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**EDITORIAL**

Information literacy is, perhaps, the touchstone of the Information Society. Without knowing what information is good for, which information one needs, how to obtain such information, a significant part of the humanity (in fact, a smashing majority) will be left out this Society. Not only librarians and information professionals are concerned, but also any responsible person, in all societies and cultures. In this number of Newsletter you will find, right after this editorial, news about the High-level Colloquium on Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning. We strongly recommend reading the report on the colloquy.

This number of our Newsletter is full of interesting news about IFLA and IFLA's agencies and about many countries in the area. We recommend reading the news.

The next IFLA World Library and Information Congress will be held in Seoul, South Korea. Although we know how difficult it is for our fellow librarians to travel to such far-off countries, we are hopeful that a good number of representatives from the area will be able to attend the Congress and, especially, our meetings.

IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania has a new Manager, Ms. Tan Keat Fong. I would like to make record of the honor and the pleasure I had in meeting the previous Manager, Pensry Guaysuwon, with whom I kept long professional and friendship relations. Her professional and ethical quality left a deep impression on me. To her successor, Ms. Tan, I extend my hearty welcome and my wish for success.

To our friends who finished their terms in their respective offices: Clara Budnik (Chile) and Glória Maria Rodrigues Santamaria (Colombia), brilliant librarians who gave so much to brighten our works, I extend on my on behalf and on behalf of the other IFLA/LAC SC members our most sincere gratitude and our wishes of happiness. We will always be counting on their valuable collaboration to our Section.

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**Information Literacy for all**

The final report of the High-Level Colloquium on Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning, held at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt, 6-9 November 2005, sponsored by the United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the National Forum on Information Literacy (NFIL) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), was released on 1st March 2006.

Building on an earlier international meeting of experts which was held in Prague, the Czech Republic, in September 2003, the report challenges international, regional and national organizations to move beyond an exclusive focus and concern for "Information for All" to "Information Literacy for All."

The report argues that the existence of information holds little to no value to people who do not even know what information they need, much less whether it exists or not, or how to locate, evaluate and effectively use it.

According to Abdelaziz Abid, Senior Programme Specialist, Communications and Information Sector of UNESCO, "Information Literacy has become a global issue, and many Information Literacy initiatives are being documented throughout the world. Information Literacy forms the basis for lifelong learning. It is common to all disciplines, to all learning environments and to all levels of education..." The report makes a strong case that information literacy is part of the basic right to lifelong learning, and that it is far more than a library or education issue. The report acknowledges that Information Literacy is context specific to particular cultures and societies, and finds it crucial to dealing with issues of economic development, health, citizenship, governance and quality of life. The report makes practical recommendations that seek to promote far greater social inclusion of all races, religions, ethnic groups and cultures within today's global Information Society.

The report is organized according to four primary areas related to Information Literacy: Education and Learning, Health and Human Services, Business and Economic Development, and Governance and Citizenship. It highlights recommendations for empowering citizens across the globe to be information literate. The report also describes numerous activities, strategies and approaches to promote cooperation between governments, NGOs, elements of the Civil Society, and
international organizations, as well as opportunities for implementation and future plans.

The three major organizers of the High-Level Colloquium were:
The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), which is the international lead agency for education, the sciences, and culture;
For more information, go to: [http://www.unesco.org/](http://www.unesco.org/);
The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), which is the leading international NGO body representing the interests of library and information services and their users;
The National Forum on Information Literacy (NFIL), which is an U.S. based umbrella group of over 90 organizations from education, business, government and community service, plus international organizations. All are committed to the empowerment of individuals in today's information society. Combined membership in the Forum member organizations totals over 5,000,000;
For more information, go to [http://www.infolit.org/](http://www.infolit.org/).

Contributions to the meeting were also made by the:
Bibliotheca Alexandrina and its Director, Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Diane and Lee Brandenburg of California, USA, Information Today, Inc., and the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS).

The final report of the High-Level Colloquium on Information Literacy and Lifelong Learning.
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New Members
We bid a warm welcome to the following 30 members who have joined the Federation between 1 January and 21 March 2006:

**National Associations**
Asociación de Bibliotecarios de El Salvador (ABES), El Salvador;

**Institutions**
The Capital Library of China, China; Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia; Development Policy Library/Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland; Bibliothèque de Rennes Metropole, France; Médiateque José Cabanis, France; Ministry of External Affairs Library, India; National Institute of Informatics, Japan; Biblioservice Gelderland, Netherlands; Pakistan Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO), Pakistan; University of Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania.

**Personal Affiliates**
Ms Mia Massicotte, Canada; Jeff Barber, Canada; Ms Natalija Kiliķevičiūnė, Lithuania; Ms Felicia Edu-Uwem Etim, Nigeria; Ms Luiza Baptista Melo, Portugal; John Mark Moore, United Kingdom; Ms Jeanne Drewes, United States; Ms Farideh Tehrani, United States; Ms Elise Sheppard, United States; Ms Susann Rutledge, United States; Ms Jane Mirandette, United States; Ms Doris Wisher, United States; Ms Glenda Lammers, United States; Jim Cole, United States.

**Student Affiliates**
Ms Som Sri Vongdeelerd, Thailand; Ms Sally Quiroz, United States; Ms Christine Tuttle, United States; Ms T

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**World Library and Information Congress WLIC**

**72nd IFLA General Conference and Council**
"Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society"

**20-24 August 2006, Seoul, Korea**

**Satellite Meetings and pre-conferences**

**Hangzhou Pre-Conference**, 14–16 August 2006 **Theme**: Chinese written and printed cultural heritage and library work
IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Preconference. The programme will include visits to modern libraries and the 400 years old Tianyi Ge Library, to traditional printing and paper making villages, and to a writing brush museum. **Further information**: Jan Bos, Secretary, IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section. Tel.+31703140336. E-mail: jan.bos@kb.nl. Conference website: [http://www.zjlib.cn/hpc2006ifla/index_en.html](http://www.zjlib.cn/hpc2006ifla/index_en.html)

**Shanghai Pre-Conference**, 16–17 August 2006 **Theme**: Library management and marketing in a multicultural world
Hosts: IFLA Management and Marketing (M&M) Section; Shanghai Pudong New Area Government. **Organizers**: Shanghai Library; Shanghai Pudong New Area Library; Shanghai Life Sciences Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences. **Special Supporter**: Communication and Cooperation Committee, China Society for Library Science. English is the working language. Chinese-English simultaneous interpretation will be available during the Opening Ceremony. Registered participants are entitled to attend the Opening Ceremony of the 3rd Shanghai International Library Forum on August 17, 2006 free of charge. The theme of the Third SILF is ‘Management
Innovation and Library Services’. Contact: Zhang Yijing, Shanghai Library. E-mail: yjzhang@libnet.sh.cn

IFLA Satellite Meeting: Scholarly Information on East Asia in the 21st Century organized by the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) of the Association for Asian Studies. Sponsored by the IFLA Asia and Oceania Section (RSCAO), the Korean Library Association (KLA), and the Korean Education and Research Information Service (KERIS). Contacts: Philip Melzer. E-mail: pmel@loc.gov; Joy Kim. E-mail: joykim@usc.edu

Council Meeting - Convening Notice

This Convening Notice has been sent to all voting Members together with the Voting Card. It should be forwarded to your voting delegate who will attend the IFLA Council to be held in Seoul, on Thursday 24th August, 2006. If yours has not arrived, please contact IFLA HQ (ifla@ifla.org) as soon as possible.

The Governing Board of IFLA has pleasure in submitting this Convening Notice of the Council meeting of the Federation.

Time and Place
15.00 - 18.00 on Thursday 24th August, 2006
Address: COEX Convention and Exhibition Centre (www.lifeinkorea.com/Travel2/112)
Room 102-104
Seoul, Korea
Please note: There will be only one Meeting of Council

AGENDA
Opening by the President, Alex Byrne
Appointment of Tellers
Establishment of a Quorum
Adoption of the Agenda
Minutes of the previous meeting, held in Oslo on 14th and 18th August, 2005
(www.ifla.org/IV/ifla71/IFLAACouncil-minutes2005.pdf)
In memoriam of those members who have died during the past year
Presentation of the report by the President
Presentation of the Annual Report by the Secretary General
Presentation of the Annual Accounts by the Treasurer
Report by the Secretary General on the postal ballot on Statutes changes and ratification of Statutes changes
Proposal: inflation increase on membership fees (www.ifla.org/IV/ifla72/Fee-Proposal2006.htm)
Motions and Resolutions (see notes below)
Resolution on Imprisoned Cuban Librarians received from: Library Association of Latvia and Lithuanian Librarians Association (www.ifla.org/IV/ifla72/Cuba-Resolution2006.pdf)
(Annex II) (see IFLANET www.ifla.org)

Address by the President, Alex Byrne
Closure of the Council meeting by the President

NOTES
Voting delegates should take their seats in the designated area in the front of the hall.
Voting may take place during Council on any motions and resolutions submitted during the course of the congress.

QUORUM
The attendance at Council of a simple majority of eligible Association members will constitute quorum. If you are representing an Association Member, there will be a white slip included with your voting papers. Under Agenda item 4, delegates representing Association members (directly or by proxy) will be asked to produce their white slips to be counted by the tellers. Quorum will be reached if the number of Association members present is 50% + 1 of the total number of Association members who have paid their fees for the current year.

Voting Papers: Voting delegates can obtain the necessary voting papers at the IFLA Voting Office located in the Secretariat offices in Room 317 at the COEX Convention and Exhibition Centre. Voting papers will be distributed only to those delegates who are in possession of the IFLA Voting Card 2006, duly signed by the appropriate authority. The IFLA Voting Card is enclosed with this document if your membership fees for 2006 have been paid. The Voting Office will be open in the Secretariat as from Friday, 18 August 2006. Please collect your voting papers as early as possible. Please do not leave it until the last minute!

If you have not paid your 2006 membership fees at the time of distribution of this convening notice, your voting card will be sent to you when you have paid. If your payment is received after 1st July 2006, you will need to confirm your payment at the Voting Office in Seoul.

Representation: the relevant articles of the IFLA Statutes and Rules of Procedure are as follows:
Article 15.1.1 Each Member is entitled to be represented at Council by one or more representatives. One such person shall be designated by the Member to exercise the right to vote.
Article 15.8.1 Each Member may be represented at a Council Meeting by another Member. Such Member may exercise proxy votes on behalf of the Members they are representing. To obtain voting papers, representatives, or proxies of qualified Members should call at the Voting Office during the hours set out in note 5 above, with the IFLA Voting Card of the member concerned. The IFLA Voting Card should carry the name of the representative or proxy, and the signature of the competent authority of the Member concerned.

The deadline for submitting motions and resolutions to the Secretary General is Wednesday 23rd August, 12.00.
They may be handed in to the Secretariat offices. Please make sure that the text is legible and signed by both the proposer and seconder.

**Motions:** A Motion is a proposal that the Council take certain action or that it express itself as holding certain views. A motion must be seconded. A motion may be made from the floor in a Council meeting, but must, at the same time, be handed over in writing to the Chair. A motion may be proposed and seconded by: Authorised representatives of Members, IFLA Officers [Members of the Governing Board, Directors and Officers of Core Activities, Chairs and Secretaries of Divisions, and Chairs and Secretaries of Sections].

**Resolutions:** In December 2004, the Governing Board approved new Rules of Procedure to clarify the process of submitting and managing Resolutions brought to Council (please find the new Rules of Procedure below):

3.6 To permit the chair of the meeting to enable the efficient and effective conduct of business, rulings by the chair are final.

3.7 The Executive Committee may appoint someone who is an expert on the rules and methods of the conduct of business by boards and committees to assist the chair of Council or the Governing Board in determining all matters of procedure for which there is no provision in these Rules.

3.8 The Executive Committee may approve the use of a standard guide to meetings procedure to assist the chair of Council or the Governing Board in determining all matters of procedure for which there is no provision in these Rules.

3.9 Resolutions which Members wish to propose for inclusion in the agenda in accordance with Article 14.6 must reach the secretariat 5 months before the date of the meeting and must be in the format prescribed in Rule 3.12.

3.10 Resolutions of an exceptional or urgent character proposed after the deadline specified in Article 14.6 must be submitted to the IFLA office.

**Proposal for Council: Inflation increases on membership fees**

**Background**

In 2002, Council approved the following motion:

**Proposal to give powers to the Governing Board to increase membership fees**

It is proposed that Council give the power to the Governing Board to increase the IFLA membership fees in all categories by a figure no greater than one percent less than the official retail price inflation, as recorded by the Netherlands government, over the previous 12 months.

It is further proposed that Council itself must approve the IFLA membership rates for all categories at intervals of no more than three years.


**Proposal**

The Governing Board has discussed this provision, and would prefer to have increases in membership fees keep pace with the rate of inflation. They wish to remove the provision that the increase is "no greater than one percent less" than the inflation rate, and replace it with the actual inflation rate.

The Governing Board therefore proposes a change to this provision.

**NEW PROPOSAL**

It is proposed that Council give the power to the Governing Board to increase the IFLA membership fees in all categories by the percentage of the official retail price inflation, as recorded by the Netherlands government, since the time of the last increase.

Council will continue to approve the IFLA membership rates for all categories at intervals of no more than three years.

**World Library and Information Congress: new site selection process**

At its meeting in December 2005, the Governing Board discussed and approved changes to the procedure for selecting host cities for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress. The new selection process reflects the previous method, but is much more transparent. It allows IFLA to target specific regions to ensure that the IFLA World Library and Information Congress is able to move around the world.

In 2003, IFLA contracted with Congrex Holland as our core professional conference organizer for the congresses from 2005 through 2009. This contract removes much of the burden of organization from local committees, allowing the Congress to be held in a wider range of countries. The new process continues to ensure input from the local professional community. It also removes the costs of the bid process, which previously had been a burden, from national associations. The new process will operate as follows:

1. The Governing Board selects a geographic region in which it would like the Congress to take place.
2. The Governing Board asks its Professional Conference Organizer, Congrex Holland, to do the necessary research, obtain competitive quotations and put forward a short-list of suitable cities in that region.
3. In the decision-making process, the organized library profession in the relevant countries is also consulted (normally via the national association).
4. In light of the information provided, the Governing Board decides on the city that will host the Congress. The first Congress to which this procedure applies is that of 2009. The region that the Governing Board has selected for 2009 is Southern Europe. This region includes the following countries: Albania, Andorra, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Gibraltar, Greece, Holy See, Italy, Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of), Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Serbia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Spain. Congreg Holland will be compiling a shortlist of candidate cities between January and March 2006. The host city will be announced at the IFLA World Library & Information Congress in Seoul, Korea, in August 2006.

For further information, please contact: Josche Neven, Communications Manager. E-mail: josche.neven@ifla.org c/o National Library Board, 100 Victoria Street.

CORE ACTIVITIES

ACTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARIANSHIP THROUGH LIBRARY PROGRAMMES - ALP

2005 Annual Report of the ALP Programme

Mission

Libraries constitute the basis for all citizens free access to information. Thereby everyone is given the opportunity to participate in the democratic processes of the society and improve their lives. By furthering library and information services in Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean, the Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) aims at supporting main human development issues: literacy, lifelong learning, bridging the digital divide and sustainable development.

ALP is mission oriented and not subject oriented like other core programmes. Therefore, co-operation with relevant IFLA professional bodies and with regional and international organisations is essential to carry out the programme.

ALP achieves its mission through a carefully planned programme of activities and close co-operation between the International Focal Point of ALP and IFLA’s Regional Offices, IFLA’s Regional Division and its three sections, and other partners. This co-operation includes fundraising, scholarships and attachment programmes, conferences, seminars and workshops, publications and databases.

Staff and Finance

IFLA, Uppsala University and 16 Nordic library associations and institutions fund the International Focal Point (IFP) for ALP at Uppsala University Library. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) funds are also used for the secretariat. To this should be added contributions in kind from Uppsala University Library. The ALP IFP is staffed by: Birgitta Sandell, Director of the Programme, and Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer (part-time, 80%).

Professional activities

ALP Meetings and Seminars

Sida will support the IFLA Core Activities ALP and Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) with 3.1 million USD for the period 2005-2009. A prerequisite for disbursement was to conduct a joint seminar on the Logical Framework Approach (LFA) for ALP and FAIFE Advisory Board members. LFA is a method for objective-oriented planning of projects as well as analysis, assessment, follow-up and evaluation of projects. The seminar took place in October 2005 in Uppsala, Sweden. The purpose of the seminar was for ALP and FAIFE to jointly formulate a clearer common goal in relation to Sida’s aims.

In addition to the funds Sida has allocated for the professional activities, those responsible for projects in the regions contributed with their own resources and raised considerable funds from external sources.

Regional workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) (project 165).

The workshop was held in Kampala, Uganda, 28-30 November 2005. 130 delegates from Uganda, South Africa, Ghana, Kenya, Cameroon, Mali, Zambia, Rwanda, Namibia, Ethiopia, Senegal, Malawi, Tanzania, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland attended the workshop. With money from Sida ALP paid the airfares and accommodation for 27 participants.

Most African countries have outdated and too restrictive copyright laws (some still from colonial days), which make accessing information and cross-border exchange of knowledge extremely difficult. The current copyright regimes in Africa do not provide for the protection of indigenous information.

"Africa Copyright and Access to Information Alliance" was established and an Interim Board elected to start the process of addressing copyright and related issues in Africa, with particular reference to education, libraries and people with disabilities.
The papers are available on the webpage –

Information Skills for Learning – Part 2 'Empowering 8' workshop (project 287).
In November 2004, a workshop was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka sponsored by IFLA/ALP and UNESCO, which examined the concept of Information Literacy. This workshop was designed to consider various models for the implementation of information literacy in primary, secondary and tertiary education and in the general public. The delegates from seven countries in South East Asia came together to work on the development of a Problem-Solving-model that could be used across all levels of education, and which could provide a basis for life-long learning. The new model was entitled “Empowering 8”. It has been shared widely in the region and internationally.

As a result of the success of the first workshop, the participants requested a follow-up opportunity to investigate the principles in greater depth, and to look for strategies for implementation in their various settings. With this goal in mind, Part 2 of “Empowering 8” was initiated. The workshop was held 3-7 October 2005 in Patiala, India. Delegates from 12 countries across the region and in addition approximately 40 delegates from India participated.

Empowering 8 is a problem-solving model that applies to all levels of education from very early childhood through tertiary education. It is a life-long learning tool for any age group. It became clear to many participants that this approach to learning does not require significant increases in funding. Instead, it requires a change in methodology and pedagogy and the workshop attempted to provide working tools that the participants could take back to their setting and use immediately.

The report and printed resource materials are included in the Proceddings, which are available in both print and on CD. The website for the workshop is:
http://www.universitypunjabi.org/pages/teaching/e8/e8-main.htm

A regional workshop on Setting up and managing a small school library (project 277) was held at the University of the South Pacific (USP), Suva, Fiji from 9-13 May 2005. 18 participants from Fiji, Nauru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanatu representing primary and secondary school libraries attended the workshop. The objective was to provide basic training in the organization and management of a small school library. At the end of the workshop, participants were able to set up a small school library, set up an appropriate circulation system, catalogue and classify according to simple rules, select and order appropriate material and promote literacy and information literacy.

Support materials for the workshop were adapted/created and copies given to the participants for their libraries.

Conference on Building the Digital Collection (project 293). A two-day conference on ‘Building the Digital Collection’, took place 23-24 February 2005 in Damascus, Syria. Dr Hasna Ashkita and Ms Hilda Nassar organized the event. The Conference and related workshops and exhibit by regional suppliers and agents were well attended by information workers from across the region. Particularly gratifying was the mixture of very experienced and less experienced participants, which made for interesting and lively exchanges. The conference was held in connection with the meeting of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania. For members of the Committee this was also an excellent opportunity to network with individuals in Syria, and to encourage greater attendance to IFLA conferences. The hosts were very welcoming, and the Committee members had an opportunity to exchange views with a range of ministers, and to make a number of contacts. The entire event was well covered by the media, including two 45-minute television programmes (one in Arabic, one in English) featuring officers of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia & Oceania.

Seminar on INFOBILA as support to librarianship presearch and education in Latin America and the Caribbean (project 354). A seminar took place 16-18 March 2005 in Mexico with participants from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The objective of the seminar was to analyze the role of INFOBILA (a database comprising information on the library literature produced in the region) as a support to the development of library research and education. INFOBILA is the result of the collaboration between many Latin American and Caribbean countries. 21 papers were presented at the seminar, and five discussion panels were set up to address the following themes: Cooperation, Digitization, Remote Access, Cataloguing Rules and Terminology/Thesauri.

Workshop on Community Information Services in Indigenous Villages (project 366). Maria Lohman, Bolivia Documentation and Information Center (CEDIB) carried out three workshops in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru in May and June 2005. In total 97 people working with information in indigenous villages participated. A model called “Servicios de Información Ciudadana – Sic” elaborated by CEDIB served as a base of the three workshops.

South American seminar on IFLA/UNESCO’s Public and School Library Manifestos (project 367). 100 professionals participated in the seminar that took place 14-16 July in Curitiba, Brazil. The primary objective of the seminar was to present and to disseminate IFLA/UNESCO Public and School Library Manifestos and Guidelines to librarians in South America Representatives from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Surinam, Uruguay
and Venezuela presented reports on the situation of public and school libraries in their countries. The seminar was co-financed by the Federation of Library Associations in Brazil (FEBAB). The presentations during the seminar gave an overview of South American public and school libraries, with high quality experiences that can be used as models for other developing countries. The proceedings will be published.

The World Library and Information Congress in Oslo – Speakers Grant
With money from Sida, ALP supported four people selected to present papers at the Congress: Agnes Chikonzo, Zimbabwe “Community services: librarians and the use of information technologies in the provision of information on HIV/AIDS in developing countries”; Elisan Magar, Uganda “Building family literacy skills among parents and children in developing countries: a case for Uganda”; Mercedes Falconi, Ecuador “Sociedad protectora de bibliotecas”; Edgardo Civallero, Argentina spoke about “The Sound Library: Sound documents and collections as means of recovering and protecting endangered languages” at the Multicultural section’s Satellite meeting in Stockholm and also presented a poster session in Oslo on “Libraries for indigenous communities: development and evaluation of an Argentinean model”.

At the IFLA Congress in Buenos Aires the Governing Board organised a raffle and asked delegates to bring gifts from their own countries to be raffled. The aim was to use the funds raised to pay for a delegate from a developing country to attend a future conference. The raffle raised 4000 USD and the person selected to attend the WLIC in Oslo was a young librarian from El Salvador, Jaime Salinas.

The purpose of the Harry Campbell Travel Grant is to support a delegate from a developing country that has not had IFLA Congress participants in the last few years. The grant covers the travel costs and was this year awarded to a librarian from Nevis in the Caribbean.

Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla Natvig participated in the Congress in Oslo, took part in the Regional Standing Committee meetings and presented a poster session.

ALP Steering Committee Meeting
The ALP Steering Committee consisting of the chairs and secretaries of the three regional sections and of IFLA’s regional office managers met for three days before the Congress. The members presented assessments of the projects carried out between 2003-2005 in their regions.

ALP Advisory Board Meeting
A meeting with the ALP Advisory Board was held during the Congress under the chairmanship of Gunnar Sahlin, National Librarian of Sweden and member of the Governing Board. The other members are: Maria Isabel Franca, Chair of Div. 8 and member of the Governing Board; Winnie Vitzansky, Secretary General, Danish Library Association; Ulf Göranson, Chief Librarian, Uppsala University; Gary Gorman, Chair IFLA RSCAO, Professor of Library and Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington and, Adolfo Rodríguez, Researcher, Centro Universitario de Investigaciones Bibliotecológicas, UNAM, Mexico.

IFLA Regional Standing Committee Meetings
The annual meeting of the Regional Standing Committees in their own regions are most important for the development of ALP.
Birgitta Sandell participated in the Africa Section meeting in Alexandria, Egypt and the meeting of the Section for Asia and Oceania in Damascus, Syria. Gunilla Natvig attended the Latin American and Caribbean Section meeting in Mexico.

Scholarships and attachments

In-service Training Attachments in Asia and Oceania
Three persons were selected for attachments in 2005 at institutions in the region:
Ms Roshini Geeta Deo, Fiji, Ms Tutik Sriyati, Indonesia and Zawawi Tiyunin, Malaysia. The Swedish Library Association funds this project.

Scholarships in Information Literacy

Five scholarships were awarded in 2005 to attend a four-week course on Information Literacy hosted by Victoria University of Wellington. The scholarships were awarded to Ms Wah Wah Win Myint, Myanmar; Ms Enkhtungalag Dorjijansstsan, Mongolia; Ms Jahan Ara Begum, Bangladesh; Boniface Supa, Solomon Islands and, Mohammed Abu Khaleed Chowdhury, Bangladesh. Unfortunately, Ms Wah Wah and Ms Jahan Ara Begum did not attend the course due to visa problem.

The training covered the basics of information literacy and information literacy training skills needed by information professionals in a variety of settings, as well as current IT applications in libraries. Classroom participation and hands-on practice were interspersed with visits to leading libraries and information agencies in New Zealand. Sida funds these scholarships.

The scholarships and attachments have been considered very successful. Apart from the enhancement of professional skills, the projects have developed platforms for networking of professionals, both at individual and institutional levels.

Other projects

Building learning communities through libraries (project 280).
This project in the Philippines aims to:

- develop a teachers and librarians guide covering the
  “why, what, where and how issues” of information
  literacy development in school children.
• test the effectiveness of the guide in eleven selected pilot public school libraries
• measure the impact of the guide on the librarians, teachers, officials, students etc.
• promote the love for reading and lifelong learning through the use of the guide and participation of key players in the community

The project activities will comprise several phases over a two-year period.

Two meetings to orient teachers, librarians and school officials were held in February and one workshop with 21 participants composed of principals, teacher librarians and librarians took place in April at Manila University.

Draft versions of a student guide and a teacher’s guide have been prepared and will be edited in April at Manila University. A follow-up workshop involving the participants in the planning workshop will take place beginning of 2006. Teachers and librarians will get training on the use of the teacher’s guide to prepare them for both teaching and developing information literacy. The student’s guide will be given to school children in the 11 schools and the measurement tool developed in the beginning of the project will be used to measure the learning. Expected effect is to make communities information literate through school libraries. The project will serve as a model and be repeated in other places.

Project 286: Establishment of Regional Federation of South Asia Library Associations (REFSALA)
This was a follow-up of the project “Empowering library associations for effective management in Asia”, held in Nepal, October 2004. The purpose of that workshop was to improve the effective management of library associations in South Asian countries. Resource persons were all from within the region, contributing to South-South dialogue and deliberations that resulted in 10 resolutions. A key resolution was the recommendation to establish a federal regional association for library associations in SAARC countries. After each of the library associations obtained the approval of their members they met in September 2005 to ratify the resolution.

In-service training for public librarians from Central America (project 369)
Nine librarians from Panama, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador and Colombia attended a four-week training at COMFENALCO in Medellin, Colombia. In the seminar “Creation of a federation of library associations in Central America” (held in El Salvador in March 2004) the need for training of library personnel in the Central American countries was discussed. Based on the experience of the very successful attachment programme in Asia and Oceania (ongoing since 1993) ALP received a proposal from the Department of Culture and Libraries, COMFENALCO, in Colombia. The participants gained experience and hands-on exposure from good public libraries in Colombia. They also submitted a report of about 2000 words together with a plan of action in which they identified five actions to improve their working places with dates of performance within 18 months. COMFENALCO made a considerable contribution to the project.

Project 372: Book-lending point at a market in Santa Cruz, Lima
With money from the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs ALP has supported Book-lending points in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil and Peru. The idea is to make use of public spaces and put up book lending points wherever local people get together informally. If people will not or cannot come to the library, then the library must go out and meet people in their own environment. With money from Sida the Public Library of Santa Cruz set up a book point in a market that is close to the library.

Travel grant to attend the Satellite meeting in Gothenburg, Accessible Libraries
IFLA Libraries for the Blind Section held a Satellite meeting 10-12 August 2005 in Gothenburg prior to the IFLA World Library Congress 2005 in Oslo. The theme Accessible Libraries alludes to accessibility for print disabled persons. The first day librarians from public and academic libraries in the region informed the audience of the integrated services for persons with print disability. All these libraries have working stations with various devices such as speech synthesizers, enlargement programs, Braille displays etc. The second day was dedicated to common issues such as copyright and accessible on-line catalogues. The third day was dedicated to visits to public and academic libraries in the region. 105 persons attended the conference. Sida sponsored the following six persons. Speakers: Johan Roos, South African Library for the Blind; Dipendra Manecha, Project leader of DAISY for all, India; Morayo Atinmo, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Grantees: Wendy Ling, South African Library for the Blind (also Mr Roos’ guide as he is blind); Shirin Taavoni, National Library of Iran and Truc Nguyen Tan Than, Vietnam.

Books for children and youth as an agent of change (Kajsa Pehrsson)
The project aimed at introducing two Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA) nominees that at the time were receiving support from Sida. Two representatives from the Tamer Institute in Palestine as well as a publisher and an author from Ghana were invited to come to Sweden for one week in March before the publication of the names of the winners. The programme included seminars in Stockholm, book exhibitions in Stockholm and Uppsala, visits to libraries and institutions specialized in children’s literature, contacts with publishers, Swedish writers, illustrators and the media. A booklet on Books for children and youth as an agent of change is under production by Kajsa Pehrsson, the coordinator of the project.
Minor Field Studies (MFS). Sida has a Co-operation programme with Swedish universities, Minor Field Studies (MFS), and the ALP secretariat is administering this programme within the information field. The programme aims at giving Swedish students the opportunity to carry out a two months study in a developing country. In 2005 two students carried out a study “Into an Electronic Era - a Case Study of the Automation at Makerere University Library” in Kampala, Uganda.
By Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer

Grants WLIC 2006

Travel Grant
Asamoah-Hassan, Helena – Ghana, KNUST Library
Fenniche, Raja – Tunisia, Inst. Sup. of Documentation
Mbambo, Buhle – Zimbabwe, Univ. of Zimbabwe Library
Were, Jacinta – Kenya, University Nairobi Library
Gamage, Premila – Sri Lanka, Inst. of Policy Studies
Mudannayake, Irangani - Sri Lanka, Agriculture Libr. Inst. of Agr. Univ.of Peradeniya
Parikrh, Mehri – Iran, Dept. of Libr. & Inf Sc. Ferdowsi Univ. of Mashhad
El Sahin, Marwa – Egypt, Biblioteca Alexandrina
Cabral da Franca, Maria Isabel – Brazil, LAC
Watson, Elizabeth – Barbados, LAC
Rosetto, Marcia – Brazil, LAC

SIDA Speakers Grant
Bukirwa Nyumba, Joyce – Uganda, Makerere University
Sithole, Jabulani – Zimbabwe, UNAIDS
Das, Anup Kumar – India, Jadavpur University
Priyanto, Ida – Indonésia, Gadjah Mada University
Yi, Liu – China, Science & Tech. Libr
Meneses, Jorge - Costa Rica, Escuela de Bibl. Doc. e Inf.

IFLA 2005 Oslo Surplus Foundation
Civallerio, Edgardo – Argentina, National Univ. of Córdoba
Van der Walt, Flippie - South Africa, Technikon South Africa School

Logical Framework Workshop
Fortaleza, March 20-22, 2006

A workshop on Logical Framework methodology was held in the city of Fortaleza, Brazil, on March 20-22 2006, thanks to the support provided by the ALP Program. The workshop, designed for the professional upgrade of the IFLA-LAC Section Standing Committee members was led by specialist Maria Holmqvist, who is a consultant to the Swedish Agency for International Development (Sida), and gathered as many as 23 attendees.

The activities were venued in the Public Library's main office. The Library Director, Maria Helena Costa, together with the library staff, provided all the necessary assistance to ensure the convenience of the attendees and the success of the workshop.

After the attendees and the facilitator were introduced, each attendee was requested to explain briefly their expectations in relation to the workshop, which was helpful to introduce a few basic notions on the methodology. Next, the attendees were split in three work groups, taking into account their language in order to facilitate the group activities. Thus, Spanish-speaking, English-speaking and Portuguese-speaking groups were set up.

Each working group was assigned three exercises to work on during the workshop. Such exercises were based on the analysis and evaluation of a project designed by Group LIDAS in the city of São Paulo, aimed to achieve the implementation of the different elements included in the Logical Framework methodology.

Exercise 1 dealt with the analysis of the project used as example. Exercise 2 was set up to deal with the analysis of problems and objectives, and during the last exercise, Exercise 3, the attendees worked on the formulation of objectives and results of the project.

Each exercise included drills that allowed the groups to exchange experiences, apply combined analysis and formulate proposals, as required by the methodology for each of the stages. The production of problem trees and objectives, which is indeed a part of the methodology, was enthusiastically undertaken by each group, as became evident during the plenary sessions held at the end of each exercise with the purpose of disclosing and exchanging the results of the table discussions, including contributions from all attendees.

Similarly, the plenary sessions at the end of each day included discussions about the results and learning. The workshop last day's session allowed each participant to share their evaluation of the workshop with the larger group.

Find below some of the manifestation from the attendees as the workshop unfolded:

- It means a new way of thinking that acknowledges the difficulties for evaluating projects in virtue of the multiple visions that come up
- Good group work, despite the linguistic and cultural differences
- This workshop should be made available for librarians from the Caribbean (English and French speaking), in order to facilitate the submission of projects to IFLA-ALP
- I would not use the analysis of an existing project as strategy because this hinders the application of the LogFrame methodology; a demo project should be designed and proposed as strategy
- It contributes to improve the ability of the participants
to evaluate projects

- New methodology in the field of bibliotecology. The time is insufficient given the complexity of the methodology. There should be one-week workshops for groups with specific languages and professional profiles
- The Workshop provides a “logical framework” to make the ideas more specific and guide the specialists responsible for designing the projects
- It would be desirable to have multidisciplinary groups in the workshop, including sociologists and others
- The methodology can be very useful to accompany that of strategic planning. It should be used in the design of a regional project capable to benefit the different countries in the region, to provide a reference milestone for other projects, and IFLA-LAC Section position before the financial agencies that collaborate to ALP
- It would be advisable to change the form used by ALP in order to incorporate the requirements and the elements present in the LogFrame methodology

There was a consensus among the attendees regarding the unquestionable experience of the facilitator, María Holmqvist, with the topic and her skills as an educator, which is critical to motivate the attendees in the application of this methodology. Likewise, all attendees thanked Gunilla Natvig, the representative of the ALP Program present at the workshop, for this initiative that significantly helps the upgrade of all professionals in the region.

For the IFLA-LAC Section Standing Committee members, this workshop provided an excellent opportunity to learn about the Logical Framework methodology seeing that the use of this methodology has not been sufficiently disseminated in the region, and very especially in the library environment. After this important first step, the challenge is to give continuity to the training on the use of this tool that proved to be vital to gain access to the funding of projects by the various international institutions.

(Maria Elena Zapata, SC IFLA/LAC, Corresponding Member)

**FREEDOM OF ACCESS AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION COMMITTEE**

**IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto Guidelines Workshop**

Santiago, Chile January 23/24 2006

The final of three workshops to gain input for the IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto Guidelines document was held in Santiago in Chile on the 23rd and 24th January 2006. Over 50 participants from 10 different countries attended the workshop which was held at the brand new facilities of the Santiago Public Library. Clara Budnik, the Director of DIBAM (Dirección de Bibliotecas, Archivos y Museos) in Chile opened the workshop with a strong statement on the importance of freedom of access to information on the Internet and how the Bibliorredes project in Chile has increased access to the Internet in libraries tremendously over the past three years.

The workshop itself followed the same format as the two previous workshops held in Uganda and Cuba: on behalf of IFLA/FAIFE I introduced the Internet Manifesto to the participants, explained the purpose of the workshop and gave a presentation on the current state of access in the wider region; a variety of presenters from countries in the region gave short presentations on the state of Internet access in the libraries in their country; an open microphone session was held to allow all participants a chance to speak freely on the challenges of providing Internet access in libraries; and smaller roundtable discussion sessions were held to brainstorm some solutions to the challenges previously described. The workshop finished with a concluding session revisiting the main topics of the day.

A different feature of the Santiago workshop was that during the morning the workshop participants were able to attend a press conference celebrating three years of the Bibliorredes project and an exhibition of local content websites which were created by library users as part of the project. The outgoing President of Chile, Ricardo Lagos, attended the press conference and spoke very warmly about the importance of public libraries to the country. It was clear that recent investment in Chile’s libraries is paying off in terms of increased use of library facilities, and a narrowing of the digital divide in the country as Internet access in libraries increases.

The Santiago workshop was a great success – well attended, informative and interactive. People were keen to share information and give opinions, and they worked hard in the open microphone and groupwork sessions in the afternoon. Overall, the themes for consideration were similar to those discussed in Kampala and Havana, albeit with an angle specific to Latin America. In the paragraphs below I want to give you an overview of the topics covered in the presentations and discussions that took place during the workshop.

**Issues Discussed**

An issue that was repeatedly mentioned during the day is a need for Latin American and Caribbean library users to have access to relevant local content in local languages. Participants thought it was librarians’ social responsibility to produce this, in association with users. It was particularly felt, on the back of the local content websites produced as part of the Bibliorredes project and displayed in the Santiago public library exhibition, that library users have a lot to offer as content producers as well as consumers, and that libraries should take more of a role in encouraging users to create.
During the final remarks it was suggested that perhaps librarians should look at the popularity of blogging and explore the possibilities of offering free webspaces for our users that could be used to produce local content websites. Libraries could run specific training programmes designed to show users how to do this, and reap the benefits in terms of increased relevant online resources. This kind of specific training was a key theme that came through during the day. A lot of participants called for increased information and informational literacy amongst librarians and users, with most suggesting that user training be made pertinent - a personalised, tailored experience that would enable users to get the most out of the library on their terms.

Personal was one keyword for the workshop; local was another. Presenters and groups talked about the importance of respecting and working with local conditions. We heard about what happens to computers when air conditioning breaks down in the Caribbean and how remote communities suffer the problems of geographical isolation when it comes to telecommunications infrastructure. Facilities in the marginal areas of the countries involved in the workshop seemed often to be rudimentary as a result. In connection to this, a lot of participants talked about the move from dial-up connections to broadband, and the need to constantly maintain and then upgrade facilities. This situation, along with the short lifespan of many technological products poses decision makers problems when it comes to long term planning of Internet policy and funding programmes.

However, what was clear from the workshop was that when long-term planning and resources really come together then great strides can be made. The Biblioredes project in Chile, and the new Santiago Public Library are success stories from which we can all learn lessons. It is interesting to note, however, the challenges that success throws up – increased demand is placing pressure on library resources in some areas of Chile and plans will have to be made to maintain current levels of access.

Other issues discussed included copyright and the use of Internet filters, both topics that were touched upon in previous workshops. Changes to copyright law in Latin American countries, and the new forms of digital rights management, were thought to be a threat to the circulation of certain types of scientific information and other information that should be freely available in the public domain. Some participants suggested friendlier partnerships with legal bodies in their countries and a raising of librarians’ awareness regarding copyright issues.

Filtering, described during the workshop as a polite form of censorship, was an issue discussed at the workshops in Kampala and in Havana. In Santiago there were fewer explicit examples of filtering, but the issue remained nearby for the entire day. Early in the workshop Clara Budnik talked about how a homosexual group complained its website was blocked on Chilean library computers. Because Chilean libraries use an automatic filter that supposedly only deals with viruses, librarians did not notice the site was filtered. The problem was rectified immediately but it raises an issue – do librarians really know what filtering software is capable of, and which sites it is blocking?

This example shows us that as librarians we have a duty to know what the products and services we are using are doing – how they work and what their consequences are – even the unintended consequences. I am aware that some Northern American librarians, responding to a similar situation in the wake of the Children’s Internet Protection Act, have suggested that librarians manufacture their own filters, if only so that they know exactly what is being blocked and why. While this may be an impractical solution, it is an interesting one.

However, for me the most memorable point relating to the discussion of filters and harmful Internet content was made during a presentation by the Chilean Biblioredes co-ordinator. His description of the four principles of acceptable use, which Chilean libraries have adopted instead of a filtering programme, fits very well with the ideals of the Internet Manifesto, and recognises the crucial parts played by individuals, the library itself, the law and the local community. Against a background of a country’s legal framework (1), it is up to the adult individual to take primary responsibility for the information resources they are accessing (2), and up to the library to take responsibility in its role as a public space (3) – in part by protecting the children of the community and by making available Internet access free to all users (4).

This clear delineation of roles and responsibility is echoed in the key phrase I took away from the workshop. During the afternoon open microphone session, one participant mentioned that it was important that the Manifesto Guidelines must work at “the level of every player” involved. The document must relate to the user, the librarian, the library as institution, the library association and the all those related decision makers who have the potential to create the framework in which the Internet Manifesto is implemented. As another participant pointed out, librarians must be involved and heard in policy discussions relevant to us and our concerns must be publicised. What remains for us to do now is to draft a guidelines document which is able to say something relevant for our values at every level mentioned above, as relevant for librarian at the front desk as it is to the library manager or decision makers higher up the chain.

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**PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION – PAC**

**Another Director for IFLA-PAC**

Christian Baryla has been nominated, in concertation with IFLA and the Bibliothèque Nationale de France as PAC Director, to succeed Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff. She took the office in March 2006.

Christian Baryla, General Librarian, is currently Director of the University Library of Pharmacy in Paris. From 1993-2003, she was Director of the Library of the Ecole Française de Rome and from 1990-1993, she was Project Director for a database of the miniatures of the Vatican Library.

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**IFLA DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS**

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**DIVISION VIII OF REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania Moves**

Following the retirement of Ms Pensri Guaysuwan, former IFLA Regional Manager for Asia and Oceania, the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania in Bangkok is now closed. The new IFLA Regional Manager for Asia and Oceania is Mrs. Tan Keat Fong, Singapore 188064.

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**MANAGING AND MARKETING SECTION**

**4th IFLA International Marketing Award for 2006**

The IFLA Section on Management and Marketing in collaboration with SirsiDynix is pleased to announce the winners of the 4th IFLA International Marketing Award for 2006.

First place was awarded to Cindy van Kranenburg from the public library of Spijkenisse, near Rotterdam, in the Netherlands, for a simple but cost-effective marketing campaign to attract non-user patrons by sending a simple postcard. The library also evaluated the number of non-users who became users. The marketing slogan is “We miss you” (in Dutch: “Wij missen u”). The first-place winner will receive airfare, lodging, and registration for the 2006 IFLA General Conference and Council to be held this year in Seoul, Korea, and a cash award of $1,000 (U.S.) to further the marketing efforts of the library.

Second place was awarded to Suzanne Payette, President of the Public Libraries of Québec for developing a topical and unique marketing campaign entitled "Follow the Stream" (in French: "Suivez le courant") during the Week of the Public Libraries of Québec in Fall 2005, offering sustainable promotion material like reusable shopping bags.

Third place winner was Óscar Arroyo Ortega, of the Regional Library Service of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain for the campaign entitled "Public Libraries: No need to knock!" (in Spanish ‘Biblioteca Pública, pasa sin llamar’). The Campaign's main object was that the citizens of the small towns of this region knew the new concept, social functions and services of the public libraries in the information society. Thus, they would use the libraries and request to the local authorities of their towns that continued financing and supporting them. The campaign consisted of a travelling exhibition about the new conceptual social functions of the libraries, that is going of town in town to be exposed. In the exhibition there are three metaphors to explain what are the libraries: house, tree and river. The exhibition is structured in five areas: opinions; target groups; aims and possibilities that libraries offer; the new spaces and facilities, and how to enjoy them.

The first place winner will be announced officially at the final day, during the plenary session, of the IFLA Conference in August 2006, in Seoul, Korea. Second and third place winners will be awarded with distinctions.

**Criteria and applications**

For this fourth award, applications were available in the main IFLA languages (English, Spanish, French, German) on the Web. The deadline was January 15, 2006. Altogether there were 15 applicants from four continents, sent in from 10 countries including: India, Spain, United States, Canada, The Netherlands, Mexico, Belgium, Philippines, Senegal and United Kingdom. Any library, agency, or association in the world that promotes library service was eligible to receive the award. The IFLA International Marketing Award is to honor organizations that have implemented creative, results-oriented marketing projects or campaigns.

**Objectives of the Award**

Reward the best library marketing project worldwide each year
Encourage marketing in libraries
Give libraries the opportunity to share marketing experiences
This year's applicants were carefully judged on the following:
Strategic approach to marketing;
Creativity, originality and innovation;
Potential for generating widespread public visibility and support for libraries;
Effectiveness of communication;
Commitment to ongoing marketing activities;
Expression of emotion, sustainability and ethical aspects.

The Jury 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.

For more information contact the following representatives of the Jury of the IFLA International Marketing Award:
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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN SECTION

Minutes of the Mid-term Meeting of the Standing Committee
Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil on March 24 and 25, 2006

Audience

1.1. Members of the Standing Committee and the Regional Office
Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca (Brazil), Filiberto Felipe Martinez Arellano (Mexico), Elizabet M. Ramos de Carvalho (LAC- RO), Ana Maria Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Elizabeth Watson (Barbados), Jeanie dos Reis Passos (Brazil), Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brasil), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Alice Miranda Arguedas (Costa Rica), Mercedes Falcon (Ecuador), Araceli Gomez Martin (Spain), Marie-Françoise Bernabe (Martinique), Elsa M. Ramirez Leyva (Mexico), Blanca Hodge (St. Maarten), Loly Hernandez d’Elia (Venezuela).

1.2. Special Consultant of the Regional Office
Stella Maris Fernandez (Argentina)

1.3. Corresponding members
Doris Samanez (Bolivia), Olima Estela Gomez Moran (El Salvador), Maria Elena Zapata (Venezuela).

1.4. Specialist members
Gloria M. Rodriguez (Colombia), Cesar Castro Aliaga (Peru).

1.5. Administrative Officer of the ALP Program
Gunilla Natvig.

1.6. Members with justified absence
1.6.1. Standing Committee members
Alicia Ocaso (Uruguay).

1.6.2. Corresponding members.
Estela Morales Campos (Mexico) and Ivone Talamo (Brazil).

1.7. Members absent without justification
Gonzalo Oyarzun

Approval of meeting’s agenda

2.1. The President of the SC, Ma. Isabel Cabral da Franca, welcomed those in attendance and submitted the agenda for approval, which was subsequently approved.

2.2. The President notified the meeting absences and the integration of new members for the Standing Committee, which are as follows: Alice Miranda Arguedas (Costa Rica), substituting Ana Cecilia Torres (Costa Rica), and Araceli Gomez Martin (Spain) as a new member.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting held in Oslo, Norway

The President submitted the meeting minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held in Oslo, Norway on August, 2005 for approval. The meeting minutes were approved.

4. Reports

4.1. Latin American Memorial Meeting (Sao Paulo, Brazil, February 17, 2006)

Since most of the SC members from Latin America would have a layover in Sao Paulo on their way to Fortaleza, Brazil, they were invited to attend the Latin America Memorial meeting, offering to cover them local transport, hotel and board expenses as well as to arrange a visit to the International Book Biannual that had place in Sao Paulo in those days. Maria Elena Zapata presented a report on this meeting.

4.2. Seminar on the Logical Framework Analysis (LFA)

Maria Elena Zapata also reported on the Logical Framework Analysis Seminar, held previously to the PC meeting. She mentioned the seminar provided the participants needed elements in order to work with this tool, which will contribute to improve the justification and elaboration of better projects.
Likewise, a Task Group, integrated by Gloria Rodriguez, Maria Elena Zapata, Cesar Castro, Ana Maria Peruchena and Doris Samanez, which received support from other SC members, recommended that project presentations to ALP should include some elements of this methodology.

4.3. President’s Report

Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca, president of the Latin American and the Caribbean SC, presented her Annual Report for 2005-2006. She mentioned that up to September 2005, the Section boasted 151 members in 36 nations, making it one of the IFLA’s largest sections with numerous activities. Her report also included details of the SC meetings held in Mexico and Oslo, Norway in March and August 2005, as well as the IFLA/LAC activities during this period. Additionally, her report included information regarding the situation of projects approved by ALP. She also reported on the IFLA Governing Board meeting, which she attended before the SC meeting.

4.4 Secretary Report

Filiberto Martinez, Secretary of the SC, reported on the activities carried out during 2005-2006.

4.5. Report of the Regional Office Manager

Elizabeth M. Ramos de Carvalho, Regional Office Manager, presented her Activities Report for the period August, 2005 to March, 2006. It is important to point out that in her report were included numerous participation in Standing Committees’ meetings of diverse IFLA sections. Likewise, it was mentioned her participation as RO representative in different IFLA events.

Other important point in her report was the publication of IFLA/LAC Newsletter No. 47 (in English and Spanish), which was distributed to Section members, IFLA Clearinghouses and other important institutions in the Region. Regarding this point, the members of the SC were reminded about the importance of providing news from their countries or regions.

Likewise, it was mentioned the support provided by ALP for the Standing Committee meeting in Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil. It was pointed out the funds provided by ALP for SC meetings are insufficient and SC members have to find other financial sources to cover costs for attending these meetings.

Situation of ALP approved projects and new proposals

It was reported the situation of projects previously approved by ALP, whose development or conclusion has been satisfactory.

Project 349 “Establishment of prison libraries in other entities that make up the penitentiary system” (Brazil).

Project 351 “Interactive didactic unit on documentary information processes in electronic media” (Costa Rica).

Project 353 “Reading for life: a bibliotherapeutic experience in natural disaster conditions” (Venezuela).


Project 364 “Community loan places on fairs and markets in the Southern Cone of Latin America”. (Chile)


Project 371 “Latin American and Caribbean Associations Seminar” (Argentina).

Project 372 “Bookstall and tele-center for a municipal library in Miraflores” (Peru)

Project 373 “Common base of citizens knowledge (BCCC) for training youth” (Brazil).

Project 377 “International Conference on Reading in Latin America and the Caribbean” (Mexico).

Likewise, there were reviewed the proposals received by ALP to determine its viability and its approval:

Project 374 “Copyright training for librarians” (Colombia).

Comment: It was mentioned that the institution proposing this project, CERLAC, receives support from diverse intergovernmental institutions, besides it is an organization mainly interested in the field of education. Moreover, the theme is not in accord with the interests of IFAL/LAC, motivating the rejection of this project. It was suggested to look for support from organizations such as UNESCO. The Standing Committee can provide diffusion of this project through libraries.

Project 375 “Briefcase for the librarian promoting reading” (Colombia).

Comment: In the opinion of the participants, there was a similar project presented by CERLAC that received ALP financing. Furthermore, there are other sources of financing for this project. The project was not approved.

Project 376 “Central American Seminar on UNESCO/IFLA manifestos and guidelines for public and school libraries” (El Salvador).

Comment: This topic is of interest to the IFLA/LAC and the region; however, it was not approved because of a similar project submitted by Costa Rica offers better operational advantages for its realization.
Project 378 “Central American Seminar on UNESCO/IFLA manifests and guidelines for public and school libraries” (Nicaragua).
Comment: Not approved despite the fact this topic is of interest because of the need for diffusion of the IFLA/UNESCO Manifestos in the Region. A similar competing project submitted by Costa Rica offers better operational advantages for its realization.

With regard to Projects 376 and 378, Alice Miranda (Costa Rica) pointed out that a similar project, including the Internet Manifesto, shall be presented shortly. The project contemplates broader participation and seems to offer more advantages since it will be supported by the University of Costa Rica. Moreover, it includes the candidature to host the IFLA/LAC meeting which will garner state financing for hotel and board for the members of PC. For these motives, it was considered prudent to wait for the submittal of the project proposal from Costa Rica.

Project 379 “Internships in public libraries services for Latin American Librarians” (Colombia).
Comment: Approved because it is an interesting project that promises the success of a similar project carried out before. Integration of persons from the Caribbean and Brazil was recommended. The internship project is slated for August.

Project 380 “Development of a digital library for indigenous communities and a jungle communities portal” (Peru).
Comment: The project fails to clarify whether the project’s objective is compile information on materials for this kind of library or indigenous materials in order to constitute a library of this kind. Moreover, the financial aspects of the proposal contain inconsistencies. For these motives the proposal was not approved.

Project 381 “International Conference of Library Science Schools” (Peru).
Comment: Approved for partial financing. A name change to “Latin American Conference on Librarianship Education and Research” was recommended. Organizers were urged to consider the experience of other similar events that have been carried out in the region.

Project 382 “Amazon Region Conference for the dissemination and promotion of the Manifestos on School and Public Libraries, on the Internet and on the Information Society in Action” (Ecuador).
Comment: It was mentioned that this is an interesting project that involves several countries, Brazil, Ecuador and Peru. Communication and mobilization of people in the area are operative considerations that must be taken into account. It was also recommended that the three Guyanas be included in the proposal. The project was approved under the condition that changes addressing the recommendations be submitted as soon as possible.

Project 383 “Workshop on elaboration of illustrated books in indigenous languages” (Venezuela).
Comment: There were comments on the Caribbean languages inclusion in the project and on the participation of a Brazilian observer. The methodology used by UNUMA for original language books has been successfully proved. Moreover, this project fits in the priority areas of IFLA and the Region. Therefore, the project was approved.

6. Strategic Plan

Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca reported that the Section Strategic Plan 2006-07 has been posted on the IFLA website. She also asked for ideas to the Strategic Plan 2007.

Section activities for the WLIC 2006 in Seoul Korea.

It was informed on the activities for the Seoul Conference in Seoul:

Open Forum of the Section in the Seoul Conference has been slated for Wednesday, August 23, from 8:30 to 10:30. The following speakers were approved: Jorge Meneses instead of Alice Miranda (Costa Rica), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Estela Morales instead of Felipe Martinez (Mexico), Martha Terry (Cuba) and Ana Maria Peruchena (Argentina).

The SC meetings in Seoul have been set: the first one is slated for Sunday, August 20 from 13:45 to 15:45 and the second one for Friday, August 25 from 11:30 to 14:20.

With regard to the Poster Session, it was recommended that these would be presented in English, considering the predominant languages spoken at this conference.

It was also reported that the Open Forum for Division VIII shall take place on Monday, August 21 from 10:45 to 12:45, with the recommendation that sufficient promotion be carried out in order to guarantee numerous audience.

The following members of the Committee confirmed their attendance to the Seoul conference: Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca (Brazil), Filiberto Felipe Martinez Arellano (México), Elizabet M. Ramos de Carvalho (IFLA/LAC-RO), Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Stella Maris (Argentina), Ana Maria Peruchena (Argentina) and Estela Morales (Mexico).

8. Other issues of the Standing Committee

In addition to report that Alice Miranda shall substitute Ana Cecilia Torres (both from Costa Rica) on the Standing Committee, it was proposed the substitution of Pamela Benson by other person from the Caribbean.
The possibility of holding the next mid-term meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina was mentioned. Costa Rica and Peru also offered to host the next IFLA/LAC SC meeting. Simone Bastos Viera paper presented at the Oslo Norway Conference was selected for publication in the IFLA Journal. It was also reported that a series of changes to the IFLA statutes shall be discussed in the Seoul Conference.

10. IFLA Activities

Elizabet de Carvalho reported that the Section Newsletter contains information about the Second Phase of the World Information Society Conference held in Tunisia, as well as words of the IFLA President, and other issues of interest for members of the Section.

11. Durban Conference, 2007

“Libraries of the Future: Progress, Development and Allies” was announced as the theme for the Durban 2007 Conference. Likewise, the theme for the action plan of the President-elect Claudia Lux was announced as: “Libraries on the Agenda.” As part of the satellite conference program, the Fifth Portuguese Language Library Conference shall be organized.

Other Issues

Marcia Rosetto (Brazil) announced the celebration of an International Workshop on Bibliographic Control in Brazil.

Jeane dos Reis Passos (Brazil) reported on her participation in a training program to work in libraries for persons with visual disabilities.

Marie-Françoise Bernabe (Martinique) demonstrated a distance learning tool, CARIBAL - EDIST, and she suggested that it be translated.

Felipe Martinez Arellano (Mexico) announced the start of an online Master Degree program in Librarianship and Information Studies to be offered by the UNAM. He also announced the Second International Cataloguing Conference set for next September in the CUIB. Moreover, he mentioned the celebration of the CUIB’s 25th anniversary next December.

With regard to general matters, it was pointed out the Ceara State Public Library, Governor Meneses Pimentel, supported this SC meeting. Likewise, that on March 22, a group of the SC was received by the Governor of Ceara, Lucio Alcantara, at which there was opportunity to speak about the IFLA, Latin American and the Caribbean information policies and the possibilities of improving Brazilian libraries through support from international agencies. Reference was also made to the meeting held on March 23, commemorating the 139th anniversary of the Ceara State Public Library. In that meeting, titled “The situation of the information professional in contemporary society,” several members of the Standing Committee give papers.

13. End of the Meeting

The meeting finished at 15:00 on March 25.

(Filiberto F. Martinez Arellano, Secretary IFLA/LAC)

International Reading Survey

The Latin America and the Caribbean Section's Standing Committee agreed, during the session held in the city of Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil, on March 24-25 2006, to join the International Reading Survey, which is sponsored by IFLA through its Reading Section and supported by ALP. The International Survey aims to give a concrete contribution to the outline of a world map showing the services and the actions of public libraries focused on reading, especially the education of readers, by means of services and activities steered to the development of reading.

The objectives of this International Survey include:

- Collecting information about public libraries in as many countries as possible in order to provide an overview of all reading-centered activities
- Knowing the impact of reading-centered actions on the staff and on the services provided by the library
- Recording successful experiences in changing non-readers into regular readers
- Disseminating the information collected in the survey to all countries

The Regional Survey was approved as a collective research project coordinated by Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva (Mexico) and formed by national and subregion coordinators: Caribbean, Central America (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama), Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

The statistical study and the preparation of survey results will be carried out in 2006. In 2007 ALP will sponsor a Seminar, including all local and regional coordinators, when results will be presented and discussed, targeting the generation of recommendations and actions. The agenda of the Seminar will include public lectures about the transformations in the library sector designed to change Latin America and the Caribbean into a region of readers.

(Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva, SC IFLA/LAC)
ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Changing of name

[Previously: University Libraries and Other General Research Libraries Section]

SCOPE
The Section of Academic and Research Libraries is the international forum for all concerned in this area. It provides members with the opportunity to exchange experiences and ideas with colleagues worldwide and is a vehicle for collaborative action.

IFLA NEW PUBLICATIONS


Since publication of the previous (fourth) edition of this handbook by UNESCO in 1978, drastic technological progress and very important changes in the political-economic sphere have taken place, with great impact on library work. The international exchange of publications continues to be an important mode of collection building and is practiced by almost all major libraries.

The 5th edition of this handbook addresses these changes in all three parts: Practices (sources of documents, organization and methods), History and Current Examples (e.g. international book exchange: has it any future in the electronic age?) and the Directory (list of exchange centres, selected bibliography). This book provides a very useful tool for libraries and librarians around the world.

Handbook on the International Exchange of Publications
Edited on behalf of IFLA by Kirsti Ekonen, Päivi Paloposki and Pentti Vattulainen 5th completely new edition. 2006
Munich: K. G. Saur Verlag, 2006. 158 pages
ISBN-10: 3-598-11752-3;
Price: EUR 54.00

International Newspaper Librarianship (March 2006)


and documents the variety and intensity of newspaper activities worldwide. Emphasis is put on two main focuses: regional activities and current work in the fields of preservation and digitisation.

Another essential subject covered in this volume is the very complex issue of newspapers and copyright.
This publication presents the current state of newspaper librarianship on all five continents. It reflects not only the remarkable progress made during recent years, but also the major challenges for the future.

International Newspaper Librarianship for the 21st Century
Edited by Hartmut Walravens
München: Saur, 2006, 298 p. (IFLA Publications; 118)
Price: EUR 78 (IFLA Members EUR 58)

Marketing Library and Information Services: International Perspectives (March 2006)

Marketing of library services has now been recognised as an essential agenda item for almost all kinds of libraries all over the world. As the term "marketing" has different meanings for different colleagues, the bundling of dozens of contributions from a truly international group of librarians which is presented in this book, provides a broad scala on the topic.

Therefore this book offers a useful tool for both working librarians and future librarians to understand vital issues relating to marketing of library and information services at the local, national and international level.

The book is divided into six sections:
Marketing concept: a changing perspective;
Marketing in libraries around the world;
Role of library associations;
Education, training and research;
Excellence in marketing;
Databases and other marketing literature.

Marketing Library and Information Services: International Perspectives
Edited on behalf of IFLA by Dinesh K. Gupta, Christie Koontz, Angels Massissimo and Régis Savard
Munich: K. G. Saur Verlag, 2006. xvi, 419 pages
Price: EUR 68.00


Libraries all over the world have to deal with fast growing numbers of digital materials that need to be safeguarded. Publications in digital form, online or on cd, digitised images,
and born-digital objects need to be preserved and kept accessible. Especially for national libraries, safeguarding the digital heritage is a major issue, because of their legal task to preserve the national heritage of a country.

Safe storage of the digital heritage and ensuring access for future use, requires libraries to have a trusted digital repository system in place, and to have an ongoing R&D programme aimed at developing preservation strategies, such as migration and emulation.

In 2005 digital preservation in libraries has become increasingly important. Two national libraries already have a fully operational digital repository in place, and in several other countries, the development of digital repositories is well under way.

When planning digital preservation activities and improving cooperation in digital preservation, an overview of recent developments in the field of digital preservation issues could be a valuable aid: Does the day-to-day practice in storing and accessing digital objects illustrate a mutual need for certain standards? Are there currently any standards for the development and building of digital repositories, and how are these being applied? Are there common standards in research on permanent access? Or is it still too early to speak of standards, and is it only possible to distinguish best practices?

Read more on the state of the art of digital repositories, preservation strategies and current projects in the national libraries of Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

By Ingiborg Verheul.
(IFLA Publications; 119)
Price: EUR 78 (IFLA Members EUR 58)

**NEWS OF THE REGION**

**ARGENTINA**

**Libraries: social context, digital context**

**Buenos Aires, April 17-20, 2006**

The 39th National Librarians Meeting was held on April 17-21 2006, under the theme: "Libraries: social context, digital context," organized by the of Graduated Librarians Association of the Argentine Republic – ABGRA.

Attendance was beyond expectations; nearly 800 participants filled the rooms of the 1st Book Fair. The lectures were delivered by experts, like ALA's President-Elect, sociologist Alejandro Piscitelli, who offered a journey through the transformation of information in different supports and its incidence on the society.

Colleagues from our country reflected enthusiastically about the commitments undertaken in their libraries and offered proposals to cope with new challenges. Representatives from the government and from national institutions offered an overview of the task performed by the various sectors regarding the democratic access to information.

The day sessions per specialty emphasized and presented in a very sound way the themes proposed before a large number of attendees and like in other occasions they had triggered new proposals.

Writer Mempo Giardinelli with the motto “Reading will open your eyes” delivered the closing lecture, keeping the attendees in the air and expectant as they listened attentively.

During the National Meeting closing session, ABGRA president, Ms. Claudia Rodríguez, acknowledged those who had contributed to the success of this national meeting, not only in terms of number of attendants but also considering the academic level with which the different themes proposed by the Organizing Committee were addressed, and highlighted that “the objectives of the Library institutions and the mission of the Library professional include the duty of guaranteeing the right of access to information, without making any distinction between the members of the community, with special emphasis on the fact there should be no difference as for race, gender,
religion, political affiliation, or social condition, for which reason all librarians should commit to:

- Be the nexus between the society and the State
- Support any actions that improve the access to information
- Foster any projects that favor the underprivileged communities.
- Work for citizen’s rights, freedom of expression and free access to information”.

ABGRA’s website is currently being updated to incorporate both the presentations and the development of all panels presented during the 39th National Librarians Meeting, held in Buenos Aires on April 17-20, 2006.

(Roberto Servidio, Argentina)

**Homage paid to three book women during the Buenos Aires Book Fair**

Homage was paid to three Argentinean women on Friday, April 21st, during the 32nd International Buenos Aires Book Fair, for their exceptional contribution to the dissemination of the Argentinean book around the world. This acknowledgement was announced by Mr. Isay Klasse, president of the 9th Congress on Reading and Book Promotion.

The ladies celebrated at the occasion included:


- Marta Díaz, Director of Fairs, Fundación El Libro, who, as highlighted by Klasse, “was awarded a prize a few years ago at the Frankfurt Book Fair as the best international fair organizer”.

- Ana María Peruchena Zimmerman, former president Graduated Librarians Association of the Argentine Republic and chairperson of the 70th IFLA General Congress held in 2004 in Buenos Aires, and former member of IFLA Governing Board, currently a member of IFLA/LAC Standing Committee.

“This is the time in this 32nd International Book Fair when we wish to celebrate our book heroines for their devotion and effort to disseminate the book culture and education in all corners of the world.

In their travels around Argentina and around the world, Dr. Ana María Cabanelas, as well as Ms. Marta Díaz and Ms. Ana María Peruchena Zimmerman, have acted as excellent ambassadors to disseminate the flow of intellectual production of both authors and publishers from our country to cities of Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America.”

María Pia Gagliardi, president of the Argentine Publications Chamber, was in charge of delivering the honorary tablet to Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann.

(Roberto Servidio, Argentina)

**9th Congress on Reading and Book Promotion**

On April 23, 2006, the Congress on Reading and Book Promotion was officially closed, another of the activities implemented within the scope of the 32nd International Buenos Aires Book Fair, relying on the participation of more than 600 attendants from the country and from other countries in the region.

Librarians had an outstanding presence and participation in this meeting in view of the work carried out by the representatives of our profession in the Organizing Committee of this meeting and other meetings that took place before the beginning of May. During the event acknowledgement was also paid to Professor Beatriz Ferroni who has for many years worked for her fellow librarians at Fundación El Libro.

**Conclusions of the 9th Congress on Reading and Book Promotion**

- The mastering of a written language is not built once and forever; it is a process that is developed during a person’s lifetime. Entering any given community means to appropriate their ways of producing and reading texts.

- Students make up a reading community that is activated by both educators and librarians because reading is not an innocent act, but it rather implies in discerning cultural and political meanings.

- Reading means to belong to a living community, a readers’ community. This is the foundation on which the referents of the National Reading Plan should develop strategies and experiences taking into account the characteristics and the needs of each region in the country.

- To understand any reading, one is required to leave behind the pattern Paulo Freyre defined as “procraster” reader and replace it by the “critical reader” pattern.

- It is necessary to enlarge the concept of reader by adding up an approach capable to include those who have so far being erroneously left in the margin, either for being sick, for having
special needs, or for manifesting cultural or economic differences.

- Adverse socioeconomic conditions should not constitute an obstacle to prevent the educator from bringing both the children and the youths near the reading habit.

- Regarding the role of schoolbooks, not a few studies have shown that upper-class students who study from books are more likely to understand what they read.

- A significant portion of the education task today is revising the importance of using schoolbooks and choosing them appropriately, because schoolbook should not be the only source of information for the students.

- Reading on the Internet does not assume breaking up with the practice of reading one learned from the books.

(Roberto Servidio, Argentina)

### 2nd Ibero-American Congress on Bibliotecology
Buenos Aires, April 14-17, 2007

Argentina will hold a new international event. Since 1974, ABGRA has sponsored as many as six international meetings: the first was the 11th National and 1st Ibero-American Librarians Meeting, held in August that year; and 30 years later, the World Congress on Libraries and Information, 70th IFLA General Conference.

These previous events have enabled ABGRA to rely today on significant experience, ability, as well as the support from the book and culture sector to implement projects that allow the Argentinean library community to move beyond its own country and make contact with high-level experts and specialists within the international library context.

The Argentine Republic Graduated Librarians Association (ABGRA) and Fundación del Libro will be the organizing entities for the 2nd Ibero-American Congress on Bibliotecology due to be held on April 14-17, 2007 in Buenos Aires, at the Rural Building's Exhibition Center.

The presentation took place as part of the 39th National Librarians Meeting's closing session, and later by the president of Fundación El Libro, Mr. Carlos Pazos, during the International Buenos Aires Book Fair opening session.

The announcement was attended by the Vice-president of the Republic, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Culture, the Head of Government of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, authorities from Fundación El Libro, librarians, booksellers, publishers, executives from several book and culture related companies, and journalists.

(Roberto Servidio, Argentina)

### 3rd Library Associations Latin American Seminar
April, 19-21 2006, Buenos Aires, (Project ALP 371)

The seminar was organized by ABGRA and the IFLA Latin American and the Caribbean Section (IFLA/LAC), and sponsored by the ALP Programme.

Associations and National Professional Boards presidents from Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay were present, besides the president of the American Library Association, ALA, Lelie Burgier and many librarians and teachers from Argentina, one representative from CUIB and the IFLA Regional Office for Latin American and the Caribbean manager.

The participants were present at the 3rd Librarians Meeting Closing Session and participated in the Book Fair opening.

### Infodiversidad

The Librarianship research Society presided by Stella Maris Fernández has just Published the N. 10 of its journal Infodiversidad that besides important news brings to the public articles from well known Latin American and Argentinean professionals:

- La propiedad intelectual y los derechos de autor; iniciativas de organismos y asociaciones internacionales by Estela Morales Campos and Jesús Francisco García Pérez;
- Lectura y bibliotecas en las políticas nacionales de la región latinoamérica by Elsa Ramírez Leyva;
- Trabajando a escena de la escritura: a mediacao da Biblioteca Escolar by Ana María Sa de Carvalho,
- Historia de una Peña. La Peña del Libro “Trenti Rocamora” y sus publicaciones by Stella Maris Fernández, and
- La máquina de prensar uvas by Vicente Ros.

(Stella Maris Fernandez – Asesora de la OR IFLA/LAC)

### BOLIVIA

### IV Congress on Children's Literature: Reading to know and respect the others.

Called by IBBY- Bolivia, IBBY- La Paz, the Pedagogic Experiences Workshop, the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés’ Literature Career, and Nicobis, the IV Congress on Children's Literature, under the motto "Reading to know and respect the others," was held on May 28-30, in the city of La Paz.
The congress addressed current topics on children's literature, offered workshops designed for teachers and parents, besides relying on the presence of famous writers from Bolivia and South America. Besides, the congress also included an illustration exhibition, drama performance, among other activities.
(Doris Samanez, SC IFLA/LAC, Correspondent Member)

2nd Workshop-course on library evaluation

The Bolivia Information Sciences Professional School (CPCIB), sponsored the 2nd Workshop-course on library evaluation, aimed at a reflection on the management of tools for the design and use of parametric indicators in the evaluation of information units, which was held on May 30-31, in the city of La Paz
(Doris Samanez, SC IFLA/LAC, Correspondent Member)

International Book Fair

The 7th International Book Fair started on May 31. In his speech, Peter Lewy, president of the Departmental Book Chamber, IBF organizing entity, highlighted that this activity is, since the end of 2005, a Municipal Culture Patrimony. Besides, he attributed the growth of the IBF over these seven years to the response from the city citizens and the bet of the club in spite of the growing piracy.

On the other hand, Lewy announced that the Chamber decided this year to reward the work of people and institutions that work to foster reading and the book. The first award will go to Center Simón I. Patiño, which is currently carrying on a reading campaign. The award ceremony will take place on Sunday 11th, during the fair closing session.

Like in the previous year, this version of the fair offered a workshop on the Book Law led by representatives of the Santa Cruz Department's Book Chamber, the Bolivian Book Chamber (La Paz), authorities and book-related professionals.
(Doris Samanez, SC IFLA/LAC, Correspondent Member)

BRAZIL

Report on the 2nd Meeting of Latin American Librarians
São Paulo, March 17 2006, Latin American Memorial

Relying on the attendance of Latin American librarians, members of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, IFLA, and representatives from Brazilian librarian institutions, the 2nd Meeting of Latin American Librarians was held at the auditorium of the Latin America Memorial (LAM), Sao Paulo, Brazil, on March 17 2006, within the framework of the celebration for its anniversary.

The meeting was jointly chaired by the President of LAM, Fernando Leça do Nascimento, Eliseu Rizzo de Oliveira Carvalho, Coordinator of the Center for Latin America Studies, and Elizabeth Maria Ramos de Carvalho, Manager of IFLA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean.

The meeting was sponsored jointly by the Memorial and by IFLA, and relied on the participation of representatives from the following countries: Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Peru and Venezuela, besides the presence of two representatives from Caribbean countries, Martinique and St Marteen, as special guests.

The President of the Memorial addressed the opening words to welcome the attendees; he also spoke about the purpose of the meeting, which aimed at the cooperation and the exchange of information and ideas between the attending representatives. The event was expected, therefore, to contribute to the rapprochement of peoples because, according to Darcy Ribeiro, the creator of the Memorial, to whom homage was appropriately paid, we are “peoples living back to back.”

The Coordinator of the Brazilian Center for Latin America Studies lectured on this unity of the Memorial, which is responsible not only for research, but for the creation of a cathedra dedicated to the studies about the region, and also for the Vitor Civita Library. He spoke also about the “Sementeira Project” (Sowing project - dedicated to plant seeds of reading among children and young), the Memorial Memory project, 15 years of Mercosur, and interviews with the presidents.

After welcomed the assistants, the Manager of the IFLA Regional Office suggested that the group should take advantage of the meeting to submit proposals and recommendations targeted to a cooperation work with the Memorial which, among other things, would strengthen both the library and the Studies Center by adding the published material produced in the countries, especially those represented in the meeting. Because a force majeure reason forced her to leave the meeting, she passed the chairing of the Table to María Elena Zapata, a former-President and currently a Correspondent Member of IFLA Section for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Marcia Rossetto, President of FEBAB - Brazilian Federation of Library Associations and Institutions - as the Brazilian representative in the meeting, presented an overview of the book and the reading and, especially, the latest government measures such as the setting-up of the Book National Plan and the Viva Leitura projects.

Next, publishers from the Sao Paulo State Official Universities - USP, UNESP and UNICAMP - explained about the
publishing policies and publication programs adopted by those universities, including promotion actions like the Annual Fair, which offers discounts of up to 80%. They invited the attendees to visit the stands of their respective universities in the International Book Biennial.

Ana María Peruchena, in representation of Argentina, presented the database set up by the Argentine Book Chamber, which includes the contemporary literary production in the country. She suggested that, if necessary, the same format should be used by the different countries in the region to set up in the Memorial a reference center for the Latin American countries.

Gloria Rodríguez, in representation of Colombia, presented an overview of the development of libraries and how they have, over the last years, received an important incentive and support from public and private institutions. She made reference to the main programs, including the Reading and Libraries National Plan, besides some of the most outstanding actions, e.g., the development of BIBLIORED including three big libraries in Bogotá. She also made a reference to the Leer Libera and Libros al Viento campaigns. She highlighted that, within the scope of that Plan, one of the new libraries was funded by Japan.

Elsa Ramírez, from Mexico, provided news about the reading promotion plans, the incentive to the creation of reading circles, campaigns for audiovisual means, and new strategies that incorporate family participation, and also emphasized the definition of reading as a pleasant activity. The action of the country goes beyond its own frontiers by means of the services provided to Mexican immigrants in the United States.

César Castro, from Peru, presented some data about his country, emphasizing the language diversity in the population, 30%-40% of which is of indigenous origin. He made a reference to the newly enacted Book Law and the set-up of the National Book Council; two actions of high relevance in a country that ranks the last among 41 countries surveyed (PISA Study - Program for International Student Assessment), regard the levels of reading understanding of the population. He provided information about the growing number of public booths installed to provide access to the internet, a private initiative first step that is catering for a demand from the population and is driving the users away from the public libraries because they lack this type of technological resources.

Costa Rica representative, Alice Miranda, informed about the book production in her country from a historical perspective. She referred to a current problem in her country, related to the fact that, traditionally, the white population was prioritized as predominant model, which was reflected in the production of published material, and she said that only recently a change was detected in such a situation with the publication of rural and indigenous literature.

Mercedes Falconí, from Ecuador, spoke about the concentration of libraries in the main cities of her country, e.g., Quito, the capital city, Guayaquil, and Cuenca. There is no State policy regarding incentives to the Book, the reading habits, and the development of libraries; in addition, the reading plans implemented so far have fundamentally driven to the promotion of publishing activities rather that to the promotion of reading. She referred to a project targeted to the development of the library sector in the Amazon Morona Santiago State. She finished her presentation with a lecture about the importance of an interaction between libraries, bookstores and schools. She introduced Mrs. Lucía Montenegro, the President of the Morona Santiago City Hall's Sponsorship agency, who had been invited in virtue of her special interest in the promotion of book and reading.

Olinda Gómez, from El Salvador, offered information about the geographical, historical and demographic situation of her country. She referred to the incipient development of libraries and the effort recently made to set up 14 public libraries, relying on international technical and financial support.

Stella Maris Fernández, from Argentina, provided information about the activities implemented by the Bibliotecological Research Society: their publications, e.g., the magazine Infodiversidad, conferences, book releases, and the Book Rock (La Peña del Libro) whose monthly meetings gather as many as 50-60 attendees on the average.

Loly D’Elia and María Elena Zapata, from Venezuela, provided an overview of the situation in their country, including the actions implemented by the Book Bank and by the National Library to create and development the networks of Public and School Libraries. They referred to the role of incentive and the promotion of reading and the production of books and other materials, played by the public and private sector institutions, e.g., the publication Forging Readers by the Book Bank, which includes a series of 14 titles about a number of topics related with the promotion of the book and reading and is very helpful for the training of reading mediators.

All of the representatives handed out catalogs of the publications in their countries, as well as a few samples of their book production, to be incorporate into the collections of the Memorial's library.

During the meeting closing activity, proposals and recommendations were submitted by the attendees, including the following ones:

- That each country in the region should set up, in a compatible format, a database including their publications in order to make up a reference collection about the topic in the Memorial Library.

- To take advantage of the existing resources and mechanisms in the region (Databases like INFOBILA), to promote the gathering and
dissemination of the book production in the different countries, as well as the inclusion of a subject related to the culture of the region in the university courses.

- To promote the implementation of internships for librarians from the different countries of the region in the Library of the Memorial, with the purpose of enriching, through their participation, the collection by including the book production of their corresponding countries, contributing, at the same time that, to the training and professional refreshing of such librarians.

- To change the Memorial Library into a Repository Center for the collection on Latin America outstanding topics.

- That the Latin America Memorial should sponsor and host the 3rd Meeting of Indigenous Libraries in Latin America, relying on the support from IFLA-LAC and FEBAB.

- To propose a regional project for the identification, systematizing, and dissemination of successful experiences of libraries and reading promotion projects in the region.

- To use the Memorial Website to foster a permanent cooperation and exchange between the countries of the region.

The meeting was closed by the speech addressed by the President of the Memorial whose words of thank highlighted in a special manner the participation of all representatives from the many Latin American countries, as well as the donations of samples and catalogs which will certainly be of great utility in the activities of the LAM library. (Maria Elena Zapata, Venezuela and May Brooking Negrão, Brazil)

XVI ENDOCOM - Communication Sciences Information Meeting

Paper submission period was opened for the XVI ENDOCOM - Communication Sciences Information Meeting, due to be held at the University of Brasília on September 08-09 2006, during the 29th INTERCOM's Brazilian Congress of Communication Sciences.

Endocom theme this year is: “The role of the State in free access digital libraries projects within the scope of Communication Sciences.”

You are invited to apply directly at the Intercom website: http://www.intercom.org.br

Meetings in Fortaleza, State of Ceará. Brazil

Sponsored by IFLA/LAC, the Workshop “Design and Analysis of Projects, a Logical Framework Focus” was held on days 20th, 21st and 22nd, at Public Library Gov. Menezes Pimental, in Fortaleza, led by Maria Holmvist This workshop included a rather busy agenda of activities besides a rich and interesting documentation. The workshop was based on the analysis of the project “Civic Knowledge Common Bases - BCCC.”

On March, the IFLA/LAC Workshop under the theme “the action of the information professional in the contemporary society” was offered in the same Library, under the responsibility of the Public Library and IFLA/LAC, relying on the support provided by the Federal University of Ceará, the Librarianship Regional Council, CRB, and the Association of Librarians of Ceará. The meeting took place concurrently with the celebration of the 139th anniversary of the Library. The celebration started with a beautiful cultural performance provided by Quinteto de Cordas (String Quintet) of the Eleazar de Carvalho Orchestra. The official opening was hosted by Fabiano dos Santos, Coordinator of the Book and Collection Policies of Ceara Culture Secretariat (Secult), who spoke about the “Fostering and Democratization of the Access to Book and Reading.” Next, the following speakers talked about the institutions they were representing in the event: Elizabet de Carvalho, Manager of IFLA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean; Maria Isabel Franca, President of the IFLA/LAC Section and IFLA VIII Division; Gunilla Natvig, director of IFLA/ALP Program, Célia Ribeiro Zaher, Director of Memory of the World Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean; Souad Hubert, Head of the International Relationships Service at Paris Information Public Library (Georges Pompidou Center), Ana Maria Perruchena from Argentina and Araceli García Martin, from the Spanish Agency of International Cooperation on cultural affairs.

In the afternoon session, lecturers spoke on the topic “Libraries in the Latin America and the Caribbean” under the moderation by Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil); Filiberto Felipe M. Arellano (Mexico) Elizabet Watson (Barbados) Marie-Francoise Bernabé (Martinique) Blanca Hodge (St. Maarten) Gloria Rodríguez (Colombia) and Loly Hernández de D'Elia (Venezuela).

And, finally, acting as moderator, Ana María Perruchena (Argentina); Mercedes Falconi (Ecuador), Stella Maris Fernández (Argentina), Doris Samanez (Perú) Elsa Ramírez (Mexico), César Castro (Peru), Olinda Gómez (El Salvador) and Alice Miranda (Costa Rica).

Meeting of the Latin America and the Caribbean Permanent Committee in Fortaleza: The meeting held the 24th and the 25th in the same Public Library, kindly hosted by the authorities of the place, addressed the agenda of the Section, and also the activity to be developed during the Section Forum and during the Forum of the VIII Division in the Conference to be held in August in
Seoul, and analyzed the status of the projects approved by ALP, and assessed the new projects submitted. On Sunday 26th, the governor of the State kindly invited all participants to a one-day outing to Canoa Quebrada, an opportunity that allowed the guests to enjoy the beauty of the region, its wonderful beaches and landscape.

(Stella Maris Fernandez, IFLA/LAC RO Advisor)

Paraíba receives more 64 rural mini-libraries

Paraíba received, last week, 64 rural mini-libraries, from the Ministry of the Agrarian Development's Trunk of Books Project (Projeto Arca das Letras), for the benefit of more than 6 thousand farmworker families. 128 new reading agents were also awarded a diploma in the State. Set up in land reform settlements, family agriculture communities, and in areas included in the Agriculture Financing National Program, each library relies on a collection of 230 books organized and classified covering the areas of literature, education, environment, health, agriculture and citizenship. Library were built in the municipal districts of Livramento, Patos and Esperança by the Agrarian Reordering General Office, the Agriculture Financing National Program, and the MDA Federal Agency in Paraíba, Banco do Brasil/BB “No Hunger Program”, Center of Support to Belenense Activities, and city halls in the area. Arca das Letras consolidates the Action Line 1.3 in the PNLL – Plano Nacional do Livro e da Leitura (Book and Reading National Plan) “Winning New Reading Spaces” within the Democratizing Access Axis.

Cerlalc supports an agenda for discussions about copyright

Moving forward with the commitment to change the Iberian-American continent into a privileged space for the circulation of knowledge and cultural products capable to reflect the diversity found in the region, the UNESCO-linked Cerlalc Executive Committee (Regional Centre for the Promotion of Books in Latin America and the Caribbean), chaired by Brazilian Galeno Amorim, approved in February the 2006 technical program. One of the main goals is to foment the set up of the political agenda for the discussion of copyright in Latin America, providing technical support for the definition and updating of the book legislations and the consolidation of discussion forums, as well as to the generation of researches to subsidize both governmental and private entities as far as this theme is concerned. Another priority includes the building of strategic alliances to strengthen the Latin-American integration.

Cerlalc meeting was attended by the representatives of: Brazil, Galeno Amorim; Colombia, Juaná Díaz Tafur, Mary Giraldo, and Marfa Claudia Parias; Chile, Carolina Rivas and Jorge Montealegre Iturra; Cuba, Jorge Timossi; Honduras, José Antonio Puzen; Spain, Rogelio Blanco; Mexico, Raúl Jaime Zorrilla; Venezuela, Marcos Velásquez and Miguel Márquez; and from UNESCO, Georges Poussin.

IV Librarianship Congress, Rio de Janeiro May 19-20, 2006

The IV Librarianship Congress was held in Rio de Janeiro, May 19-20 2006, at Hotel Mirador, Copacabana, RJ, Brazil. The 4th edition of this event relied on the scientific coordination of librarian Ligia Paixão (Coordinator of the Librarianship Course at Santa Ursula University-USU and President of CRB/7). The theme of the Congress was: We are Librarians: what our profession means, and how important it is in the society. Homage was paid to: Maria Imaculada Sampaio - Coordinator of the São Paulo University Psychology Department’s Library and Coordinator of REBAP - a Network of Psychology Libraries; and the company Thomson Galé (scientific and institutional homage).

Speakers included: Clarice M. de Souza, Jaime Antunes da Silva (Director of the National Archives), Elizabeth Carvalhal (Manager of IFLA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean), Maria Imaculada Sampaio, Ana Pavan, Auta Barreto, Flavita Rabelo Corrêa, and Maria Isabel da Franca (President of IFLA Regional Activities Division and IFLA Section for Latin America and the Caribbean). Lectures covered topics of interest for the librarians and for the Librarianship students who attended the congress. This event has already taken roots in Rio de Janeiro, and has been included in the schedule of events in the area. (Ligia Paixão – Scientific Coordinator )

11th National Reading Program (Proler) International Meeting

Under the theme “Book and Reading: argument & experiences” the 11th International Proler Meeting was held at the National Library Foundation - FBN on May 3-4 2006, relying on the participation of specialists from Colombia, Argentina and Brazil. During the opening session, Prof. Muniz Sodré, President of FBN, highlighted the importance of reactivating the PROLER Program, together with PNLL – Book and Reading National Program, which is in itself a Brazilian public policy plan, seeing that PROLER is more than a reading program, it is an example of life and indefatigable citizenship exercise. It grew inside and on the outside. It is both verticalized and horizontalized, because the program relies on a team of educators and cultural mediators who combine competence with tenacity.

Ms. Célia Portela, FBN Executive-Director, talked about the support from the Ministry of Education-MEC and the Ministry of Culture-MINC to this program and also about the importance of bringing together those people committed to such important theme for Latin America. Eliane Pujol,
PROLER Director, talked about the objectives of the Program, namely to contribute to improving the access to reading through the Public Libraries, School Libraries, and Reading Rooms. Through the National Public Libraries System, the Brazilian government is currently implementing 404 new Public Libraries in those municipal districts where no libraries were available.

(Maria Isabel da Franca, IFLA/LAC President)

**XIV National Seminar for University Libraries – SNBU**
October 22-27 2006, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

Theme: Free access to scientific information and university libraries.

Congress Chairperson, SNBU Chairperson, the Director of the Federal University of Bahia’s Central Library, and the Organizing Committee of the event invite our colleagues from university libraries in Latin America and the Caribbean, especially Library Directors, to attend the Seminar.

More information: [www.snbu2006.ufba.br](http://www.snbu2006.ufba.br)

**Seminar on the Importance of Reading for Disadvantaged People (ALP Project 349)**

The seminar was held at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro-UNIRIO on April 10 2006, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, relying on the participation of 200 attendees and representatives from IFLA, from the State General Office for Culture / Public Library Directorate, from the State General Office for Prison Treatment, from the Librarianship School, and the representative of UNIRIO President Prof. Malvina Tuttman.

Event Coordination was under the responsibility of Prof. Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa. This seminar completed ALP project 349’s last stage.

**3rd Latin-American Seminar for Latin America Librarians Associations (ALP Project 371)**
April 19-21, 2006, Buenos Aires

The Seminar was jointly organized by ABGRA and IFLA Section for Latin America and the Caribbean (IFLA/LAC) sponsored by ALP’s Program and relied on the participation of chairpersons from national associations and schools, councils, and federation of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay. Attendees also included the president of the American Library Association - ALA, Lelie Burguer, besides Argentinean librarians and professors, CUIB representative, and the Manager of IFLA Regional Office for LAC.

Participants had an opportunity to attend the 3rd. Librarians Meeting Closing Session and also the opening of the Book Fair.

**1st Latin-American Symposium on Public Libraries and 13th National Meeting of the National Public Libraries System**
June 5-8 2006, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The event was sponsored by the National Library Foundation with the theme: “The role of public library in the citizen's social and cultural development”.

The Opening Session was attended by the Brazilian Minister of Culture, the Ministry of Culture's Cultural Policies Secretary, Rio de Janeiro State Secretaries for Education and Culture, Rio de Janeiro City Secretary for Culture, the President of the National Library Foundation (FBN), FBN Executive Director, and the Coordinator of the Public Libraries System.

During the opening ceremony, diplomas and public library implantation kits were delivered to the mayors of approximately 250 Brazilian cities.

The meeting gathered a large number of people, including system directors from Colombia and Chile, besides coordinators of state systems. The report, recommendations and papers presented in the meeting are available on the FBN website.

**CHILE**

**Opening of the new Santiago de Chile Library**

The Santiago’s Library was opened last November 11, a project devised by President Ricardo Lagos Escobar, implemented by the Libraries, Archives, and Museums Directorate, with the purpose of offering a modern and efficient public library service to the community of the Metropolitan Region, as a pilot and experimental service for the development of other regional libraries in the country.

The 22,000 m² of the project offer new modes of assistance and innovative services: a wide assistance timetable, including the weekends; digital reference services, audiovisual collections, novelty services; seven rooms provided with open bookcases for consultation to books, magazines and newspapers, including collections targeted to children, youth, reference books, general, literature and books for overage readers; computer rooms provided with the necessary to train users in the new information and communication technologies (ICT); equipment to watch movies, documentaries, and enjoy music cds; spaces designed for studying, reading and technological training; interlibrary loan machines; full access
to all services designed for disabled people; conference rooms, multi-functional auditorium; exhibition room; permanent program for fostering reading and extension.

In short, technology and services for disabled people is present in all rooms in the library. They will have computers with access to the Internet and digital collections, besides spoken books, XL books, and books in Braille for visually impaired, and infrastructure for physically disabled people. Each room is provided with plasma screens for informing the visitor about activities taking place inside the Library, spaces to listen to music CDs, to watch DVDs, or to be comfortably seated to read.

Santiago’s Library is designed to meet the demands of a Region comprising more than six million inhabitants with ever-growing demand for access to reading and information. The Metropolitan Region population will have full access to the library, in view of the variety of services and the proximity to a wide transports network. The proximity of such building to other spaces of similar character like museums, parks, culture and student centers, will contribute to the revitalization of the west sector of the capital city.

In its first month of operation the Library received 100,000 users approximately, relying on nearly 5,000 members and 10,000 home loans which although not representative of the impact of this library, in view of the large number of visitors, may give an idea of the size of the impact on the citizens.

(Correo Bibliotecario, Madrid, Spain, January/February 2006)

Clara Budnik Farewell Letter

“Together with my warmest greeting, I want to inform you that my period as Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums is coming to an end. According to Chilean administrative tradition, a new President receives the resignation of all high members of the work team of the past President, Ministers, Under Ministers, Directors of Services, etc.

So, as on March 11th swears the new President, Michelle Bachelet – a woman for the first time in the history of Chile – all the high members of the work team of President Lagos are resigning today to their position.

I have enjoyed my tenure and appreciate the opportunity to have known you. Thank you for the support you have provided to the Institution during my time at Dibam.

Past President Lagos has asked me to collaborate with him as Executive Director of the Foundation for Progress and Democracy that he is creating.

I will let you know my new address and e-mail through which we can keep in touch.

Thanks again for everything!

Yours truly” Clara Budnik.

ECUADOR

Pilot Library in the Ecuadorian Amazonia enters an agreement with the government of Morona Santiago State and SINAB

Under the motto “Without education no development is possible”, the Government of the State of Morona Santiago, in the Ecuadorian Amazonia, will execute, on June 3 2006, a special agreement with the Ecuador National Libraries System, SINAB.

This deed is part of a mega-project: this Amazon state benefited from the international consultancy of María Elena Zapata and other Venezuelan experts to create a Network of Libraries in the Ecuadorian Amazonia. A network that comprises both virtual and formal libraries.

This Agreement, which includes a significant donation of books, will be executed during a formal ceremony in the city of Macas, the capital of the County.

This agreement relies on the direct and explicit support of the Minister for Education, Raúl Vallejo; and the Governor of the State, Jaime Mejía Reinoso.

The creation of this pilot Library, which will include an open zone (Internet connection room) and a series of didactic games, is also an effort to foster a pioneering event: the declaration of the period between June 2006 and June 2007 as the “Year of the Amazon Boy”. An adequate framework to foster reading the set-up of libraries and the training of librarians in a Region that has been traditionally excluded.

(Mercedes Falconi, SC IFLA/LAC)

GUATEMALA

Guatemala Librarianship Association - ABG

Activities carried out

October 28 2005

The Executive Board ABG 2005-2006 submitted its cultural and educational work plan during the First Assembly of Members, with the purpose of strengthening the ethical sense within the Library Science profession in Guatemala.

Emphasis was placed on the mission, vision and principles of the association; the same principles that will give form to the basic objective: making big our Association by exercising such principles as freedom, participation and service.

In opening this assembly, Mr. Ivan Díaz Valdez, delivered the lecture “Quality in the service.”
Website

The Guatemala Bibliotecnology Association's Web page was designed with the purpose of making it known both in the country and abroad and also to keep contact with other associations in order to share experiences and learn about their activities related to the library environment. 
The Website address is:
http://es.geocities.com/asiaciondebibliotecarios/index.htm

Panel - Forum: The Book and Its Protagonists

Held on April 24 at the Metropolitan University Center, as part of the book day celebrations. The panel-forum was led by M.A Mérida, who talked about the process that gives life to the book and was moderated by Ms. Marta L. Marroquín.

The event started with the writer's vision, which included a comment about the challenges and the responsibility contained within writing and publishing a book, especially when paradigms are questioned. Following, Engineer Anaceto Medina, Secretary of USAC University Press's Publishing Council, lectured about the objectives and the selection policies applied to publish a book; he stressed the importance of the currency and up-to-dateness of the work, the target public, and the economic viability for publishing a book; Doctor Gretel Pasch presented the focus of the librarian, with an emphasis on the influence of the technology as a tool to improve the performance of a library; Professor Luis Alarcón Fernández talked about the pleasure of reading, which often becomes a passion between the writer and the reader; and in closing the event, Doctor Edgar Gutierrez Mendoza addressed the topic “What a Classical book is all about?” following Italo Calvino's criteria. I pinpoint in his lecture the sentence “Classical books are those books that carry over to us the marks left by all readings that preceded our own reading”.

The questions and comments from the audience focused on the little literary production in the country and on the need of fostering the reading habit.

April 29 and May 6 2006

A Workshop on how to design a Web Page was planned. This workshop aimed at all those who work in information units and the students from the University of San Carlos de Guatemala's Bibliotecnology School. Attendees included non-governmental entities, librarians from information units of private universities, governmental entities and university students.

Coming activities

The First Bibliotecnology Day Session, Coordinated by the Guatemala Bibliotecnology Association, will be held in Guatemala on June 21-23 2006 with the topic: Bibliometry and its application in the bibliotecnology environment.

This Day Session is the first of three planned sessions. The purpose is to qualify information professionals to cope with the new changes that are developing in the information units to improve the intellectual development of the country, placing emphasis on the management of institutional and governmental knowledge, as well as on the set-up of research tools and the design and implementation of standards for the development of the bibliotecnology environment. The coming day sessions will include such topics as: Knowledge Management in Information Units (July), Information policies (August).

MARTINIQUE

KOLIBRIS – online catalog

From now, the collections of Martinique, Guadeloupe and French West Indies Guyana University libraries are accessible by one OPAC, who's name is KOLIBRIS
http://www.univ-ag.fr/buag
or http://kolibris.univ-ag.fr
(Marie-Françoise Bernabé, SC IFLA/LAC)

MEXICO

International Dublin Core and Metadata Applications Conference (AD-2006)
October 3-6 2006, Manzanillo, Colima, Mexico

We have the pleasure to announce that, for the first time in Latin America, the International Dublin Core and Metadata Applications Conference (AD-2006) will take place in the period of October 3-6).

This year the AD-2006 will bring specialists from all over the world, both from the academic environment and from the professional sector in different information-related areas (e-Government, e-learning, libraries and digital archives, etc.), including representatives of international organizations, public institutions, and from corporate environments, thereby, of course, generating a significant local critical mass.

Don't miss it!

Congreso Dublin Core y Metadatos
October 3-1 6 2006
Manzanillo, Colima, Mexico
Organizad by: Dublin Core
Advisory Board y Universidad de Colima
http://dc2006.ucol.mx

Opening of Jose Vasconcelos library

After José Vasconcelos library was officially opened last Tuesday, Mexico will have the biggest collection of Ibero-
American books in one single space. A few days ago the first four volumes were added: part of the «Complete Work» of Sister Juana Inés de la Cruz, one of the symbols of Mexican literature. After the texts by the so-called «Tenth Muse», other books by the thinker after whom the building was named were added. As the Head of the Public Education General Office, he implemented a titanic educational project in the country during the 1930’s.

To start with, the Vasconcelos library’s collection will include half a million volumes which will be increased within a ten-year period to nearly two millions titles. The space of the building includes one languages center, study rooms, virtual museum, multimedia room, conference rooms, auditory (with a 520-seat capacity), sound library, and a room specially designed for the children. Culture-related authorities estimate that the José Vasconcelos library will be able to provide services to some five thousand users simultaneously and to as many as 4.5 million visitors a year.

The institution occupies a land surface of more than 37,000 square meters. Out of this total, 11,000 square meters correspond to the library itself, and the remaining area is occupied by the botanical garden. About one thousand million pesos (some seventy million Euros) have been invested so far in this enterprise.

The architectural project, signed by Alberto Kalach, highlights the placement of the bookcase that will bear nearly one thousand tons of books literally on the air. The skeleton of a gray whale, reconstructed by Gabriel Orozco, will also receive the visitors hanging from the roof. «This novelty may raise an ecological awareness because such whales were about to become extinct a few years ago and a lot of work is still to be done», the artist explained.

The president of the National Culture Council (Conaculta), Sari Bermúdez, said «this library is the brain that will bring together all municipal and state public libraries in the country; we have planned to cover 40% of its space with all new technologies».

The concept of the 21st Century Vasconcelos library (because the previous national library already takes the author’s name) includes an open space where the user can walk freely through the levels of the building as they search for the book they are looking for on the hanging bookcases. According to Jorge Von Ziegler, responsible for the General Libraries Directorate, «any user will be able to reach any corner of the library and take the book they need or see which other books are available».

The new Vasconcelos will focus, especially, on the works currently in circulation in the market, while the old building at La Ciudadela will remain as preservation library.

UNESCO’s general director, Koichiro Maatsuura, who visited the building together with president Fox, assured: «I have visited many libraries around the world and this is doubtlessly one of the most impressive I have ever seen».

2nd Congress of the Mexico’s National Librarian School

The 2nd Congress of the Mexico’s National Librarian School was held in the city of La Paz, Baja California, on February 16-18 2006, under the main theme “Importance of accreditation and certification in the development of the librarian profession”. The purpose of this congress was to define the participation of the professional schools in the development of the accreditation processes for professionals as well as in the library processes. Masterful lectures, presentations, and round tables were offered, relying on the participation of Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo and Estela Morales Campos, among other distinguished librarians.

(Feliberto F. Martinez Arellano, SC IFLA/LAC Secretary)

3rd Hispanic-Mexican Seminar on Biblioteology and Documention Research

On March 29-31 2006, the 3rd Hispanic-Mexican Seminar on Biblioteology and Documention Research was held at the Librarianship Research University Center (CUIB) of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) under the theme “Trends in the Biblioteology and Documentation Research in Mexico and Spain”.

The purpose of the seminar was to look over the current research lines in Spain and Mexico universities within the biblioteology, the documentation and the information sciences environments, with a view to proposing future researches, either individual or joint, thereby providing movability and exchange between researchers, professors, and postgraduate students in both countries. This seminar, organized by CUIB and UNAM’s Library and Information Science Postgraduate Studies, relied also on the participation of researchers and professors from Universidad Complutense de Madrid, the University of Zaragoza, the University of Granada, the University of Extremadura, and the University of Alcalá. Topics addressed included: Organizing the documentation; Library Policies and Services; Users; Education and training; Research and evaluation; Reading; Archivology and documentation in the media.

(Feliberto F. Martinez Arellano, SC IFLA/LAC Secretary)

XXXVII Mexican Librarianship Journeys

Under the theme “Half century of Mexican Librarianship Journeys and its impact on the national development,” the Mexican Librarians Association, C. A., sponsored the XXXVII Mexican Librarianship Journeys, which took place on May 3-5, 2006, in Tlaquepaque, Jalisco. The program of this event
relied on the participation of distinguished Mexican librarians like Rosa María Fernández de Zamora, Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo, Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano, Estela Morales Campos, Jesús Lai Noriega, and Álvaro Quijano Solís. Topics addressed during the event included: the day sessions and their impact on the national biblioteology; users; bibliographical catalogs; printed collections and digital documents; library information services and the development thereof; library normalization; physical facilities in information units.

(Felixberto F. Martínez Arellano, SC IFLA/LAC Secretary)

II International Cataloguing Meeting

The Librarianship Research University Center (CUIB) and UNAM, jointly with the National Library of Mexico and the National Library of Peru, are organizing the II International Cataloguing Meeting under the theme “Trends in the theory and practice of bibliographical cataloguing.” This event will take place at CUIB facilities in Mexico City, on September 12-14, 2006. Objectives include: sharing and exchanging experiences about catalogology theory and practice in Latin America libraries and in other foreign countries; discussing the trends in cataloguing within the framework of the new information technologies and in the light of the revisions in the international cataloguing principles; fostering participation in such programs as cataloguing cooperation and authority control in the international environment; setting up cataloguing rules, resources and procedures and authority control in a cooperative way; discussing the profile for training librarians in the areas of cataloguing and information organization. Barbara Tillett, President of IFLA Division IV Bibliographical Control, is expected to be the keynote speaker.

(Felixberto F. Martínez Arellano, SC IFLA/LAC Secretary)

Master’s degree in Librarianship and Information Studies online

The Librarianship Research University Center, the Philosophy and Arts School, and the National Autonomous University of Mexico’s Distance Education Coordination have driven the creation of a distance master’s degree in biblioteology and information studies, which started operating last April.

The first generation of this program includes 34 librarians coming from several states of Mexico and one student from Colombia. The program relies on an e-learning platform designed by computer science, biblioteology, and education specialists from CUIB, and is operated by CUIB staff. In addition, it also relies on UNAM’s distance bibliographical resources and on INFOBILA Database, which is currently undergoing a transformation from a database to a digital library specialized in biblioteology and information studies. This will mean a great support in this type of educational programs.

(Felixberto F. Martínez Arellano, SC IFLA/LAC Secretary)

Adolfo Rodriguez Appointments

In the March 16th meeting, IFLA Board of Directors appointed Adolfo Rodríguez to be the President of the Advisory Board to the Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) whose term will span from March 2006 to August 2007. He was also appointed to join the consulting group on the management of the resources assigned by SIDA (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency) to IFLA.

(Felixberto F. Martínez Arellano, SC IFLA/LAC Secretary)

Roger Chartier in Mexico

Roger Chartier will be the keynote speaker at the “International Reading Meeting in the Region of Latin America and the Caribbean” (ALP Project 377). This project, coordinated by Elsa Ramírez (Mexico), is part of the world reading survey that is being carried out by IFLA Reading Section. The questionnaire is currently being translated into Spanish and Portuguese so as to be applied, and as soon as the results are available they will be presented at an International Meeting due to be held at the University Center for Librarianship Research in the autumn of 2007.

(Felixberto F. Martínez Arellano, SC IFLA/LAC Secretary)

NICARAGUA

Nicaraguan Librarians and Related Professionals Association (ANIBIPA) in action......

World campaign for libraries: Nicaragua

ANIBIPA set off the actions oriented to the promotion of the campaign for libraries in a concrete way last year 2005, by submitting the Campaign project during the IV Meeting of University Libraries held on November 17 2005 in the auditorium of UNAM’s “Carlos Fonseca Amador” University Compound, and also during the I National Meeting of INC’s Public Libraries Network Librarians, held at Hotel Las Mercedes, on December 14 2005. That same year, a Campaign adhesion agreement was entered by signing the agreement with ALA to use the emblem of the campaign. Information about the campaign and recording mechanisms has also been incorporated to the campaign on website: www.anibipa.org.ni.

In March 2006, the Campaign Committee was officially set up, formed by one authority or representative from each outstanding sector of libraries, networks and information units that agree to be added to this effort coordinated by ANIBIPA. On March 17, relying on the support of the American University Library, UAM, the I Workshop of Library Promoters was held, including the participation of 20 delegates from the first eleven libraries that joined the campaign. On April 28, the Campaign for Libraries was officially launched, which in Nicaragua became: Campaign: Nicaragua. This launching took place at the Nicaragua Central Bank's
Presidents Hall and was attended by distinguished guests from the cultural and governmental sectors, distinguished honorary members of the Campaign, librarians, documentarians, archivists. On May 23, the II Workshop of Library Promoters was held, including the participation of Librarians from the Public Libraries Sector.

Access to public information

The Public Information Access Law Promoting Group, including several entities from the civil society, some governmental entities, and ANIBIPA, formally submitted to the National Assembly and members of the Justice Commission of the Assembly its first contributions to the law during the Forum “Access to Information” that was held on February 22 2006. Said contributions were personally delivered by the President of our Association to the Legal Adviser to the president of the Assembly. Special guests to this event included Mr. Alejandro Alfonso, Regional Communication and Information Advisor for Latin America and The Caribbean; and Christian González, UNESCO Regional Communication and Information Sector Multicountry Office for Central America and Mexico; and Carte Center's lecturer, Ms. Laura Newman and Cecilia Azuara from IFAI Mexico.

The contributions submitted were generated by the consultation and analysis process carried out by the Promoting Group jointly with a number of sectors and agencies so as to improve the law, in an attempt to make it viable and applicable in the Nicaraguan reality.

It is relevant to point out that prior to the submission of the contributions referred to above, ANIBIPA was one of the civil society entities to submit its contributions to the Justice Commission, generated during the I Law Analysis and Discussion Workshop held on March 2005, which included the participation of a total of 60 attendees, including librarians, documentarians and archivists from several entities.

It is worthy highlighting that ANIBIPA has sustained a belligerent participation in the Law Promoting Group, trying to emphasize that if a bigger effectiveness of the law is to be achieved, it is also necessary to invest time, resources and efforts in the organization and attention to the administrative archives of the public entities and that this law should reflect the relationship and the link with such entities.

Information Society Summit follow-up mechanisms

ANIBIPA, also a member of the Nicaraguan Information Society for All Committee, CONIPROSIT, attended the National Workshop “Information Society Summit Follow-up Mechanisms,” held on February 21 2006 in the Auditorium of the American University, UAM, with the purpose of setting up actions designed to fulfill the e-LAC-2007 Action Plan. www.coniprosit.org.ni

A product of the participation of the workshop attending librarians, the follow-up Plan resulting from the event includes actions and commitments for the library, archive, and museum sectors. The attending librarians and most of the members of the ANIBIPA Board of Directors attending the workshop took part in several work Groups, according to their interests. Most of them attended Group 4 meetings, dealing with the Media, Digital Heritage, and Access to Information.

During the workshop, librarians and archivists highlighted that, when speaking about the information society, libraries and archives may not be left aside. Therefore, libraries and archives have to be included both in the plan and in the document resulting from the event, seeing that talking about the “information society” implies the whole, and the plan should reflect such populations as the actual structures they are. As a matter of fact, they are the ones that provide services to the majority of the users of information, especially those from underprivileged sectors, which is compatible with the Action Plan and with the principles of the CMSI document. It was also pointed out that one cannot speak of educational, scientific and research development if the libraries are not included.

In relation to this topic, it is worthy mentioning that in the 2005 the association sponsored two events oriented to introducing the IS topic. “The Seminar TICs Use and Application” (July) in the information units, and the first “Workshop on Libraries and Archives” (October), developed with a high level of participation and attendance. The Seminar “TICs Use and Application,” on the one hand, with the objective of getting to know the various types of applicable technologies and systems and identifying digital products generated by the library system available in the country in the governmental, educational and cultural sectors, and on the other hand the workshop, designed to discuss and exchange views about the plan, principles and aspects related to the CMSI document and identifying challenges to the country's documentary sector.

National Librarians Meeting, 2005

2005's activities developed by ANIBIPA came to a close with the V National Meeting of Librarians and Related Professionals under motto “Organizing Libraries and Information Services for the Nicaraguan Society.” This event is held every year, always framed within the celebration of the Nicaraguan Librarian's Day. The Meeting was held on November 10-11.

The Meeting attendees were offered a varied program that included workshops, lectures delivered by voluntary specialist working in the country, who addressed the new role of
librarians, and speakers presenting their experiences with projects of new libraries in the country. The event also provided two important workshops: on the topics Motivation and Management, and Promotion of reading, led by Ms. Nonia Almendárez and by Ms. Patricia Blandón, respectively.

The event was closed with a special cultural program dedicated to the librarians on the librarians’ day, and also to ANIBIPA Founding Members, special guests in the Meeting.

The success achieved by the event would have not been possible without the unconditional support provided by the authorities from the Commercial Sciences University, UCC, and the Unan-León Libraries System, as well as the support provided by ANIBIPA affiliated members and the libraries in charge of handing-out materials and publications.

Concurrently to the event, the ANIBIPA held its Affiliates Annual Meeting, during which the Activities Report corresponding to the 2004-2005 period was presented; candidates were chosen to supply vacant positions in the Board of Directors, necessary to complete the Board for the current 2004-2006 period. New members include: Rosa Argentina Aguilar, President; Darling Vallecillo, Vice-President; Odily Jiménez, Minutes Secretary; Nora Zavala, Organization Secretary; Yadira Roque, Finances Secretary; Mayra Miranda, National and International Relationships Secretary, Martha Rebeca Doña, Professional Upgrade Secretary; Nubia López, First Spokesperson; and Mayra Palacios, Second Spokesperson.

Posthumous acknowledgment to ANIBIPA founding librarians.

During the V Librarians Meeting a posthumous acknowledgment was paid to fellow librarians who gave an important contribution to Librarianship in our country. These include: Orfita Báez, Elba Lucía Reyes, René Rodríguez Masís, Angelita Incer and Doña Aminta Montoya. (Yadira Roque A., Treasury Secretary ANIBIPA)

PERU

Meeting of bibliotecnology schools

Under the title Meeting of Bibliotecnology Education and Research in Latin America and the Caribbean: Bibliotecnology professional education and the challenges of the information society, meeting will be held in Lima on November 6-8, organized by the EAP Bibliotecnology and Information Sciences, The National University of San Marcos’ School of Languages & Literature and Human Sciences, in celebration of its 25th years (Silver Anniversary) of academic activity. The event relies on the auspices of IFLA/ALP (Project 381) and IFLA/LAC, besides the support provided by the Librarianship Research University Center, CUIB-UNAM, Mexico.

The main objectives of the meeting include the analysis of the current situation and the trends in Bibliotecnology professional and post-professional education in Latin America and the role of the Bibliotecnology Research, and also how to ensure the lines of cooperation and experiences exchange at the level of Bibliotecnology Schools in the Region to face the demands of the 21st Century.

Any one who is interested must contact Ms. Isabel Miranda Meruvia, Director of the National University of San Marcos' Bibliotecnology and Information Sciences School: eapbib@unmsm.edu.pe
(César Castro Aliaga, SC IFLA/LAC, Correspondent Member)

II International Congress on Bibliotecnology and Information

The Bibliotecnologist School of Peru is organizing the II International Congress on Bibliotecnology and Information under the title Information: challenges and threats in the era of knowledge, scheduled to be held in Lima – Peru, on November 13-15 2006. The Congress has been designed for librarians, business people, teachers, researchers, and information specialists in general. The purpose of the Congress is to provide a forum for reflection and awareness regarding the requirements of the new society as regards computer sciences and information abilities and competences any citizen should develop to successfully cope with a globalized and ever-changing world. The program includes academic activities (lectures, report presentations, specialized panels and workshops, etc.), work table on business projects, besides poster session, cultural activities, and homage. Main topics include: information and knowledge management; social role of libraries in the knowledge society, policies for access to information and knowledge, digital agenda for the human development, among others.

Anyone interested in presenting a report should abide by the following rules:

Presentation:
* Author's name and last name in boldfaces and italic
* Name of the institution, address, city, country, telephone, fax, e-mail.

Format of the summary and text of the document:
* Summary should have a maximum of 200 words.
* The text should be sent in electronic format in order to be included on the CD-ROM of the Congress. Text length must be between 3 to 10 pages, justified and including conclusions and bibliographical references. Figures, tables, charts, etc. must be incorporated into the Word document.
* Font size: Arial 12.
* Margins: 2.5cm.
* Paper A4.
Presentations should be accompanied by MS Office Power Point 2000 slides.

Anyone who is interested must contact to the following electronic address: cibi2cbp@gmail.com

Key dates:
Summary submission: June 30
Summaries evaluation: July 14
(César Castro Aliaga, SC IFLA/LAC, Correspondent Member)

Information services manual for indigenous peoples

This is the outcome of the systematization of the experience of the Documentation and Information Center Bolivia, CEDIB, regarding the Community Information Service, SIC, implemented within the scope of project 366 (Training in SIC Model) supported by IFLA/ALP in the year 2005. The systematization was implemented by means of training workshops designed for information workers with indigenous peoples of Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru, countries with a large indigenous population.

CEDIB experience in providing information services was the basis for this Manual, which will doubtlessly be a valuable work tool both for indigenous libraries already in operation and for all leaders interested in providing such services to the indigenous peoples where such services are not available, indeed the large majority. In fact, each people will have the possibility of adapting the manual to their real needs, preserving the principle of free access to information, considered by UNESCO and by IFLA as a human right and a means to improve people's level of life. Anyone interested in further information about the outcomes of this project, please contact María Lohman (coordinator), at the following address: mlohman@albatros.cnj.net
(César Castro Aliaga, SC IFLA/LAC, Correspondent Member)

I National Congress on Public Libraries

The Congress was held in the city of Cuzco-Peru, on April 26-28, organized by the National Library of Peru's National Libraries System (SNB) and the Provincial Municipality of Cuzco, relying on the support provided by national and foreign companies. Congress objectives included, among others, to leverage the decentralization of the National Libraries System by bringing the mayors to commit as strategic allies and fostering the set-up of Regional Coordination Centers with the purpose of sharing resources and experiences. The event had a large attendance, including both the heads of public libraries around the country and municipal authorities, including the mayors of Cuzco Municipalities Network.

Speakers included Marfa Antonia Carrato, Subdirector of Spain Education and Culture Ministry's Library Coordination; Alexandra Sánchez, chief librarian at Queens library's International Resources Center, New York., (teleconference); César Castro, as of IFLA/LAC representative; besides other distinguished speakers from the National Library of Peru and the National Libraries System.

Special reference must be made to the fact that the event attendees unanimously agreed to support the application submitted by the City of Cuzco to UNESCO requesting UNESCO to declare the City of Cuzco as the 2009 WORLD BOOK & READING CAPITAL, on occasion of the 400th anniversary of the edition of the book "Comentarios Reales" by "El Inca" Garcilaso de la Vega, symbol of the Peruvian miscgregation.

Finally, another important activity carried out within the scope of this event was the ceremony for recognition of Cuzco Municipal Library as the National Libraries System's Regional Coordination Center.
For further information: glizana@bnp.go.pe
(César Castro Aliaga, SC IFLA/LAC, Correspondent Member)

Situation of indigenous libraries in Latin America

After a long and patient work, the distinguished Argentinean professor Daniel Canosa has gathered the bibliographical production about library services in indigenous communities, largely based on the projects and activities supported by IFLA/ALP, IFLA/LAC and CUIB-UNAM over the last years. A number of institutions have shown interest in the work and, according the latest messages from Mr. Canosa addressed to IFLA/LAC, the Argentine Ministry of Culture will eventually publishes the work. This relevant work will doubtlessly mean a valuable contribution to the dissemination and establishment of the activities performed in behalf of the library services to indigenous peoples in the region. Most deserved congratulations to prof. Canosa.
(César Castro Aliaga, SC IFLA/LAC, Correspondent Member)

An Adventure among Juvenile Voices

The public library as meeting place; this is the title of a book released last November within the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of Ricardo Palma Public Library. The book includes 22 testimonies from readers who visited the library for over 45 years, from librarians and from family parents.

The book deals basically with the desire of those youths to build a more adequate scenario. Revealing an never-ending
quest for happiness, the testimonies are brief accounts of the
readers’ day by day over the overly long years during which
they visited the neighborhood public library, which left a mark
on their lives, where the role played by the librarian was
critical, full of a limitless social projection that those young
people knew how to take advantage of, supplementing an ideal
binomial: librarian-user. Examples of life narrated with
plainness and gratefulness towards those who guided them in
their library days; their writing fantasies; their hours of reading
and pleasure; youth still in the quest for a better world.
Homage paid to the librarian. This book has gone round Latin
America and in many biblioteology schools it is used as a
textbook for students.
(Doris Samanez, SC IFLA/LAC, Correspondent Member)

Municipal Libraries International Network
Project - Municipality of Miraflores

The project coordinated by Miraflores proposes the creation of
a "Municipal Libraries Network" including five cities from
Latin America and two from Europe. The project will benefit
the county's public schools by training the students on how to
use the library appropriately through the Internet. The project
was chosen by the European Community as the result of a
worldwide invitation, and thanks to the contributions from the
EC, it will be possible to include the municipal libraries in the
world of new information technologies. It is in currently being
implemented.
(Doris Samanez, SC IFLA/LAC, Correspondent Member)

Children's Room at the Public Library of Lima

A mini reading room containing part of the collection of books
from the Children's Room has been transferred from the Public
Library of Lima (BPL) to the Underprivileged Station Cultural
Center, where the 2nd Edition of “Reading World,” is taking
place. This event was organized by the National Council of
Democratization of Books and Reading Fostering
(Promolibro), designed to guide 3-11 year old children in the
handling and reading of several kinds of texts like short stories
and encyclopedias.
(Doris Samanez, SC IFLA/LAC, Correspondent Member)

ST MAARTEN

Reach-out-and-Read

The Philipsburg Jubilee Library, St Maarten, has embarked on
a reading programme to assist readers with reading difficulties.

The library, being aware of one of its core tasks to assist
children developing their reading skills, and not being able to
carry out such a programme without outside help, was looking
for ways and means to stimulate and assist youngsters.

The library found a willing partner in Reach-out-and Touch, a
local service organization, hence the name Reach-out-and
Read.

The program has started on 1 January 2005. (All preparatory
work started in 2004). The target group consists of children
with reading difficulties, and who are deprived of proper home
backing.

Outline

The library has purchased apropriate reading material in
multiple copies (four or six) from the very basic level to a
more advanced level. Students are referred through their
schools, or learn about the program through the media.

The Reach-out-and Touch service club has guaranteed a
number of tutors, drawing from their own organization, as well
as the local Leo’s club (Junior Lions). Two volunteers (a
teacher and an author) assist the library and guide the tutors,
and make the library contact person aware of specific needs.
These two volunteers also take the responsibility of the
organization and the technical and pedagogical approach.

The children come to the library every Saturday morning.
When they arrive, they are distributed among the volunteers.
The children read for approx. 30 minutes. Then they take part
in a language game, or read from “work” they have written at
home. The program finishes about an hour. Children are
assisted in selecting books to take home.

At the end of the season the program is concluded in a festive
manner (by the volunteer and service organizations).
The programme has proven to be successful!
(Blanca Hodge, SC IFLA/LAC)

GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST TO
THE REGION

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The UNESCO has launched a public consultation on the
objectives, practicalities, costs and expected results of a
“World Day for Audiovisual Heritage” to be celebrated
annually on 27 October to build global awareness of the
various issues at stake in preserving the audiovisual heritage.

In response to a proposal by the Czech Republic in October
2005, UNESCO’s General Conference approved the
proclamation of 27 October as the annual World Day for
Audiovisual Heritage. The World Day for Audiovisual
Heritage can be a means of building global awareness of the
various issues at stake in preserving the audiovisual heritage. In accordance with normal practice, a feasibility study has been commenced to test the objectives, practicalities, costs and expected results of such an annual commemoration. The date is significant. On 27 October 1980, the General Conference adopted the “Recommendation for the safeguarding and preservation of moving images”, the first international instrument to declare the cultural and historical importance of film and television recordings, and calling for decisive steps to ensure their preservation.

In today’s digital age, that call is going out to an even wider spectrum. More recent initiatives, such as the “World Appeal for the Preservation of Broadcast Heritage” (initiated by the International Federation of Television Archives) – which has so far garnered over 10,000 signatures - will also be embraced in the feasibility study.

Public consultation is a crucial part of the feasibility study, and it is open to everyone. UNESCO has therefore established an online platform with background documents, a public forum and a questionnaire. You can access full details via this link: [http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php1](http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php1)
The questionnaire can be completed online or can be downloaded and returned to:
Archive Associates Pty Ltd
100 Learmonth Drive
Kambah ACT 2902
Australia
Email: ray@archival.com.au
Fax: +61 2 6231 6699

The close-off date for comments is July 31.

An appraisal of the International Colloquy on Digital Libraries

Summary: the Colloquy on digital libraries organized in the cities of Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo by the French Embassy and by Instituto Goethe gathered more than 1,000 attendees. Five French and German specialists, including the President of the National Library of France and the Director of the National Library of Germany, attended a program that took advantage of the active support provided by the National Library of Brazil and IFLA-LAC.

In partnership with Instituto Goethe, the French Alliance, the Regional Librarianship Councils in the States of Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, the Brazilian Federation of Librarians Associations, IFLA-LAC and the National Library of Brazil, the Embassy of France sponsored professional meetings on digital libraries in the two biggest cities in the country on April 3-6. The operation, set up by the French Media Library Coordination in Brazil and by the German Information Centers for South America, took the format of a 2-day colloquy in Rio, headquarters of the National Library of Brazil, and the format of a day session in São Paulo, where the second largest document center in the country is located, namely the Municipal Library Mário de Andrade. This action fits in the scope of a reflection about the democratization of the access to information and knowledge, set off in 2004 during a meeting on public reading and followed in 2005 by a colloquy on the Information Society.

This year’s theme, chosen by the Brazilian partners, echoed the project of digitization and online dissemination of fifteen million books as announced in December 2004 by the Californian Google society, the most used search engine all over the world. Because this project only included Anglo-Saxons funding, namely four libraries from the United States and one British library, the President of the National Library of France, Jean-Noël Jeanneney, openly demonstrated his uneasiness with the creation of a monopoly on the world documentation and with “the risk of a crushing domination by America in defining the idea that later generations will have of the world.” After 2005, the serious appeal by J. - N. Jeanneney to the European Union for a digitization plan as big as the Google's plan, immediately backed by President Jacques Chirac, was warmly welcomed by the Brazilian professionals and encouraged them to support the organization of a manifestation about this issue. The colloquy recently held in Rio and in São Paulo took place two months after Google had offered to the National Library of Brazil a fund of about 10 million dollars towards the digitization of two million documents, i.e., one-third of the collection. It is likely therefore to allow the President of the National Library of Brazil to appraise Google's proposal complexity.

Attendants to this event included, among others:

- Jean-Noël Jeanneney, head of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France-BnF. Passionate defender of a multipolar vision of the web, Jean-Noël Jeanneney released, during the colloquy in Rio de Janeiro, a translation of his essay «When Google defies Europe» ("Quand Google défie l'Europe"), published in Brazil by Editora Contra Capa.
- Caroline Wieandt, CoGeneral Director of the National Library of FranceBnF, expert in networks and digital information.
- Michel Fingerhut, Director IRCAM Multimedia Library (Pompidou Center), computer engineer, famous in France for his active contribution to the debate on the risks of the online dissemination of knowledge.
- Elisabeth Niggemann, Director General of Die Deutsche Bibliothek.
- Ralf Goebel, specialist in information systems from Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

- Muniz Sodré, President of the Brazil National Library Foundation.

- Angela Bettencourt, in charge of the digitization projects at the National Library of Brazil, admit formally by BnF in 2005 for a professional apprenticeship.

- Emir Suaiden, Director of IBICT Brazilian institute oScientific and Technical Information.

In Rio de Janeiro, the 2-day colloquy took place in Maison de France Theater, with 750 registered attendants.

In São Paulo, the operation led by the French Alliance took place in the MASP - Museum of Art of São Paulo, with 350 registered attendants.

The announcement of the event appeared on seven newspapers and 35 websites, including the Ministry of the Culture website, seeing that this colloquy was the only manifestation proposed by a foreign country to integrate the Book and Reading National Plan designed by the Brazilian government.

Large-circulation newspaper like "Jornal do Brasil", "O Estado de S. Paulo", "Folha de S. Paulo", "O Globo", "Jornal do Comércio" covered the event by publishing articles about the event.

Finally, TV Educativa chain broadcasted an interview with Jean-Noël Jeanneney and Elisabeth Niggemann.

The colloquy program, combining theoretical reflection and detailed presentation of concrete accomplishments, intended to feed the dialogue between Brazilian and European professionals by allowing them to consider together the risks of digitization and cultural diversity on the web.

The significant attendance both in Rio and in São Paulo shows to what extent the profession became attracted by the debates. (Hervé Peltier, Maison de France)

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Cooperation in Acquisitions: East and West, Moscow, Russia. Mas información: Dr Mikhail Afanas’ev, Director, State Historical Public Library of Russia. Tel. +7 495 625 65 14. Fax: +7 494 928 02 84. E-mail: maf@shpl.ru

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13-16
I International Congress and VI National Congrass of Librarians, Documentalists and Archivists of Paraguay. Theme: The human development in the Knowledge Society: an analysis from Latin America. Assuncio, Paraguay. More information: Asociación de Bibliotecarios Graduados del Paraguay esena@pluna.py

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IL2006. Internet Librarian International, London, UK. Mas información:E-mail: info @internet-librarian.com. Website: www.internet-librarian.com

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World Library and Information Congress: 73 IFLA General Conference and Council. Theme: Libraries for the future: progress, development and partnerships. Durban, South Africa, More information: International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), PO Box 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands. Tel. +31 (70) 3140884. Fax: +31 (70) 3834827. E-mail: IFLA@ifla.org. Website: http://ifla.inist.fr/index.htm

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