition period regarding changes to their fees, voting rights, and free Section allocations.

Default rates:

For Associations who do not supply the requested information by the deadline date (October 2004), a default

rate of fees will be applied for 2005. This rate will be the association's 2004 fee plus 20%.

New members

Any National Associations joining after August 2004 will be subject to the new system of fees. They will need to provide information regarding their operating expenses for 2001-2003, in local currency. Their fee, voting rights, and Section allocation will be determined according to the new bands. Questions from potential new association members should be directed to Kelly Moore at IFLA HQ.

We realize that, during implementation, concerns will be raised which have not yet been addressed. In some cases, further consultation will be necessary to ensure accurate calculations. We thank you in advance for your continued co-operation and patience during this transition period.

Should you have any questions, please contact:

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Guust van Wesemael Literacy Prize - Call for Applications, 2005

Objectives

The objective of the Prize is to recognize an achievement in the field of literacy promotion in a developing country. The Prize should preferably be used for follow-up activities such as purchasing targeted collections of appropriate books, but may also be used for other activities such as literacy promotion, training, and policy development. The Prize is issued biennially. The focus of the Prize is public library or school library work. Both individuals and library institutions are eligible to apply.

The Prize was established by the IFLA Executive Board in November 1991, to commemorate the late Guust van Wesemael, who was Coordinator of IFLA's Professional Activities from 1979 to 1990 and Deputy Secretary General of IFLA from 1979 to 1991, and his contribution to IFLA's efforts to promote literacy in the developing countries. In 1996 the Prize was re-established under revised conditions.

Applications

The applications must be accompanied by:

* the reasons for application;

*a detailed description of the completed project or activity (including a short description of the library or of the organization and its activities);
*an explanation of how the Prize money would be used;
* and a realistic budget.

Candidates are also advised to attach a letter of support from their library association.

The Prize of EUR 2,725 will be paid out in 2 installments: two thirds immediately and one third on submission of a report on how the Prize has been used.

Reporting

Within six months after receipt of the Prize, the winner must submit to IFLA HQ an interim report of the use made of the funds, and the second installment will be paid out. When the project period is finished a final report and a financial statement should be submitted. (The report should be in a form suitable for publication in IFLA Journal).

Deadline for application: 1 March 2005

For more information see

www.ifla.org/III/grants/grant02.htm and to request the application form, please contact:

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COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COPYRIGHT AND OTHER LEGAL MATTERS (CLM)

The IFLA position on the Geneva declaration on the future of WIPO

September 28, 2004

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) has joined several hundred other non-governmental organizations and individuals in signing the Geneva Declaration on the Future of the World Intellectual Property Organization issued September 29, 2004.

IFLA has taken this action because IFLA's core values include the "belief that people, communities and organizations need universal and equitable access to information, ideas and works of imagination for their social, educational, cultural, democratic and economic well-being". Furthermore, IFLA's professional priorities call for IFLA to assume "a dual responsibility, both to the producers of intellectual property and to libraries as representatives of information users, because safeguarding and providing

access to products of the mind are fundamental to the growth of knowledge".

While IFLA recognizes and applauds recent moves by WIPO that may respond to these professional imperatives - such as a new focus on adequate protection of traditional knowledge and the needs of the print disabled, and greater openness to NGO's like IFLA that represent the public interest - the Declaration rightly points out to WIPO and its member states that WIPO has thus far inadequately protected and promoted the balance between users and owners that is fundamental to effective intellectual property regimes.

IFLA therefore hopes that the Declaration will bring to WIPO's attention a number of important issues that have serious implications for education, libraries and other providers of information.

Freedom, prosperity and the development of society and of individuals are fundamental human values. They will be attained only through the ability of well-informed citizens to exercise their democratic rights and to play an active role in society. Constructive participation and the development of democracy depend on satisfactory education as well as on free and unlimited access to knowledge, thought, culture and information.

IFLA proclaims the fundamental right of human beings both to access and to express information without restriction.

IFLA and its worldwide membership support defend and promote intellectual freedom as expressed in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This intellectual freedom encompasses the wealth of human knowledge, opinion, creative thought and intellectual activity.

IFLA asserts that a commitment to intellectual freedom is a core responsibility of the library and information profession worldwide, expressed through codes of ethics and demonstrated through practice.

IFLA therefore urges WIPO to address the following important issues, as a matter of urgency, guided by the principles articulated by James Boyle:

1. THE IMBALANCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS

The preamble of the WIPO Copyright Treaty succinctly states "the need to maintain a balance between the rights of authors and the larger public interest, particularly education, research and access to information, as reflected in the Berne Convention".

IFLA is fully supportive of this statement. However, the balance has become distorted, at the expense of consumers of

information. IFLA, therefore, urges WIPO to address the issues affecting the delicate balance between just demands of rights-owners and consumers of information. Of particular concern is the ever-lengthening extension of copyright terms, which is rapidly diminishing the public domain in order to benefit the owners of a **tiny minority** of works that are still being exploited commercially.

2. MONOPOLY ON INFORMATION

The monopolization of information via restrictive intellectual property rules in both the print and digital environments, by rights owners, has led to a serious imbalance in the provision and accessing of information, which negatively affects education, research and development, not only in developed countries but more specifically, in developing countries. Efforts to develop new protections for databases containing facts and other public domain material are especially troubling.

3. TECHNOLOGICAL PROTECTION MEASURES

The WIPO Copyright Treaty states "the need to introduce new international rules and clarify the interpretation of certain existing rules in order to provide adequate solutions to the questions raised by new economic, social, cultural and technological developments". IFLA believes that educational and developmental needs have not been sufficiently taken into account in finding appropriate solutions.

More restrictive intellectual property laws, technological protection mechanisms and digital locking-up devices, as well as the overriding of permitted 'fair use' applications by contractual enforcement, have created serious barriers to accessing information and promoting research and innovation.

IFLA is particularly concerned that the legitimate professional activities of libraries are being seriously hampered in the process.

4. THE DIGITAL DIVIDE WIDENS

The chasm between the "digitally advanced" and "digitally deprived" continues to widen. Sophisticated intellectual property laws and technological transfer to developing countries have in many ways exacerbated the problems related to access to information and development. Developing countries are being expected to adhere to very strict international agreements, which developed countries did not have to, when they were in the developing stage. Technological activity consists mainly of learning to use, maintain, sustain and advance imported technologies, at a high price, rather than encouraging innovation and independence at the domestic level in developing countries. Current international copyright rules are therefore fostering

the dependence of developing countries on advanced countries rather than bridging the divide.

5. FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

IFLA is concerned that some developed countries are imposing stricter copyright laws on other countries, which far exceed the minimum requirements of the Berne Convention and the TRIPS Agreement. Many developing countries find it extremely difficult to adhere to current international intellectual property agreements. Now they are having to adopt even stricter copyright regimes, in exchange for favorable trade provisions, but are being set up for failure as they will not be able to honor these agreements.

IFLA therefore urges WIPO and the WTO to work together to adopt a totally new approach to intellectual property worldwide, taking into account the very different needs of developed and developing countries. IFLA supports the Proposal of Argentina and Brazil for a "Development Agenda" at WIPO.

Intellectual property laws need to be reviewed at the international and domestic level to ensure appropriate laws for countries at different stages of development. These laws must facilitate access to knowledge, advance innovation, accelerate development and restore the balance between the just demands of rights-owners and consumers.

LINKS

[The Geneva Declaration on the Future of WIPO](#)
[UNESCO Public Library Manifesto, 1994](#)
[Glasgow Declaration on Libraries, Information Services and Intellectual Freedom](#)
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CORE ACTIVITIES

ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH LIBRARIES PROGRAMME (ALP)

IFLA Travel Grant 2004

After the funding for the Danida Travel Grant came to an end in 2002, ALP had only the Sida Speakers Grant and the Harry Campbell Conference Attendance Grant in 2003. In October 2003 we got the wonderful news from IFLA Headquarters that the Executive Committee had decided to allocate EUR 30.000 to ALP to try to replace some of the Danida funding.

The IFLA Travel Grant was announced in the beginning of November and by the deadline, February 15, we had received 473 valid applications, for which only 15 grants were available for participants from the three regions of Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America. From Latin America and the Caribbean the following persons were chosen: Volmer Geronimo, Brazil, Maria Helena Echavarría, Colombia, Isabel Giménez García, Guatemala, Louise Foster, Jamaica, Patricia Cuti Del Giorgio, Uruguay and Julio Santillán Aldana, Peru. According to their reports the congress was a wonderful experience and an excellent opportunity for meeting and exchanging ideas with professionals from around the world and the exhibition was also appreciated. Mr Julio Santillán from *Biblios* (Information Science Electronic Magazine / Revista Electronica de Ciencias de la Informacion) has described his experience of the congress in his report and we think it may be interesting for you to read.

With money from Sida ALP could also support two speakers from Latin America who had been selected to present papers at the conference:

- Ms Dania Vazquez Matos from Cuba talked about the history of the "First Public Library of Cuba" (Primera Biblioteca Pública de Cuba) and
- Ms Paula Cademas from Banco del Libro in Venezuela about reading promotion projects to support social development - how books can help to heal and build.

We do believe that events like this are of great importance as they give young professionals the opportunity to take part in international librarianship. Many grantees have also become engaged in IFLA sections and presented papers after attending the conference. We do hope that we will receive more funds to be able to continue.

(Birgitta Sandell - Core Programme Director)

DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

CATALOGUING SECTION

Become a member of the Cataloguing Section

Dear IFLA member, whether you represent an institution, an association or are just a personal member, it will soon be time to register for IFLA sections for the coming year. If you are already a member of the Cataloguing Section, I hope you will stay a member, if you are not I would like to try to convince you to become a member!

Why should you become a member of the Cataloguing Section?

The number of resources that need cataloguing information or metadata of some kind increases rapidly. Libraries all over the world face these new challenges and often budget cuts at the same time. Thus, cataloguing is one activity that library managers are fighting to get within reasonable economic control.

The Cataloguing Section works with common principles, standards and tools for cataloguing, globally. Extended international exchange of records and increased automated processing are the rational means of reducing cataloguing costs without reducing quality in user services. Rationalisation of these work processes rest on common guidelines and standards, the very task of the Cataloguing Section.

That is why you should stay a member, if you are one, and become a member of the Cataloguing Section, if you are not.

The number code for the section is 13.

(Visit our homepage on IFLANET to get a fuller picture of the Section's work, <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s13/index.htm>.)

As a member you are also entitled to nominate members to the Standing Committee of the Section (dead line February 2, 2005). (Read more about the work of Standing Committees at <http://www.ifla.org/III/members/profgr.htm>.)

The Standing Committee of the Cataloguing Section has members from Europe, the USA and Russia, but we do need representation from Africa and Asia.

With best regards,

(Gunilla Jonsson - Chair of the Cataloguing Section)

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN SECTION

Standing Committee Meetings

The first meeting of the Standing Committee in 2004 was held on August 23rd in Buenos Aires. That was an open

meeting with the purpose of disclosing ALP-supported projects that had been implemented and those still in progress in the Region to all attendees interested in the activities carried out by the Committee. During the meeting, the members of the Committee provided information about some of the projects implemented in the following countries:

Colombia: Publication of guidebooks in Spanish including the services provided by public libraries in the communities as well as personnel's training; briefcases to promote reading.

Venezuela: Reading to live, a bibliotherapy activity developed to assist populations in situations of disaster and started 5 years ago, was now changed into a Book Bank program. A spin-off of this project is currently being implemented in the periphery of Caracas.

Mexico: INFOBILA, Latin America Library Information, started in 2000 at Mexico Library Research University Center, CUIB, a specialized database, which allows the efforts to develop the digital library to be continued.

Caribbean: Distance education for French speaking Caribbean countries (Martinique, Guadalupe, French Guyana, Haiti), now extended to Spanish and English speaking countries.

Peru: Jointly with Bolivia and Mexico, ALP-supported projects for indigenous villages, as discussed and decided during the International Seminar "Library and Information Services in indigenous villages in Latin America", held in the year 2003 in Lima.

Argentina: Study plans for Spanish - American Bibliotecology, Archival Science and Museology Schools, a journal providing information on the status of professional training in the participating countries.

Chile: emphasis on the latest project: book-lending service in the subway stations.

Brazil: Regional Seminar on the Unesco Manifesto on Public Libraries (Bahia, 1998), pioneer in the Area, and pilot projects: Reading services for functional illiterates (in partnership with Rio de Janeiro Public Libraries System) and Reading Service in Rio de Janeiro State Prisons (in partnership with Rio de Janeiro Public Library).

Republic of El Salvador: First Central American Meeting of Librarians Associations, which was materialized upon the creation of the Central American Federation of Librarians Associations.

The Manager of the Regional Office informed about the activities carried out by the Section and the Regional Office, including the participation in different events in several countries, the dissemination of IFLA news and also the news

from different countries in the Area, highlighting how important the Section and the office are for the Area, since one cannot exist without the other.

On August 28, after the IFLA Conference Closing Session, the second meeting of the Standing Committee was held during which, after evaluating the success of the Conference and referring to the important participation of Latin-Americans, thanks to the sponsorship granted by different institutions, ALP, WING, ABGRA, etc. The ALP representative informed about the status of the projects in course and about the new projects approved:

Project 361: Consolidation and creation of Central America librarians' associations: the final report is being printed in Peru (El Salvador).

Project 363: Network of Quechua rural libraries, an information access service: current activities include two indigenous tribes (Peru).

Project 364: Points of community book lending in fairs and markets in the American South Cone. The resources will be sent soon to the countries concerned (Bolivia and Argentina).

Project 365: A training program for library staff aimed to assist the indigenous communities in the Latin America Region. The distance-training project has already been launched and CUIB has already included 33 books in indigenous languages in the digital platform (Mexico).

Project 366: To qualify in SIC Model indigenous people information workers (Bolivia).

Following, the theme of the Section for the 2005 conference's Open forum, due to be held in Oslo (Norway) was analyzed: "A voyage along the Caribbean and Latin America libraries!" It was decided also that the first meeting of the Standing Committee in 2005 would be held in Mexico, as proposed by UNAM, March 14-15, before the INFOBILA Meeting (March 16-18 2005).

MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING SECTION

IFLA 3M International Marketing Award 2004

The Management and Marketing Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and 3M Library Systems join to announce the winners of the 3rd IFLA/3M International Marketing Award. First, second, and third prizes were presented at this conference.

Criteria and Applications

For this third award, applications were available in the five official IFLA languages (English, Spanish, French, Russian,

German, and also Mandarin/Chinese) on the Web sites of both sponsors, IFLA and 3M. The deadline was November 30, 2003. Altogether there were 52 applicants from all five continents, sent in from 17 countries including: Russian Federation, Australia, Spain, Nigeria, New Zealand, India, United States, Canada, Argentina, Ivory Coast, Philippines, Cuba, United Kingdom, Sweden, Romania, Indonesia, and Chile. Any library, agency, or association in the world that promotes library service was eligible to receive the award.

This year's applicants were judged on the following criteria:

- Strategic approach to marketing communications;
- Creativity and innovation;
- Potential for generating widespread public visibility and support for libraries;
- Effectiveness illustrated by efforts to emphasize the organization's communication and marketing goals;
- Commitment to ongoing marketing and public relations activities.

The Committee revised the criteria to facilitate increased understanding of marketing, and participation by a broader range of countries. A new goal that was reached was to recognize marketing efforts by developing countries with fewer resources.

Who Won This Year?

First place was given to the school library of Australian Islamic College, located in Kewdale, WA., Australia for using library resources to promote reading and computer literacy to 300 refugee children from Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia. The library's slogan is "I came, I saw, I read." The first-place winner received airfare, lodging, and registration for the 2004 World Library and Information Congress and a cash award of \$1,000 (U.S.) to further the marketing efforts of the library.

Second place went to the Krasheninnikov Regional Research Library, Kamchatka, Russia, for developing and offering outreach programs and services to the elderly and disabled in this region of the country who are psychologically and socially vulnerable. The library's campaign is called, "Remedy for the Soul".

Third place went to the African Rice Center in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, for its project to offer current information to the agricultural researchers in the National Agricultural System (NARS) in West Africa.

The pre-conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil, was a thorough success!

Nearly 250 people attended, from 18 to 20 August, a satellite Meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil, with the theme: "The Virtual

Customer: a new paradigm to optimize the relationship with the library customer and the information services”.

The pre-conference was organized by IFLA's Administration and Marketing Section, University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), and Université de Montreal (Canada). Twenty-three research works were presented; participants came from 26 countries. Simultaneous Interpreting service was provided in four languages (Portuguese, English, Spanish and French) thanks to our main sponsors: Agence Intergouvernementale de la Francophonie and 3M. The Portuguese language was used for the first time in an IFLA event. Sueli Mara Ferreira (University of Sao Paulo) delivered the welcome to the delegates on behalf of the Brazilian Organizing Committee.

MANAGEMENT OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS SECTION

Farewell to association colleagues around the world

The IFLA Conference in Buenos Aires was my last conference as Chair of Management of Library Associations Section. I have now formally resigned from the Standing Committee. The reason I resigned is that I am also resigning from my position in the Swedish Library Association and will start working as a consultant in Library Service for Children and Youth. After ten years in the Swedish Library Association, I want a change and the service to Children and reading promotion has always been important to me. That is where I started my library career and where my heart is.

In our meeting in Buenos Aires we elected a new acting Chair for one year and that is Keith Fiels, Director of the American Library Association. My term ends formally in Oslo but now Keith will serve the last year. Arlene Cohen will continue to serve as secretary to Oslo. After that, she can not be re-elected for another period. In Oslo there will be a new election of Chair, Secretary and Information Officer for the Section. The election takes place in the first business meeting and only members of the Standing Committee can vote.

It is a long time since I visited my first IFLA Conference in Havana in 1994. It was a wonderful experience. I am sure that one of the reasons that I became addicted to IFLA was the fact that I immediately was involved in the work of the Round Table on Management of Library Associations. It was Birgitta Bergdahl, who at the time was the Director of the ALP-office, who told me "you have to get involved in this Round Table on Management of Library Associations and make it more of a global platform for Library Associations." And I saw her point. At that time, the Round Table was totally dominated by the western world. As you

know, we have worked together and tried to broaden the participation from all continents, but there is still a lot to do.

It has been great to work with so many colleagues from all over the world. The best with our former Round Table and new Section is that so many people have been prepared to work and prepare programs, translate brochures and arrange midterm meetings. There is one person I specially want to mention who has been a great partner in all the work and that is our Secretary Arlene Cohen. Without her I know that a lot of things would not have come through.

In the future, I am sure that our Section must be even more involved in the basic work of IFLA. After all, IFLA is a Library Association and must move on in the direction of global lobbying. Therefore, I am pleased that the Governing Board has co-opted our new chair Keith for the next year and that IFLA has found sponsor money so that they can hire a person to work on preparing for the WSIS meeting in Tunis.

There is a start and an end to everything. I have enjoyed every minute of the work in the RTMLA and MLAS. So do get involved. It is fun. There is so much work to be done. Develop and implement the Global Library Association Development (GLAD) Program or become MLAS addicted believer.

All the very best
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NEWS OF THE REGION

ARGENTINA

First Buenos Aires Antique Book Fair

The Association of Antiquarian Booksellers, ALADA, sponsored the First Buenos Aires Antique Book Fair, from September 30 to October 4, at Enrique Larreta Spanish Art Museum, which formerly was the residence of writer and fine bibliophile Enrique Larreta. A number of interesting cultural activities happened simultaneously with the exhibition in the beautiful Andalusian garden of the house-museum. Lectures: "Projection of Quixote in Argentina"

delivered by the President of Argentina Literature Academy, Dr. Pedro Luis Barcia, and "Men and books in America, a long-standing relationship," delivered by the History Academy member, Dr. Daisy Ripodas Ardanaz. In the Orange Courtyard, "Poetic art, music and poetry" based on texts by Jorge Luis Borges, Julio Cortazar, Silvina Ocampo, R.E. Molinari, Alfonsina Storni, A. Pizarnik and J.L. Ortiz and a medieval and Renaissance concert, "Castles, tavern and roads" including music from Centuries 12th to 16th.

During the event, and simultaneously with the cultural activities, the most important and specialized booksellers in this branch of bookselling exhibited and put for sale such valuable, old, rare works, documents, etc.: Víctor Ainzelman, antiquarian bookseller; Helena from Buenos Aires, old, curious, sought after, out of print and collectable books; Alberto Casares; La Librería Anticuaria; Imago Mundi; Rincón del Anticuario; The Antique Book Shop, who enhanced the exhibition by providing magnificent catalogs, finely printed and full of rich information.

(Stella Maris Fernández – Advisor IFLA/LAC RO)

8th Book Week, under the title of "Reading is a Feast"

The 8th Book Week, under the title "Reading is a Feast", organized by the Argentine Book Chamber, CAL, was accomplished throughout the country from October 31 to November 6. The purpose of this activity is to promote reading in a non-conventional manner. Several activities were organized for this end: The Reading Game; the game, a tour through books in Argentina, intended to elementary and high-school students, and the 3rd. Contest "Book and Reading Promotion Projects", an activity designed to school teachers, principals and librarians. As in previous years and with the theme "The books to the street", the booksellers exhibited their resources on tables placed on the sidewalks.

(Stella Maris Fernández – Advisor IFLA/LAC RO)

First World Library and Information Congress in South America a big success!

Almost 4000 participants from 121 countries attended the World Library and Information Congress, the 70th General Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, which was held in Buenos Aires from 22 –27 August 2004. The theme of this year's Congress was *Libraries: Tools for Education and Development*, to emphasize the importance of Libraries for developing communities.

3835 Total participants
2538 Full time delegates
88 Day registrations
37 Flying visitors
209 Accompanying persons

336 Exhibition visitors
91 Volunteers
1237 First timers
121 Countries represented
446 grantees thanks to generous grants
409 Speakers and Presenters
96 Exhibitors combined to an exhibition of **1392** square meters
222 Meetings
40 Meetings with Simultaneous Interpretation
80 Poster Sessions

Facts and Figures about the conference

21 New members joined IFLA
189 Papers
161 Papers in English
121 Papers in Spanish
75 Papers in French
15 Papers in German
12 Papers in Russian
195 Translations from original papers

Country Representation

We are very pleased to announce that Argentina was the country with the largest representation, 618 delegates!

Runners up were:

USA 355
Brazil 117
China 110
Chile 109
Russian Fed. 102

BOLIVIA

Bolivians Librarians attended the WLIC

The 70th IFLA General Conference, which was held in Buenos Aires, was attended by 12 Bolivian librarians from the Departments of La Paz, Cochabamba, Oruro and Santa Cruz, which attended many specialized meetings.

(Doris Samanez - SC IFLA/ALC Correspondent Member)

A Librarianship Program was initiated in Santa Cruz City

Started this year, a Program of Librarianship was initiated in Santa Cruz, the second department to have a professional education school in Bolivia. In August, this year, the school received as lecturer our colleague from Costa Rica, Ana Cecilia Torres.

Now is being implanted the Project 366: "To qualify in SIC MODEL indigenous people information workers" (Capacitar en MODELO SIC a trabajadores de Información con pueblos indígenas), coordinated by the Centro de Documentación e

Informacion Bolivia CEDIB, under the responsibility of Maria Lohman.

The Project 364: Points of Community Lending at fairs and markets: EL CASERO DEL LIBRO, is also being implanted. The first point will be in Fundación Pachamama, Sucre under the responsibility of Carlos Muñoz and the second in the Municipal Library of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, under the responsibility of William Rojas.

We have received the visit of our Venezuelan colleague Maria Elena Zapata, who has visited libraries of many departments of our country in order to know and collect data for her project of reading quality.

The CIF-AECI organized the course monographies cataloguing, electronic resources and monographies control, from 15 to 10 November, 2004, at Santa Cruz.
(Doris Samanez – SC IFLA/LAC Correspondent Member)

2nd Librarianship, Documentation and Archives Congress

The Information Unities Workers of Cochabamba and the Bolivia Information Sciences Professional College have organized the 2nd Librarianship, Documentation and Archives Congress from 8 to 10 December. The main theme was: The information unities as support to the country development. It is supported by the Asociación Hispana de Documentalistas en Intenet (AHDI) among others.
(Doris Samanez – IFLA/LAC SC Correspondent Member)

BRASIL

A fledgling...

Over the last 30 years of professional career as a librarian and an educator in the field of Librarianship and Documentation, I have been following IFLA development from a distance, paying special attention to their international action in providing support to several initiatives targeted to support the organization of libraries, to foster reading, to provide services to special users and, more recently, to support informative literacy. A quick tour through [IFLANET](http://www.iflanet.org) Webpage will give us an idea of the true universe of information produced by the several divisions, sessions and workgroups whose members are making all effort worldwide.

I was often wondering how could such a huge number of people, far from each other, each of them probably engaged in their professional activities, put so much information together. Then I would often set myself to read a few documents on themes of my closest interest, made available by IFLANET in full text, but would end up by getting lost (or found) in the perusal of new themes.

I think it to be impossible to start any library-oriented project, plan or action without referring first to the annual plans, manuals and reports generated by IFLA in all Librarianship areas and themes, which, because of the intercultural goals of the organization, are easily applicable to any context.

Then I learned about the IFLA World Congress due to be take place in August 2004 in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina. I applied for my registration eight months in advance and set off to Argentina capital city anticipating the cultural Babel that such an event was likely to be.

On Saturday, August 21 after the lunch, as I knew the event would only start on Monday 23 morning, I headed to Hilton Hotel in order to pick up the Congress material. I thought I was not bound to face any lines, as such long lines are only expected on the first day of big events. Surprisingly, I came across a long line. However, something different called my attention.

Those people, most of them above 50 years of age, looked very quiet, without any sign of anxiety or discomfort, as it is usual in such cases. Everybody was very cheerful and I was received by a colleague in the line with a square smile, which at first I thought it had been addressed to someone behind me, but not, the smile had been addressed to me, although we had never met before. I smiled back to her and she made a comment in English about the length of the line. She seemed to be a very popular among the delegates because she was greeting nearly everybody and always smiling. I thought how nice it would be if I had some acquaintance near me so that I could waive, greet and talk to in my own language. Wondrously, I sighted a group of Brazilian colleagues and even before I said a word, my new line friend suggested that I should go and meet them while she kept my place in the line. Before she changed her mind, I set off to meet my fellow citizens and took a picture with them.

The material was delivered to us in a *backpack*, but this didn't surprise me because as I was standing in the wait line I had already noticed the casual and not-dressy manner of the delegates from all over the world, even though some were wearing their typical clothes. On the way back to my hotel, I watched the people as they walked in groups to the subway station, talking to each other, backpack on their backs; they looked like a casual group of excursionists rather than experienced delegates to an international Congress.

I saw in the official program of the event that although the opening session was officially scheduled for Monday August 23, both the Divisions' Coordinating Committees and IFLA Sections' Professional Committees had a number of work meetings scheduled to take place over the weekend. In that pace, I thought to myself, IFLANET Webpage would be soon full of new communications.

On the next Monday, a very cold morning, I walked to Teatro Colón, which was near my hotel, and I had just to cross the wide Avenida 9 de Julio. The opening session was attended by important Argentinean government's authorities and by a huge majority of the registered delegates. The capacity of the Theater was totally taken. I took a balcony seat located on the left side of the stage, together with five fellow delegates. Surprisingly, each of us came from different parts of the world -: Germany, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chile, United States and Italy. Before the session started, we kept silent for a while, but as soon as the Italian friend asked which language each of us could understand, communication began instantly. At first, Spanish and English were the lingua francas, but soon Portuguese and French, because the Italian could speak all these languages, besides Italian, of course, and her Portuguese had a Portugal accent. Being just there, without any barriers like territory, culture, racial or social prejudices, communicating with each other just through our professional identity and with the ethical posture of true people relationship was a very agreeable experience. The curiosity of asking each other about function or position in our countries of origin never crossed our minds, because in our short intercommunication we were only concerned about sharing how proud we were of our work as librarians and of being able, for that same reason, to be part of that unique experience.

The regular activities in the event made me feel like being at a very far country; however, not precisely Argentina, because I was always together with people from several parts of the world and speaking all sorts of languages. But all had one thing in common - informality.

After every afternoon session or during the breaks between lectures I would go to the cyber cafe to access my email box, through which I kept in contact with my relatives and managed my professional contacts back in my country. On such occasions, while waiting for my turn in the line, I would take advantage to start a contact with some other delegates, but always making sure to read first their names and country of origin in the badge we would bring all the time. One evening I went to Calle Florida for some shopping and I got surprised when I saw my reflection in the shop window - with the badge hanging from my neck.

Professional contacts would happen everywhere, in the hallways, during the scheduled meetings, during breakfast in the hotel, in the cyber cafe line, in the taxi line, on the bus that commuted us from Hilton to Sheraton and vice-versa, in the restaurants near the hotels, and even in the restrooms. Nobody seemed to be in a hurry and in a certain way everybody was always available for an idle talking.

As a fledgling, my badge received a *first-time stamp* and I think that was part of the reason why I received a special treatment and had an unforgettable week.

I was bewitched by that people who, regardless of where they come from, or what they are accomplishing in their countries of origin, are striving to promote the librarian, the library itself and the information services all over the world.

If you are a competent, creative professional and are willing to exchange experiences, then try knowing better IFLA actions to support professional initiatives in Librarianship.
(Clarice Muhlethaler de Souza - CRB-7-1450 – RJ)

Note of the Publisher: Clarice Muhlethaler de Souza got her master's degree in Information Science from Rio de Janeiro Federal University in 1983. She has retired as an Associate Professor from Universidade Federal Fluminense. She had 4 papers published in specialized journals and 14 papers in the proceedings of congresses. She's got 9 items of technical production. She was delegate to 8 events abroad and 11 within Brazil. She is currently engaged in 3 research projects, and is coordinating one of them. Her field of activity is Information Science, with a major in the Planning and Management of Information Searching and Retrieving Mechanisms. In the course of her professional activities, she interacted with 10 collaborators as the co-authors of scientific papers. Key words in her resume regarding the contextualization of her scientific, technological and artistic-cultural production include: Librarianship Teaching, Librarianship, Databases, Planning and Management of Academic Network Libraries, Digital Libraries.

Rio de Janeiro's Juridical Information and Documentation Group - GIDJ - RJ

The Rio de Janeiro's Juridical Information and Documentation Group - often referred to as "GIDJ - RJ," gathers Rio de Janeiro Juridical Information and Documentation specialized librarians since 1973, when it was set up, subordinate to the FEBAB's Brazilian Juridical Information and Documentation Committee. In 1997 it became the Association of Independent Libraries, with the main purpose of supporting professional development and refreshing by sponsoring and organizing courses and seminars. During the latest IFLA General Conference, held in Buenos Aires in August 2004, it became a full IFLA official member, with a right to voice and vote. Filiation was granted under the new filiation's mode as set forth in the Buenos Aires Resolution approved for other Associations and officially published on IFLA express n.8.
(Maria Isabel da Franca – Chair GIDJ-RJ)

IBICT and Open Archives

Since the constitution of the *Open Archives Initiative* (OAI), the Brazilian Science and Technology Information Institute (IBICT) has been studying the standards and the ideals adopted by this initiative: 1) the use of free software; 2) the use of standards for enhanced interoperability among the

information systems; 3) free access to information; 4) self-filing of documents, in other words, the authors may submit their documents for filing; 5) long-term storage.

This model still assumes the existence of two actors: the data providers and the service providers. Data providers are those institutions that maintain data repositories so that the authors can file their documents. Service providers are those institutions that harvest metadata exposed by the data providers and consolidate them in order to offer information services, such as on-line access to information, among others.

IBICT has adopted such ideals as a model for its information systems. In this regard, the Thesis and Dissertation Digital Library (BDTD) was the first initiative, relying on a software package developed for the publication of thesis and dissertations, which are currently being distributed to all higher education institutions that provide masters degree programs. The methodology includes three actors in such institutions: the students, the master's degree Office, and the library. Thus, the process to publicize a thesis on the BDTD starts when the student requires the defense of their dissertation or thesis. This is a revolutionary method because it decentralizes the process of thesis and dissertation cataloguing by including the participation of the author.

One of the anticipated results of this initiative is an improvement in master's degree teaching and research, with the consequent formation of a community of electronic documents authors and users in the country.

The adoption of this model was successful and, as a consequence, many higher education institutions that used to apply different technologies started migrating to the Brazilian thesis and dissertation description standard, MTD-BR, as well as to the Metadata Harvesting Protocol, OAI-PMH (Open Archives Initiative Protocol of Metadata Harvesting). Thanks to the protocol and to the fact that MTD-BR is a superset of ETD-MS standards, BDTD was integrated into NDLTD (Networked Digital Library of Thesis and Dissertation). IBICT is currently distributing this software package through workshops and through its own gateway (<http://www.ibict.br>).

Besides the BDTD, IBICT identified, in a work of technological search, other tools to aid IBICT in the attainment of its mission. Such identified tools include the Open Journal System (OJS), which allows the construction and management of an electronic magazine. This tool is a software package, open source, which complies with OAI ideals and standards. That tool was developed within the scope of the Public Knowledge Project (<http://pkp.ubc.ca/>), coordinated by John Willinsky, Pacific Press, professor of Literacy Technology. IBICT customized this tool for the Portuguese language and cooperated with the developers to correct a few imperfections. A total of 13 magazines, including the magazine *Ciência da Informação (Information Science)*, were created in the country using the OJS

customized version, called SEER (Electronic System for Magazine Editing). It is to be highlighted that IBICT has already made this tool available to several scientific magazine publishing institutions in the country, providing also the relevant training to editors and data processing technicians.

Still through the activity of technological search, IBICT identified another software package whose characteristics and objectives were in agreement with the Brazilian Digital Library (BDB) purposes, the Open Conference System (OCS), also developed within the scope of the Public Knowledge Project (PKP). This is a tool to assist the organization of a scientific event and, besides, to electronically publish the proceedings of the event on the Web. IBICT, in partnership with the National Commission of Nuclear Energy (CNEN)'s Nuclear Information Center, had this package translated and made it available on gateway for free distribution, since it is free software. That software package also adopts OAI standards and ideals, which makes it easier, therefore, to create, maintain, and manage an electronic catalog of Congress proceedings.

In the same line of ideals and standards, IBICT, in partnership with Intercom, a community in the field of communication, sponsored the customization of the software called DSPACE. This is a software package, developed by the MIT in partnership with HP, whose main purpose is the creation and management of a repository for the documents generated by a given community. This system allows the storage of several types of documents (articles, manuscripts, theses, dissertations, presentations, projects, technical reports, etc.). Because this tool was developed to organize and disseminate the technical-scientific production of a given laboratory or research group, it has the feature of easily creating and managing communities and sub communities. DSPACE, therefore, proved to be a helpful tool to record and to disseminate the technical-scientific production of any university or research institute. DSPACE is also free software and uses Dublin Core and OAI-PMH standards.

We should not leave the Scientific Dialogue (DiCi), an alternative for the scientific communication, out of all such initiatives described above. Everybody knows how difficult it is for many researchers to disseminate the results of their researches, in addition to the fact that they not always have free access to what has been published. DiCi is the result of the customization of a software package called E-prints, which enables the creation and management of a repository, abiding by the OAI standards. This way, once the repository has been created, the authors may publish their pre - and post - prints on that repository, besides other types of materials.

This tool is chiefly distinguished by the fact that it allows the reader or user to publish comments about any paper published on that repository. Consequently, the author may publish a second version of their work after the comments

are accepted. This is, therefore, an alternative that brings back to life the invisible school, with the difference that the members of such school are Web users, which may include the anonymous researchers of that author who are dispersed in many countries around the world.

Three thematic repositories were created by using the DiCi tool: 1) Scientific Arena, in the field of communication; 2) DiCi in the field of genetics, coordinated by the Brazilian Genetics Society; 3) DiCi in the information science, maintained by IBICT. The initiative of creating a DiCi in the field of information science was encouraged by the possibility of opening one more space for the Brazilian researchers to publish the results of their researches and to encourage the discussion about the production in this field. (Helio Kuramoto - IBICT)

Marketing of information on the Internet: promotion

The book of Sueli Angélica do Amaral, member of the SC IFLA/LAC, approaches in its initial chapters the concepts of marketing, the history and the characteristics of the Internet. Building on such concepts, the third chapter is dedicated to the marketing on the Internet, followed by the context of the Information Society, which introduces the part pertaining to the marketing of information on the Internet. The fourth chapter presents promotion as a marketing activity, establishes the relationship between promotion and communication and information, and provides an example of the promotion/communication process in the information units, discussing each stage in this process. Following, the Fifth chapter discusses promotion on the Internet, commenting on dozens of resources that may be explored in the various forms of promotion actions on the Internet. As a complement, and in order to facilitate the understanding of the innovations and changes required by the market, the book includes a promotion glossary with 557 entries and 249 cross-references to terms from such areas as technology, information, communication and promotion.

The reading of this book is likely to provide you with the answers to a lot of Questions: How to disseminate the available material? Can the promotion activities and tools used in the traditional environment be adapted to the Internet environment? How can you plan promotion on the Internet? How can you make products and services to be known on the Internet? Which resources are available for the practice of promotion on the Internet?

Information Society

In order to involve government bodies in the Information Society Project, the RO Manager, Elizabet de Carvalho, with Sueli Angelica do Amaral, Member of the SC IFLA/LAC, have met Dr. Romeu Costa Ribeiro Bastos, Administration Secretary of the Brazilian government, and have given him

IFLA documents related to the role of the libraries in the Information Society. The Secretary will send those documents to the Brazilian representatives in the Tunis meeting

Federal Senate Library

The Manager of the Regional Office paid a visit to Acadêmico Luiz Viana Filho Library, an IFLA affiliate, where she was hosted by Ms. Simone Bastos, the Director of the Information and Documentation Secretary. On that occasion, she talked about IFLA programs and was given many Federal Senate publications, by the Director, towards the "Clearinghouse". During the very fruitful visit, such themes as a greater participation of that library in the IFLA Sections and a broader discussion about the role of libraries in the Information Society were discussed.

The House of Representatives' Library

During her time in Brasilia, the Manager of the Regional Office also paid a visit to the House of Representatives' library, which is also an IFLA affiliate. There she was hosted by Ms. Marli Jobim Salwider, the Director of the Library, and by Ms. Nelda Mendonça Raulino, the Director of the Documentation and Information Center. On that occasion, she talked about the importance of getting the Representatives to be committed to the campaign aimed to appreciate the role of the libraries in the Information Society. Both directors donated publications by that institution towards IFLA Regional Office's "Clearinghouse".

University of Brasilia - UNB

The Manager of the Regional Office paid also a visit to UNB's Information Science Masters Degree Program, where she was hosted by Ms. Sueli Angélica do Amaral, the Coordinator, also a member of SC IFLA/LAC. During the visit they discussed a number of topics related to IFLA and to LAC's Section.

Still at UNB, Elizabet de Carvalho paid a visit to the Central Library, where she was received by Ms. Clarimar Almeida Vale, the Director of the Library, and handed out IFLA brochures and encouraged a greater participation of the Library in IFLA

Latin-American Course on Digital Libraries

UNESCO/Mercosul will organize in Ceará, Brazil, on February 2005, in partnership with the Federal University of Ceará (Department of Information Science and Department of Computer Science) and IFLA/LAC/RO, the Latin-American Course on Digital Libraries, aimed to train specialists to make decisions and implement digital library projects by using free software.

Contents:

State of the art in digital library researches and applications;
 Methodologies to build digital libraries;
 Free software for digital libraries.
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ALP Team in Rio de Janeiro

While on vacations in Rio de Janeiro, Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla Natvig from ALP, together with Viveca Halldin Norberg, in charge of the Preservation and Conservation Sector at the University of Uppsala Library, Sweden, paid a visit to the National Library, in Rio de Janeiro, where they were hosted and guided by Dr. Célia Zaher, Technical Director of that library and a member of SC IFLA/LAC.

They went also to the IFLA/LAC Regional Office and to the Rio de Janeiro State Public Library, where they had a meeting with the Manager of the Regional Office, the Secretary of the Office, and members of IFLA/LAC's SC.

At the Public Library they were received by Director Ana Lígia Medeiros, who showed them around the Library and invited the group for a cocktail.

It was an honor for the Regional Office to receive the ALP team and the colleague from the University of Uppsala in Rio de Janeiro.

XXI Library, Documentation and Information Science Brazilian Congress

Theme: "Book, Reading and Library: an exercise of citizenship". Curitiba, Parana, Brazil, 17-22 de July 2005.

Registrations:

Until 02/15/2005

Members of associations not in arrears	R\$190,00
Non members, foreigners, other professionals and firms or organizations	R\$240,00
Graduation students	R\$120,00
Pos graduation students	R\$190,00
Institution with no more than 3 participants	R\$612,00

Until 04/30/05

Members of associations not in arrears	R\$210,00
Non members, foreigners, other professionals and firms or organizations	R\$265,00
Graduation students	R\$132,50
Pos graduation students	R\$210,00
Institution with no more than 3 participants	R\$675,00

Until 30/06/05

Members of associations not in arrears	R\$240,00
Non members, foreigners, other professionals and firms or organizations	R\$295,00
Graduation students	R\$147,50
Pos graduation students	R\$240,00
Institution with no more than 3 participants	R\$750,00

From 01/07/05

Members of associations not in arrears	R\$265,00
Non members, foreigners, other professionals and firms or organizations	R\$340,00
Graduation students	R\$170,00
Pos graduation students	R\$265,00
Institution with no more than 3 participants	R\$867,00

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Meeting with the Librarianship, Documentation and Information Science Brazilian Congress organizers

The Regional Office manager has been in Curitiba where she met with the Chair, Cibele Martinez Correa, and other members of the Parana Library Association, organizer of the Librarianship and Documentation Brazilian Congress, which will be held in Curitiba, July 17-22 2005. The Congress theme will be: Book, Reading and Library: an exercise of citizenship.

The Regional Office will support the Congress inviting some foreign librarian as lecturers. As soon as the Congress program is ready it will be divulged by the e-mail list. Attending an invitation of the librarians Cibele and Marilene de Rocio Veiga the Regional Office Manager has visited the facilities of UNIANDRADE University where the Congress will be held. There they were received by librarian Sonia Bernini, Library Director and vice-president of the Association, and by Dr. Mariliza da Rocha, UNIANDRADE events coordinator. The place is excellent and it will be used at no costs for the Association.

Meeting at the Brazilian Institute of Science and Technological Information - IBICT

The Regional Manager was invited by IBICT for a meeting with Dr. Helio Kuramoto, Special Projects General Coordinator, and Dr. Ricardo Rodriguez, Program of Bibliographic Commutation Coordinator, where she could explain the importance of the IBICT participation in the IFLA programs, especially in the LAC Section.

Internet Community Center - CIC

The State of Rio de Janeiro Public Library initiated October 28 2004 the Internet Community Center – CIC, that will allow the digital inclusion of its users through the free access to Internet, besides provides a basic informatics course.

The CIC is a project of the Digital Inclusion Program of the State Government and it was developed by the Data Processing Center of State of Rio de Janeiro – PRODERJ that intend to inaugurate other similar centers in many libraries.

With this important initiative, the library offers up-to-date information diffusion, putting technology to work for knowledge, consolidating its role in the Information Society. (Ana Lúcia Medeiros – Director Rio de Janeiro State Library)

Rio de Janeiro State's Public Library (BIPERJ) Gateway

The BIPERJ gateway, due to its content it is much more than an institutional leaflet, since it provides the researcher with an extensive gateway for the location of digitalized image collections (photos, prints, post cards, etc.) focusing Rio de Janeiro State.

The BIPERJ Gateway has also a profile of “reference site” since it has many links for public utility sites and for Internet search sites.

The BIPERJ Gateway concerned with children and youth users has a page for them where they can find games, glossary of Internet words, and history of the book, besides the indication, through links, of some of the better sites for school research. The BIPERJ Gateway has also pages on the History of the State and City of Rio de Janeiro, besides its symbols, what can help a lot especially the public schools. Access at: www.biperj.rj.gov.br (Ana Lúcia Medeiros – Director Rio de Janeiro State Library)

CUBA

Call for the international BIBLIOARCHI 2005

In the mark of Havana International Book Fair, the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Literature and Linguistics Institute and in homage to Cuban bibliographer Antonio Bachiller y Morais we invite you to: BIBLIOARCHI 2005 (from 14 to 18 February, 2005).

Library “Fernando Ortiz” - named in homage to one of its most distinguished directors - holds the historical condition of being the First Public Library in Cuba. Since foundation by the Economic Society of the Friends of the Country in

1793, its members have always been strived to support country's economy, education and culture. Library resources always relied on acquisition, exchange and the generous donations from its distinguished members. After a venturesome location, the library was moved in 1947 to its permanent seat in this building at centric Carlos III Avenue, today called Salvador Allende. In this address the library shares location with the Literature and Linguistics Institute - since the latter was created in 1965 - an institution that safeguards this important legacy documentation for the present and future generations.

Our library was opened for the first time with 47 volumes, but today it holds more than 2 million documents. Library holdings include a full collection of Cuban periodic publications as well as the Galician colony in Cuba from Centuries 19th and 20th, 6 incunabula, a vast and rich collection of rare and valuable books, unique in the world, more than seventy editions of Quixote, a variety of art books collections with fine illustrations, Catalan and Galician books, among others.

The Archive Section is subdivided in: “General Archive,” formed by documents of several themes such as letter by Federico García Lorca with drawing from the Alambra by the author; “Literary Archive,” formed by 144 personal archives highlighting those from Fernando Ortiz, Nicolás Guillén, Borrero Family, Henríquez Ureña Family, Jorge Mañach, José María Chacón y Calvo, Mirta Aguirre, José Antonio Portuondo; and “Historical Archive,” including those from the old Havana Galician Center and the Havana's Economic Society of the Friends of the Country. These archives are characterized both by the diversity of their documental typology and by the heterogeneity of their content. The limiting dates of this documentation span from the 18th Century to the 20th Century. A Photo Archive was created recently including 22 photographic collections - with some 1000 pieces in total - from those archives.

A significant part of our collection is in regular conservation state due to age, high manipulation rate and to our adverse climatic conditions. The Conservation and Restoration Workshop was created in the 50's and works today to solve this problem with limited resources.

The priceless value of our collection of books, magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, archive documents and pictures derives fundamentally from age and diversity. There you'll find the social-cultural happening of our nation, which made this institution to become a center of obligatory and recognized consultation both nationally and internationally.

The happy coincidence of a library and an archive institutions co-existing in our building takes us to call the international BIBLIOARCHI-2005 meeting, with the purpose of opening an interdisciplinary exchange space between library, archive and document source preservation

professionals of international scope, aiming at updating ourselves with the new trends in the information and preservation sciences as well as disclosing our specialists' daily activities in the safeguard and dissemination of our collection, which makes evident the indissoluble ties that unite us with the Iberian-American community.

The event central theme will be:
"Documental sources as nation's living memory"

Communications will be embedded in one of the following themes or in the interrelation of some of them:

- o Globalization and legacy
- o Accessibility and dissemination
- o Copyright and intellectual property in the digitalization age. Bibliographical repertoires
- o Coding values.
- o Preservation and conservation of documental sources: digitalization and microfilming; access conditions, security and storage; contingency plans.
- o Confluence of archives and libraries. Automation of internal processes and services; electronic support processing.
- o Rare books and manuscripts
- o Photographic archives: processing, access and conservation.
- o Researches
- o Serial publications
- o Acquisition and development of collections.
- o Public Library in the history and today

Presenters and observers: \$ 100. 00. US\$
Students: \$ 50. 00. US\$

Local participants will pay their quota in national currency.

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EL SALVADOR

El Salvador Report on FECEAB segment

El Salvador Librarians Association - ABES designed the project named "Support and Creation of Librarians Associations in Central America" which developed as a Seminar "The First Central American Meeting of Librarians - Support and Creation of Associations in Central America", in the city of San Salvador, March 27-31, 2004, sponsored by IFLA/ALP.

One of the main purposes of the project was to establish "unity among Associations in the Area", always with the target of fostering the strengthening of both the organizations and the cooperation projects, as well as entering the commitment of organizing the Central American Federation of Librarian Associations and School -FECEAB.

Over the last months meetings have been held with officials from the Central American Integration General Secretary - SICA, integration Technicians, Legal Professionals from the Central American Court of Justice in Managua, and the Legal Counselor provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who suggested that we should draft the FECEAB Statute.

The Statute Agreement has already been drafted with the assistance of ABES members: Ms. Carmen Salinas de Salinas, ABES President, Guadalupe Lobos de Castro, Marco Tulio Castillo and Olinda Gómez, as Secretary for Support to FECEAB Segment.

A preliminary draft was sent to all Presidents of Associations in Central America for reference, comments and suggestions, which were received and taken into account; regarding the support to this Agreement, a flow of communication has been held with each FECEAB Representative, who have provided valuable inputs to improve the Agreement; such inputs have already been incorporated into the document; judging by the inputs received, all presidents of Associations in the Region are very supportive to the agreement.

As soon as the Agreement is signed by each FECEAB Representative, a petition will be submitted to the Chancellor of the Republic of El Salvador, asking the General Legal Department to generate the corresponding bill to be submitted to the Honorable El Salvador Legislature so that FECEAB may be legalized and incorporated. We hope that each President of the Associations members of the Federation will make an effort to sign this document in El Salvador.

In addition, I report that on October 3, 2004, a meeting invitation was sent to the librarian community in El Salvador with the purpose of sharing the experiences acquired in the World Congress of Libraries and Information, 70th IFLA General Conference, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on August 22-27, 2004. Everybody was very pleased with the reports presented by each of the members of the El Salvador delegation who attended such an important event. They were also told that the 2005's Congress would be held in Oslo, Norway.
(Olinda Estela Gómez Morán – IFLA/LAC SC correspondent Member())

GUATEMALA

Probigua Guatemala Libraries Project

Started in 1990 in the root of the awareness regarding the national educational reality, with the purpose of helping low-income children and youth, the Conception of the reality is based in the personal experience of founder and director, Rigoberto Zamora Charuc, and in the observation of the socioeconomic problem of Guatemalans from rural area.

Project Philosophy

The development of a country is directly proportional to the work performed by its citizens, if, and only if, the citizens have received an adequate education to develop productive activities for themselves, their families, their community and, consequently, for their country. If human development is integral, the country will develop.

General objectives:

- 1 - To implement participatory educational programs including new perspectives of development in the most deprived areas.
- 2 - To help improve education level in rural communities.
- 3 - To help bringing technology to the communities.

Specific objectives:

- o 1 - To create school libraries in rural areas.
- o 2 - To create public libraries run by the communities.
- o 3 - To open computer sciences centers for children, youth and teachers.

PROBIGUA and education in Guatemala

PROBIGUA's contribution to education in Guatemala is materialized through the creation of 23 libraries. 13 efficient public libraries, i.e., relying on programs and activities based on local educational programs. Each library is provided with access to information by means of encyclopedias on CD, and 10 school libraries including literature programs for children. The clear objective is attained in partnership with the faculty of each school center. 350 children corners were created in schools and public libraries, with the motto "BOOK-BY-BOOK GUATEMALA WILL CHANGE" as a complement to the literature programs for children.

We have been supporting 14 public libraries in different regions of the country by donating at least one computer to each, with the goal of helping them to be more efficient and modern. It is also very relevant to highlight that PROBIGUA is in charge of 16 computer centers in 16 rural communities; 3 of which have access to the Internet. Our vision is to teach to the youth how important this new knowledge is for their practical life and their career. Besides, these centers also provide information services through encyclopedias on CD and through the Internet.

Child Aid USA Foundation
PROBIGUA. Association SWITZERLAND
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Swedish Cooperation, ASDI.

MARTINIQUE

Caribal-Edist training program's first session has come to an end

A test group of 16 persons attended this program from 2/9/04 to 9/15/04. Diplomas were handed over to 13 of them on Friday 10/22/04 at 11.a.m. in the Meeting Room, Administration Building. Providing non qualified library employees with individual and distance training is the aim of CARIBAL-EDIST.

The curriculum has been worked out by Library professionals of the Caribbean during their professional associations work meetings: ACURIL for the Caribbean, IFLA-LAC (South America), AMPLD (Martinique), DLG (Guadeloupe), ABDG (Guyana) around the SCD UAG director with technical support from Mediadix (Paris X Nanterre).

This distance training can be followed through the Internet from one's workplace or from home and can be supplemented by gatherings with individual help on line from educational advisers.

This training will start with library employees on precarious fixed term work contracts as well as public of private documentary units wishing to increase their qualification with a possibility of studying for better competitive examinations.

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MEXICO

From 20 to 23 October, First Mexico National College of Librarians Congress in the city of Taxco

The College is the organization that congregates all Library professionals since all members have to be graduated from a school in the field, either from Mexico or from another country. The theme of the meeting was "Librarianship in Mexico and around the world".

The papers presented were of very high academic quality, as well as the audience participation. Reports were presented, and a number of round tables were organized. The purpose of this Congress was to start a cycle that is intended to continue in the subsequent years. Besides, the school celebrated 25 years of existence.

As far as we know, before this Congress only the Mexican Librarians Association sponsored an annual Congress with the title of Mexican Librarianship Journey, and the next is scheduled for the first week of May in the coastal city of Ixtapa.

(José Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo – SC IFLA/LAC)

NICARAGUA

ANIBIPA in action - ANIBIPA Achievements in the XXXV Mexican Librarianship Journeys

The 3rd Edition of the Mexican Librarianship Journeys was held on May 11 to 14, in Cancun, Mexico, with the title "AMBAC and the Libraries yesterday, today and tomorrow". ANIBIPA was represented, at the invitation from the Mexican Librarians Association, a Civil Association, by Lic. Rosa Argentina Aguilar.

The participation of representatives from other Central American Librarians Associations in this event opened up new spaces and horizons to find points of cooperation and exchange that will help significantly in the strengthening and development of Librarianship at a regional level. As a result of this event, a Letter of Intent was signed for partnership and exchange between AMBAC and Associations of Librarians from Central America and ALA.

Other significant achievements in this event are:

The contact with the Scientific Dissemination Group, a strong distributor of printed and wired information that showed their intention to support the Associations of Librarians in the region. As a result of such negotiations, a section for Central America was inserted in the web site of that company: <http://www.difusion.com.mx/centroamerica> through which the librarians have access for a limited time to the databases and products that are offered. To enter the site, you simply click on the Nicaragua map and access the

information.

XVIII Guadalajara International Book Fair

During the Mexican Librarianship Journeys, a meeting was held with the coordination of the Guadalajara International Book Fair, Ms. Nubia Mareia Navarro, with whom the possibility of a special discount for book purchases through our association was discussed. The fair is scheduled for the period between November 27 and December 5.

For further information, please send your mail to the following address anibipa@yahoo.com or get in touch with Lic. Rosa Argentina Aguilar at the Tel. 2281506.

PERU

Attending IFLA WLIC 2004 marked my professional trajectory in a definitive way

The experience

Attending IFLA WLIC 2004 marked my professional trajectory in a definitive way. I can speak of before and after the Congress in my career as a librarian. Participating in the Congress gave me a wider view of the job, made me aware that many friends in different parts of the globe discuss not a few common themes.

What I learned

The contents of each lecture and theme discussed in the Congress were of high quality and helped me incorporate new and very useful knowledge for my professional work. Besides, in the Congress I could see a great diversity of tools and services that are often neglected in our day-to-day. On this regard, I was pleased to see that a lot of work is allocated to the librarians' role and social responsibilities.

My fellow librarians

Beyond the professional aspect, I can say that on the personal side an important factor was meeting so many friends from so many unimaginable parts of the world. In my condition of grant holder, I was very pleased to meet librarians from Latin America, Asia, Oceania and Africa. What I shared with all them was pretty enriching.

The projects

My experience in the congress has taken me to think about projects of different magnitude. Below I refer to some of them.

WLIC IFLA 2004 Video reporting

During the congress I was collecting audiovisual material (interviews, recordings of sessions, comments from delegates). With the support provided by the National Library of Peru, we are now considering the possibility of editing a video report including the WLIC 2004 highlights. Such material would be intended for Librarianship undergraduate students in my country.

Translation of bibliotecology texts

Selecting and translating a set of significant bibliotecology papers produced by Hindu authors from English into Spanish is a very ambitious project. INFLIBNET (India) and BIBLIOS (Peru) are in charge of coordinating this project aimed to enrich Peruvian and Latin American librarians' erudition with inputs from our fellow researchers from India. It is expected that other institutions will soon bring their financial support to the project.

Financing of Popular Library Projects in Lima

It was possible, during the congress, to contact institutions that are supporting initiatives of popular libraries in developing countries. This was very important because in Peru and in NGOs like Instituto Bartolomé das Casas, initiatives of this type have been generated and they need funding. Hopefully the contacts started during the congress will soon become concrete proposal.

I want to finish this report by saying how grateful I am to IFLA for the opportunity and especially to ALP team. (Julio Santillán Aldana - biblios@peru.com)

Peru Librarianship College to renovate Directing Board

On October 31 this year, Peru Librarianship College chose its new National Directing Board for the 2005-2006 period, formed by distinguished members, including:

- Nelly Mackee Prialé de Maurial, Dean;
- Gustavo von Bischoffshausen, Vice-dean;
- María Luisa Thonberry Villarán, General Secretary;
- Liliana Eléspuro, Finance Director;
- Gaby Caro Salazar, Professional Development Director; Rosario Barragán, Public Relations Director;
- Nieves Verástegui, Profession Defense Director;
- Irene Musante, Welfare Director.

The new Directing Board intends, among other actions, to support the professional development of bibliotecologists by setting up a Master program as well as a bibliotecologic

research program; to prop the social role of the bibliotecologist by vouching their participation in the democratization of the book and reading. The new Board's Action Plan also includes the accomplishment of the II International Bibliotecology and Information Sciences Congress, in November 2006. Mail to: cbp@peru.com (Cesar Augusto Castro Aliaga – SC IFLA/LAC)

Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos' Librarianship and Information Sciences School has a new Dean.

The Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos' Literature and Human Sciences Council appointed last October 7th the new Dean of the Bibliotecology and Information Sciences Academic School, Lic. Isabel Miranda Meruvia, a bibliotecologist of renowned professional trajectory. She was the Director of the Peru National Library's Bibliographical Center until 1996, and in the recent years she was the Head of the Literature School's Central Library and Assistant to the Law School's Library in the University. She started her career in the School as a Lecturer in 1991. One of the new dean's priorities is the improvement of the academic level of the School by setting up the Master Program in Bibliotecology and Information Sciences, a project that will require support from the national and international librarian community. For any coordination with Prof. Isabel Miranda, please address your mail to: imirandam@unmsm.edu.pe (César Augusto Castro Aliaga – SC IFLA/LAC)

Seminar on librarianship reality

Organized by the undergraduate students of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos' Librarianship and Information Sciences School in the period from September to November, the seminar aims at analyzing the relevant librarian experiences and also controversial topics affecting the librarian's chore. The general theme this year is the *Information Society consolidation process in Peru* building on a number of perspectives: theoretical inputs from Peruvian specialists, projects from the State and the civil society, effects of the asymmetric globalization, distance education, intellectual property, the role of the present library in the new social structure, and the quality certification for information units. Standpoints about the several themes are discussed in talkings and round tables between Bibliotecologists and Professionals from other disciplines and the students. The Seminar has become an innovative activity with a significant outreach, both for the training of future information professionals and for the librarians' community in general who are always expectant about each of the journeys. The author of this activity is Prof. Alejandro Ponce: eapbib@unmsm.edu.pe (César Augusto Castro Aliaga – SC IFLA/LAC)

A competition for reading and library posters and placards

Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola's Art and Design School Central Library has organized a competition for reading and library posters and placards with such suggestive themes like "Reading to develop creativity and originality" and "Library: a knowledge, creativity and originality melting pot," respectively. The success of this activity is reflected in the 505 works submitted, according to the organizers' report. The prize awarding ceremony was scheduled to take place on November 15.

Winning works both in the category of posters and in the category of markers were displayed in NOTISIL, in the University Web page: <http://www.usil.edu.pe>

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Lima Theological and Philosophical Information Network

Lima Theological and Philosophical Information Network (REDLIMA) was officially launched on July 6 this year with an ecumenical character aiming at congregating the different types of organizations and their information units: libraries, archives, documentation centers, etc. The main purpose of this network is the cooperation and the exchange of information enabling a ready availability of sources for study and researches.

The following organizations are already on the network:

- Conferencia de Religiosos del Perú
- Convento San Alberto Magno - Estudiantado Dominicano
- Instituto Bartolomé de las Casas
- Instituto Superior de Estudios Teológicos – ISET
- Instituto Superior de Estudios Teológicos "Redemptoris Mater"
- Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
- Universidad Antonio Ruiz de Montoya
- Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana - Recinto Lima
- Universidad Católica Sedes Sapientiae
- Universidad Peruana Unión

The Instituto Bartolomé de las Casas' Center of Documentation (CENDOC-IBC) is currently REDLIMA's Coordination Center.

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Electronic resources evaluation workshop

A course-workshop on Electronic Resources Evaluation, organized by the North American-Peruvian Cultural Institute, ICPNA, was provided in Lima on October 25-26.

The course was delivered by Ann Montgomery, the Doyen in Library Services at the University of Massachusetts and a friend of Peruvian bibliotecologists. The course allowed the students to learn about the approaches for evaluating databases, including LibQual+; techniques for quick, efficient and powerful information search, and also to establish the relationship between printed and electronic publications.

The North American-Peruvian Cultural Institute, ICPNA, an institution renowned in the country for its intense actuation in promoting library and cultural services organized the course. ICPNA is an institutional member of IFLA.

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(César Augusto Castro Aliaga – SC IFLA/LAC)

International seminar on "Evaluation and Valorization of Collections in Libraries"

Organized by the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos' Librarianship and Information Sciences Academic Professional School, sponsored by the Bank of the Republic of Colombia's Luis Ángel Arango Library, the seminar took place in Lima from November 24 to 26, 2004. Main objectives included, among others, developing strategies and tools for the evaluation of collections. The target audience was librarians and professionals who hold direction offices in libraries. The seminar was delivered by Lic. Luz Stella Vaca Rodríguez from Luis Ángel Arango Library, a specialist in this topic.

Find information at: eapbib@unmsm.edu.pe
(César Augusto Castro Aliaga – SC IFLA/LAC)

Peruvian Librarian Week

In view of the Librarian Week, whose main date is November 14, the Peruvian Librarianship School coordinated a number of activities including a main event on November 12 in which posthumous homage was paid to late Olivia Ojeda de Pardon, who passed away recently, a teacher of generations and self-denying promoter of public libraries. In the same ceremony Rosario Prado was appointed Librarian Emeritus for her outstanding professional career. Likewise, as it is already a tradition, on that same date homage was paid to the Peruvian bibliotecologists celebrating their 25 and 50 years of services.

It is to be highlighted also that in view of this special date, many national entities joined the celebrations, especially the National Library of Peru, the Bibliotecology Schools, besides University and Public Libraries.

On the "School Library Day," November 10, and instituted as a civic date since 1978, the national education institutions accomplished a number of activities.

(César Augusto Castro Aliaga – SC IFLA/LAC)

GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE REGION

American Library Association Library Service to an Aging Population Committee

Dear Colleagues!

I am currently the Chair of the American Library Association's Library Service to an Aging Population Committee.

One of our goals this year is to reach out internationally and make contact with Librarians, Libraries, Government Agencies, Library Associations and Library School Faculty around the world who are interested in these programs and services for this target population.

We hope to share with you what we are doing in the United States in this area of librarianship and hope that you will share with us what you are doing as well.

One of the ideas that we are already discussing is an International Symposium on Library Services to Older Adults, to be held prior to IFLA in Quebec in 2008. This has never been done before.

Our committee looks forward in hearing from you about some of the great ideas of how libraries around the world serve older adults.

Sincerely,

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Developing countries' proposal for establishing a development agenda for WIPO (Decision

adopted by the WIPO General Assembly on 4 October)

A major development of potentially great significance took place at the General Assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), held in Geneva on 27 September to 5 October 2004: the presentation of a proposal by several developing countries to establish a "Development Agenda" for WIPO.

The proposal (which has the document number WO/GA/31/11, dated August 27 2004) was originally submitted by Argentina and Brazil. It was co-sponsored by Bolivia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Iran, Kenya, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania and Venezuela. On 4 October, Egypt announced it was also joining as a co-sponsor.

Below is the full version of the proposal.

The proposal was discussed extensively by the Assembly in formal and informal sessions on 30 September, 1 and 2 October and a decision welcoming it was adopted by the WIPO General Assembly on 4 October.

Reports on the debate and the decision will be issued by TWN Info subsequently.

With best wishes
Martin Khor,
TWN

Proposal by Argentina and Brazil for the Establishment of a Development Agenda for the World Intellectual Property Organization

Submitted to the 40th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and to the 31st Session of the WIPO General Assembly

27 September – 5 October 2004

I – DEVELOPMENT, THE MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGE FACING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

At the dawn of a new Millennium, development undoubtedly remains one of the most daunting challenges facing the international community. The importance of facing up to this challenge has been widely acknowledged in many international fora at the highest level. The United Nations adopted the Millennium Development Goals, which established a firm commitment by the international community to address the significant problems that affect developing countries and LDCs. The Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, the Monterey Consensus, the Johannesburg

Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation agreed at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action of the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, and most recently the São Paulo consensus adopted at UNCTAD XI, have all placed development at the heart of their concerns and actions. This has also been the case in the context of the current Doha round of multilateral trade negotiations of the World Trade Organization (the “Doha Development Agenda”), which was launched at the WTO’s 4th Ministerial Conference, in November 2001.

II – THE DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION

Technological innovation, science and creative activity in general are rightly recognized as important sources of material progress and welfare. However, despite the important scientific and technological advances and promises of the 20th and early 21st centuries in many areas, a significant “knowledge gap”, as well as a “digital divide”, continue to separate the wealthy nations from the poor.

In this context, the impact of intellectual property has been widely debated in past years. Intellectual property protection is intended as an instrument to promote technological innovation, as well as the transfer and dissemination of technology. Intellectual property protection cannot be seen as an end in itself, nor can the harmonization of intellectual property laws leading to higher protection standards in all countries, irrespective of their levels of development.

The role of intellectual property and its impact on basis. IP protection is a policy instrument the operation of which may, in actual practice, produce benefits as well as costs, which may vary in accordance with a country’s level of development. Action is therefore needed to ensure, in all countries, that the costs do not outweigh the benefits of IP

In this regard, the adoption of the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health at the 4th Ministerial Conference of the WTO represented an important milestone. It recognized that the TRIPS Agreement, as an international instrument for the protection of intellectual property, should operate in a manner that is supportive of and does not run counter to the public health objectives of all countries.

The need to integrate the “development dimension” into policy-making on intellectual property protection has received increased recognition at the international level. Also in the framework of the WTO, paragraph 19 of the WTO’s Doha Ministerial Declaration, in setting a mandate for the TRIPS Council in the context of the Doha Development Agenda refers explicitly to the need to take fully into account the development dimension.

III – INTEGRATING THE DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION INTO WIPO’S ACTIVITIES

As a member of the United Nations system, it is incumbent upon the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to be fully guided by the broad development goals that the UN has set for itself, in particular in the Millennium Development Goals. Development concerns should be fully incorporated into all WIPO activities. WIPO’s role, therefore, is not to be limited to the promotion of intellectual property protection.

WIPO is accordingly already mandated to take into account the broader development-related commitments and resolutions of the UN system as a whole. However, one could also consider the possibility of amending the WIPO Convention (1967) to ensure that the “development dimension” is unequivocally determined to constitute an essential element of the Organization’s work program.

We therefore call upon WIPO General Assembly to take immediate action in providing for the incorporation of a “Development Agenda” in the Organization’s work program.

IV – THE DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NORM-SETTING: SAFEGUARDING PUBLIC INTEREST FLEXIBILITIES

WIPO is currently engaged in norm-setting activities in various technical Committees. Some of these activities would have developing countries and LDC’s agree to IP protection standards that largely exceed existing obligations under the WTO’s TRIPS Agreement, while these countries are still struggling with the costly process of implementing TRIPS itself.

The current discussions on a draft Substantive Patent Law Treaty (SPLT) in the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents are of particular concern. The proposed Treaty would considerably raise patent protection standards, creating new obligations that developing countries will hardly be able to implement. In the course of discussions, developing countries have proposed amendments to improve the draft SPLT by making it more responsive to public interest concerns and the specific development needs of developing countries.

A consideration of the development dimension of intellectual property must be quickly brought to bear on discussions in the SCP. If discussions on the SPLT are to proceed, these should be based on the draft treaty as a whole, including all of the amendments that have been tabled by developing countries. Moreover, Members should strive for an outcome that unequivocally acknowledges and seeks to preserve public interest flexibilities and the policy space of Member States. Provisions on “objectives and principles”, reflecting the content of Articles 7 and 8 of the TRIPS Agreement,

should be included in the SPLT and other treaties under discussion in WIPO.

While access to information and knowledge sharing are regarded as essential elements in fostering innovation and creativity in the information economy, adding new layers of intellectual property protection to the digital environment would obstruct the free flow of information and scuttle efforts to set up new arrangements for promoting innovation and creativity, through initiatives such as the Creative Commons'. The ongoing controversy surrounding the use of technological protection measures in the digital environment is also of great concern.

The provisions of any treaties in this field must be balanced and clearly take on board the interests of consumers and the public at large. It is important to safeguard the exceptions and limitations existing in the domestic laws of Member States.

In order to tap into the development potential offered by the digital environment, it is important to bear in mind the relevance of open access models for the promotion of innovation and creativity. In this regard, WIPO should consider undertaking activities with a view to exploring the promise held by open collaborative projects to develop public goods, as exemplified by the Human Genome Project and Open Source Software.

Finally, the potential development implications of several of the provisions of the proposed Treaty on the Protection of Broadcasting Organizations that the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights is currently discussing should be examined taking into consideration the interests of consumers and of the public at large.

V – THE DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

The transfer of technology has been identified as an objective that intellectual property protection should be supportive of and not run counter to, as stated in Articles 7 and 8 of the TRIPS Agreement. Yet, many of the developing countries and LDCs that have taken up higher IP obligations in recent years simply lack the necessary infrastructure and institutional capacity to absorb such technology.

Even in developing countries that may have a degree of absorptive technological capacity, higher standards of intellectual property protection have failed to foster the transfer of technology through foreign direct investment and licensing. In effect, corrective measures are needed to address the inability of existing IP agreements and treaties to promote a real transfer of technology to developing countries and LDCs.

In this regard, a new subsidiary body within WIPO could be established to look at what measures within the IP system

could be undertaken to ensure an effective transfer of technology to developing countries, similarly to what has already been done in other fora such as the WTO and the UNCTAD. Among these measures, we note with particular interest the idea of establishing an international regime that would promote access by the developing countries to the results of publicly funded research in the developed countries. Such a regime could take the form of a Treaty on Access to Knowledge and Technology. It is also important that clear provisions on transfer of technology be included in the treaties currently under negotiation in WIPO.

VI – THE DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT

Intellectual property enforcement should also be approached in the context of broader societal interests and development-related concerns, in accordance with article 7 of TRIPS. The rights of countries to implement their international obligations in accordance with their own legal systems and practice, as clearly foreseen by Article 1.1 of TRIPS, should be safeguarded.

In setting up the Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE) in 2002, the WIPO General Assembly clearly rejected a “TRIPS-plus” approach to enforcement matters, by deliberately deciding to exclude all norm-setting activities from the Committee’s mandate. In undertaking any future work under its mandate, the ACE should be guided by a balanced approach to intellectual property enforcement. The ACE cannot approach the issue of enforcement exclusively from the perspective of right holders, nor have its discussions focus narrowly on curbing the infringement of IP rights. Such discussions are important, but the ACE must also give consideration to how best to ensure the enforcement of all TRIPS-related provisions, including those that would impute obligations to right holders as well.

Particular attention should be paid to the need to ensure that enforcement procedures are fair and equitable and do not lend themselves to abusive practices by right holders that may unduly restrain legitimate competition. In this regard, we note that Article 8 of TRIPS states that corrective measures may be necessary to curb practices that may adversely affect trade and the international transfer of technology. One should also bear in mind the related provision of Article 40 of TRIPS, which addresses anti-competitive practices in contractual licenses. All of these provisions of the TRIPS Agreement should be adequately brought into WIPO’s framework.

VII – PROMOTING “DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED” TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

WIPO is the main multilateral provider of technical assistance in the field of intellectual property. By virtue of the 1995 agreement with the WTO, it plays an important role

in providing developing countries with technical assistance to implement the TRIPS agreement. As a United Nations specialized agency, WIPO has an obligation to ensure that its technical cooperation activities are geared towards implementing all relevant UN development objectives, which are not limited to economic development alone. These activities should also be fully consistent with the requirements of UN operational activities in this field – they must be, in particular, neutral, impartial and demand-driven.

Programs for technical cooperation in IP related matters should be considerably expanded and qualitatively improved. This is important to ensure that in all countries the costs of IP protection do not outweigh the benefits thereof. In this regard, national regimes set up to implement international obligations should be administratively sustainable and not overburden scarce national resources that may be more productively employed in other areas. Moreover, technical cooperation should contribute to ensuring that the social costs of IP protection are kept at a minimum.

WIPO's legislative assistance should ensure that national laws on intellectual property are tailored to meet each country's level of development and are fully responsive to the specific needs and problems of individual societies. It also must be directed towards assisting developing countries to make full use of the flexibilities in existing intellectual property agreements, in particular to promote important public policy objectives.

VIII – A MEMBER-DRIVEN ORGANIZATION OPEN TO ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS, IN PARTICULAR CIVIL SOCIETY

A balanced system of intellectual property protection should service the interests of all sectors of society. Given the broad public policy implications of intellectual property, it is crucial to involve a commensurately broad range of stakeholders in the discussions on intellectual property, both at the national and international levels, including in all norm-setting activity.

Currently, in WIPO, the term NGO is used to describe both public interest NGOs and user organizations. This creates confusion and does not seem consistent with existing UN practice, as implemented in most of the UN specialized agencies. It is thus necessary, in WIPO, to take appropriate measures to distinguish between user organizations representing the interests of IP right holders and NGOs representing the public interest.

Subsequently, WIPO should foster the active participation of public interest non-governmental organizations in its subsidiary bodies to ensure that in IP norm-setting a proper balance is struck between the producers and users of technological knowledge, in a manner that fully services the public interest.

IX - CONCLUSION

A vision that promotes the absolute benefits of intellectual property protection without acknowledging public policy concerns undermines the very credibility of the IP system. Integrating the development dimension into the IP system and WIPO's activities, on the other hand, will strengthen the credibility of the IP system and encourage its wider acceptance as an important tool for the promotion of innovation, creativity and development.

ANNEX

“WIPO DEVELOPMENT AGENDA”: ISSUES AND MEASURES TO BE CONSIDERED

Without prejudice to further initiatives, the following proposals, *inter alia*, could be considered by the General Assembly for the implementation of the suggested “WIPO Development Agenda”.

1) Adoption of a high-level declaration on intellectual property and development

The Declaration could be adopted by the General-Assembly itself or by a specially convened international conference on intellectual property and development. The Declaration should address the development concerns that have been raised by WIPO Member States and the international community at large.

2) Amendments to the WIPO Convention

In order to ensure that development concerns are fully brought into WIPO activities, the Member States may consider the possibility of amending the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (1967). The amendment would explicitly incorporate the development dimension into WIPO's objectives and functions. Since Article 4 (“Functions”) of the WIPO Convention relates its Article 3 (“Objectives”), paragraph (i) of Article 3 of the WIPO Convention could be amended to read as follows: “(i) to promote the protection of intellectual property throughout the world through cooperation among States and, where appropriate, in collaboration with any other international organization, *fully taking into account the development needs of its Member States, particularly developing countries and least-developed countries*”

3) Treaties under negotiation

Treaties under negotiation in WIPO, such as the SPLT, should include provisions on the transfer of technology, on anticompetitive practices as well as on the safeguarding of public interest flexibilities. Moreover, those treaties should include specific clauses on principles and objectives. The language provided in Articles 7 and 8 of the TRIPs Agreement is an adequate starting point, taking into account,

however, that WIPO treaties do not expressly deal with “trade-related issues”.

4) Technical cooperation

We urge the Program and Budget Committee, in its next sessions, to establish consistent pluriannual programs and plans for cooperation between WIPO and developing countries aiming at strengthening national intellectual property offices, so that they may effectively become an acting element in national development policy. Those programs should be guided, moreover, by the principles and objectives set out in Section VIII above.

5) Intellectual property and transfer of technology

We propose the creation of a Standing Committee on Intellectual Property and the Transfer of Technology, for the consideration of measures to ensure an effective transfer of technology to developing countries and LDCs.

6) Joint WIPO-WTO-UNCTAD international seminar on intellectual property and development

WIPO could jointly organize an international seminar with the WTO and UNCTAD on intellectual property and development, with the active participation of all relevant stakeholders, including public interest NGOs, civil society and Academia.

7) Participation of civil society

WIPO must take the appropriate measures to ensure the wide participation of civil society in WIPO’s activities, changing WIPO’s terminology with regard to NGOs.

8) Working Group on the Development Agenda

Without prejudice to the previous proposals, a Working Group on the Development Agenda could be established to further discuss the implementation of the Development Agenda and work programmes for the Organization on this matter, reporting to the 41st WIPO General Assembly.

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The Babel Library (Biblioteca de Babel)

The European Commission ALFA programme has, in the last few days, announced its support for a new 2 year project, Biblioteca de Babel, which aims to examine the impact of the

new information and communication technologies on the role of university libraries and disseminate best practice on libraries' link with the innovations in teaching practices required for citizens' development for the Information Society. The coordinator of the project is Mr. Atilio Bustos Gonzalez, Director of the Library System at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile. The partners are 14 other universities from 7 countries in Latin America, and 9 universities from 6 member states of the European Union. In addition, an associate partner is the Columbus Group, which coordinates activities jointly undertaken by the European Universities Association and Unión de Universidades de América Latina.
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23 new collections from the Cultural Heritage registered to the “Memory of the World”

Soon after the sixth meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the “Memory of the World” Program, held in Gdansk, Poland, the General Director of UNESCO approved the inscription of 23 new collections from the cultural heritage to the “Memory of the World” Register, which thereby reaches the number of 91. As a consequence, twelve more countries were added to the Register: Saudi Arabia, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, France, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Serbia and Montenegro, Kyrgyzstan, Thailand and Uruguay. The Register was established in 1997 with the purpose of preserving and promoting the documentary heritage of universal value. All inscriptions and inscription proposals may be seen at the Memory of the World Website (www.unesco.org/webworld/mdm).

New nominations include:

Germany

Illuminated manuscripts from the Ottonian period produced in the monastery of Reichenau (Lake Constance)

This dispersed set of ten manuscripts constitutes a valuable example of the book illustration technique of the Ottonian period in Germany (Emperor Otton III (983-1002) and his successor Enrique II (1002-1024)). The illustrations of the Reichenau manuscripts consist of miniatures on Christ's life and emperors' portraits.

Austria

The Atlas Blaeu-Van der Hem

Works from the 17th century by Laurens Van der Hem (1621-1678) encompassing the 50 volumes of the Atlas with more than 2,400 maps, engravings, drawings, architectural designs and portraits, most of which painted by famous artists, and one four-volume collection initially generated for Dutch East India Company.

Barbados

Documentary Heritage of Enslaved Peoples of the Caribbean

An exceptional corpus of documentary testimonies relative to the lives of Enslaved Peoples of the Caribbean in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, preserved at the Barbados Museum & Historical Society. The collection is an invaluable source of information for those who study the history of Barbados, a model of development for Caribbean and North America plantation-based economies.

Brazil

The Emperor's collection: foreign and Brazilian photography in the XIX century

A magnificent collection of 21,700 pictures collected by Emperor Pedro II and bequeathed to the National Library of Brazil in 1891. This collection, the most extensive in Latin America, includes works by the first photographers of the history and portrays a number of aspects of human activity.

Chile

Human Rights Archive

This archive includes documents belonging to several human rights defense organizations in activity during the military dictatorship period (1973 to 1989) and provides a background including photographs, audiotapes and videotapes, press clippings and other documents on human rights violations perpetrated during that time.

Jesuits of America

This background includes more than 128,000 pages written by the Jesuit about the Western history and about the Spanish Empire from the 17th century up to early 19th century, as well as inventories of Jesuit assets. The collection is divided in eight sections, each of them corresponding to one country. The collection also includes, although in a smaller proportion, information about other countries.

China

Ancient Naxi Dongba Literature Manuscripts

1,000 volumes on several contents and topics (political, philosophical, economic, military, cultural, astronomical and agricultural, etc.) date from the period between the year 30 A.D. and the Tang dynasty, in which a pictographic writing including more than 2,000 characters was used; it is the only of this type that remains.

France

Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen (1789-1791)

Presented jointly by the National Library and the National Archive of France, the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen is a symbol of universal value in the development of the human rights. There are six different

versions dating from the period between the initial debates and the promulgation of the French Constitution in 1791. The original inscribed in the Register is the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen of November 3, 1789, accompanied by a note and patent letters signed by King Luis XVI which approved the text of the Declaration and of several ordinances promulgated by the National Assembly between August and November that year.

Kazakhstan

Collection of manuscripts of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi

In these three medieval manuscripts in Turkic language (Chagatai) dated from the 17th century, the Khoja Ahmed Yasawi and his successors legacy is preserved, who had a great influence on the evolution of the spiritual culture of the old Turks and promoted the Turkic language and literature.

Luxembourg

Family of Man

The photographic exhibition set up in 1955 by Edward J. Steichen for the New York Modern Art Museum includes 503 photographs taken by 273 photographers, both professionals and amateurs - both famous and anonymous - from 68 countries. The idea and the imagery conveyed by the works included in this exhibition, which has been described as the "biggest photographic enterprise ever undertaken," have influenced generations of photographers, writers and other artists.

Mexico

Los olvidados

The original nitrate cellulose negative of the film *Los Olvidados*, carried out in 1950, is recognized as a classic of the cinematographic heritage. It was disseminated and continues to be disseminated worldwide and has had a significant influence on the so-called "social realism" cinematographic production. This film aroused many debates because it showed how street children of urban areas had become criminals due to the failure of the society, a malady that persists even today.

Netherlands

Archives of the Dutch East India Company

The 25 millions of document pages from the Dutch East India Company, the most important of the European commercial companies in Asia at the beginning of the modern time, include data pertaining to the history of the natural, political and commercial regions of Asia and Africa, during the 17th and the 18th centuries. They are preserved in the Netherlands and in the old administrative centers of Jakarta, Colombo, Chennai and Cape City. The archives include inscriptions engraved in stones, manuscripts in palm

leaves and barks, printed judicial chronicles, commercial letters, maps and drawings.

Library Ets Haim – Livraria Montezinos

The collections of the library include 30,000 printed works (from 1484 to today) and 500 manuscripts (from 1282 to the 20th century) covering all aspects of the language and the civilization of the Jewish people. The collections are in the location of the Portuguese synagogue of Amsterdam and provide a picture of the scope of the Jewish Sephardin culture.

Philippines

Radio Broadcast of the Philippine People Power Revolution

The collection of the sound recordings in 44 tapes (61 hours and 33 minutes) and a minidisk (25 minutes) documents the daily unprogrammed broadcasts of private, ecclesiastical and public radio stations during the four days on which the transition from dictatorship to democracy took place in 1986, thanks to a peaceful popular uprising that solved a dangerous military confrontation without resource to the weapons and without any victims.

Poland

The General Confederation of Warsaw

A unique testimony of the democratic commitment that granted religious tolerance to the Polish nobility in the framework of a consensual pact aimed to maintain the social order and to preserve the union between Poland and Lithuania. The parchment takes more than 200 stamps that validate the personal commitment of the Confederation nobility to guarantee religious tolerance and to assure the unit of the State.

Twenty-One Demands, Gdańsk, August 1980. The birth of the SOLIDARITY trades union – a massive social movement.

Written on wooden boards, the 21 demands were drafted by the Strike Committee in August 1980 in Gdansk, and led to the creation of Solidarnosc, the first free union of the communist block. As a result of this decisive political overturn free unions were also established, censorship was abolished and political prisoners were released, actions that changed the destiny of Poland, Europe and the world.

Saudi Arabia

Earliest Islamic (Kufic) inscription

An inscription on a block of red sandstone located in the northwest of Saudi Arabia, in the old commercial and pilgrimage route linking the old Islamic city of al-Mabiyat to Madain Saleh. This is the oldest Islamic inscription ever found and it shows the date of the death of the second caliph of Islam, Omar bin al-Jattab in the year 24 of the Hegira (corresponding to the year 644 A.D.).

Serbia and Montenegro

Nikola TESLA'S Archive

An exceptional collection of manuscripts, photographs, scientific documents and patents, indispensable to study the history of electrification. Tesla's inventions had a great influence on the evolution of many of the current technologies, including the radio, the radar, the television, motors of all type and computers. The archive, preserved in Belgrade, includes a collection of 160,000 documentation pages regarding the patents, scientific letters and documents, manuscripts, technical drawings, data about scientific measuring, private and juridical documents and around 1,000 original photographs of Tesla's experiments and inventions.

Tajikistan

Manuscript (16th century)

This is the oldest manuscript of Ubayd Zakoni and Hafiz Sherozi and a magnificent example of the classic literature; it includes the complete works (Kulliyat) of the celebrated Tajik Persian writer Ubayd Zakoni and the work titled "Gazalliyt" by the well-known poet Hafiz Sherozi. The manuscript has a special design: the Hafiz's poems are placed around the text by Ubaid Zakoni.

United Republic of Tanzania

Collection of Arab manuscripts and books

A collection of more than 800 books and manuscripts, including some pieces of more than 300 years old that illustrates several aspects of the Islam, the literature and the Arabic rhetoric as well as the history of thinking in Zanzibar and Eastern Africa.

Thailand

The King Ram Khamhaeng Inscription

A Limolite Pillar (very fine sandstone) dated from 1292 B.C.; the oldest inscriptions in Thai language, in Sujotai calligraphy appear on the four sides. The value of the inscription as a historical document became evident in 1991 when it was used with positive results to support the proposal by Thailand that the historical city of Sujotai and other related historical cities should be included in the List of the World Heritage.

Turkey

Manuscript Collections of Süleymaniye Library

Complete collection of all hand written pieces, some of them from the 10th century, belonging to the remaining works by Abdallah Ibn al-Hassan Ibn al-Ali Ibn Sina (980-1038), also known by his Latin name, Avicena. The manuscripts are exceptional and some are even more valuable for their calligraphies, illuminations, miniatures, illustrations and book bindings.

Uruguay

Original records of Carlos Gardel - Horacio Loriente Collection (1913-1935)

This private collection of 800 original records of Carlos Gardel, with its corresponding covers, is the most complete in Uruguay. It includes the 29 musical rhythm and the different styles that formed the singer and film actor's repertoire, preserving his voice and his exceptional art.

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National Libraries Directors Committee

Celia Ribeiro Zaher, Technical Director of the National Library Foundation of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, member of the SC IFLA/LAC, was elected Chair of the National Libraries Directors Committee in the Directors Conference that was held in the frame of the World Library and Information Congress held in Buenos Aires in August 2004

It was the first time that was elected for the position a Latin American Director. The Regional Office and the IFLA/LAC Section congratulate Dr. Celia Zaher and wish her great success.

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