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EDITORIAL

On reaching the end of 2006, we feel sure that the Latin American and Caribbean Section has achieved its objectives and collaborated towards the development of Librarianship in the region, making the role of IFLA more transparent. This success is to be accredited to teamwork, the effective participation of the members of the Standing Committee, and the support of the IFLA and institutions located in Latin America and the Caribbean. We feel certain that the more we join together the more opportunity we will have to show the quality of the work carried out by professionals in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Under the theme "Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society", the 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council was carried out in Seoul, at the COEX Convention Center, 20 – 24 August 2006. The meeting, as usual, was very well attended, with the presence of over 3000 people from many countries.

The next Conference will take place at the International Convention Center (ICC), Durban, South Africa, August 19-23 2007, under the theme "Libraries for the future: Progress, Developments and Partnerships". We hope we can meet there a great number of colleagues from Latin America and the Caribbean.

In the next year we will have the nominations and elections for IFLA's Presidente-elect, for members of the Governing Board, and for the Standing Committees of the Sections. These nominations and elections are very important for the future of our Federation, so take some time to nominate good candidates for these places.

As the year comes to an end, we wish to all our colleagues a very happy New Year and we thank all the collaborators of the Newsletter, particularly the translators and editors, especially Stella Maris Fernández for her excellent work. We also thank DANIDA for its support of Latin American and Caribbean professionals, and ALP its support of LAC projects and the Regional Office

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all, trusting that the members of the SC of the IFLA/LAC will continue in their efforts to make the IFLA well known and so increase the number of affiliated members in their respective sub-regions.

Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho
IFLA/LAC RO Manager

IFLA HQ

Call for nominations for President-elect and Members of the Governing Board of IFLA

Deadline: 7 February 2007

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

Please note: This call for nominations has already been sent by mail to all members concerned.

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

- The President
- The President-elect
- Ten members elected by the membership at large
- Nine members of the Professional Committee, consisting of a chair elected by the Committee itself and one officer from each of the eight Divisions of the Federation.

President-Elect

The position of President-elect is open to anyone, including all the present Governing Board members, except the current President and the current President-elect. Each candidate needs ten valid nominations. The successful candidate will serve for two years as President-elect (2007-2009), followed by two years as President (2009-2011).

Governing Board

The ten elected places on the Governing Board are open to anyone, except the current President, who will complete his term of office in August 2007, the President-elect who will begin her term of office as President in August 2007 and any GB members currently serving their second term. Each candidate needs five valid nominations.

The successful candidates for these places on the Governing Board will serve for two years (2007-2009). Those elected for the first time will then be eligible for election for a final, second term of two years (2009-2011).

Who may be nominated

A candidate does not have to be a member of IFLA (or be employed by or be affiliated to a Member of IFLA) to be nominated.

Candidates should have a working knowledge of at least one of the working languages of IFLA (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian and Spanish). Since the business meetings of IFLA tend to be conducted in English, reasonable fluency in this language is highly desirable.

Candidates should have a reasonable expectation of attending meetings of the Governing Board without cost to the Federation. The Governing Board is expected to meet during three periods each year. At the IFLA Congress there are two meetings: one on the Friday before the Congress and one on the Saturday after it ends.

Forthcoming congresses will be held in Durban, South Africa (August 2007), Quebec City, Canada (2008) and Milan, Italy (2009). The Governing Board also meets in December and April at IFLA Headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands.

Who may nominate

To nominate a candidate for election to the post of President-elect and Governing Board member:

- You must be the authorised signatory of an Association Member or an Institutional Member of IFLA. The authorised signatory is the individual who is listed in IFLA's records as the organization's highest official and whose name appears on the nomination form sent by mail. This form may be photocopied, but please note that the nomination form cannot be used by anyone other than the authorised signatory of the member concerned.

Honorary Fellows and Personal Affiliates may also nominate candidates, but Personal Affiliates are not entitled to vote in the subsequent elections.

Please note :

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

You should ensure that your nominee is willing to stand. We shall seek formal confirmation from each candidate, together with a statement, once we have received sufficient nominations for that candidate.

In accordance with the Statutes, the elections will be conducted by postal ballot. Only qualified Voting Members will be entitled to vote. Personal Affiliates are not entitled to vote in these elections.

It is expected that the ballot will take place during March and April 2007, with eight weeks between the dispatch of ballot papers and the closing date for their return.

The results will be announced on IFLANET in June 2007.

Deadline

Nominations must reach IFLA Headquarters ON or BEFORE Wednesday, 7 February 2007. No late nominations will be accepted. To avoid disappointment please do not wait until the last day.

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

Peter Johan Lor – IFLA's Secretary General

Serving on IFLA's Governing Board

The Governing Board and its committees

The IFLA Governing Board is responsible for the managerial and professional direction of the Federation within guidelines approved by Council (IFLA Statutes Article 18.1). It establishes priorities, has oversight of IFLA's activities and approves budgets and the annual accounts. It is focused on strategic issues and provides guidance to the President, Secretary General and other officers.

The Governing Board consists of:

- The President
- The President-elect
- Ten members elected by the membership at large
- Nine members of the Professional Committee
- Up to three further Board members who may be co-opted by the Governing Board to represent interests determined by the Board.
- The Governing Board is supported by the Secretary General, who attends all meetings.

The President and President-elect and the elected members of the Board are elected by postal ballot. Voting members of IFLA throughout the world are able to take part in these elections. The elected members of the Governing Board serve for an initial term of two years and may stand for a further term of two years. The co-opted members may serve for two years only.

The Governing Board has two standing committees established by the Statutes.

The Executive Committee (which consists of the President, President-elect, Treasurer, Chair of the Professional

Committee, two members of the Governing Board and the Secretary General) has executive responsibility, delegated by the Governing Board, to oversee the direction of the Federation between meetings of the Board within the policies established by the Board.

The Professional Committee (composed of the chair, elected in accordance with Article 22.3, an officer of each Division, the President-elect and two members of the Governing Board) ensures coordination of the work of all IFLA's units which are responsible for professional activities, policies and programmes. In addition it may establish other committees, such as the current Finance Committee, and working parties to deal with specific matters.

The President and President-elect

The President leads the Federation during a non-renewable two-year term of office and is its chief representative.

The President works closely with the Secretary General to ensure that the policies determined by the Governing Board and the Council are implemented and promoted. The President presides over Council meetings, which are held at the annual IFLA Congress, and gives a keynote speech during the opening session of the Congress.

The President chairs the meetings of the Governing Board, Executive Committee and other committees and consultative groups. The post involves a significant amount of travelling (some 50 days a year), making keynote speeches and generally acting as an Ambassador for IFLA and the library and information profession. Because only limited IFLA funding is available to assist some of this travel, the President must have strong employer and other support.

The President-elect serves in that role for two years, followed by two years as President. The term of office, which is not renewable, provides an opportunity to identify priorities to be pursued on assuming the presidency. The President-elect works closely with the President and Secretary General and deputises for the President as required eg to represent the Federation or chair meetings. Consequently, this post also involves a significant amount of travelling, speaking and representation and therefore demands strong employer and other support.

The President-elect is a full member of the Governing Board and the Executive and Professional Committees.

Duties of members of the Governing Board

Since the Governing Board has such important responsibilities for the direction and future well being of the Federation, the Board's members must practice good governance which includes:

- Focusing on IFLA's purpose and its intended outcomes for members, the profession and society
- Putting organisational values of good governance into practice
- Taking informed, transparent decisions

The Governing Board elects one of its members to be the Treasurer of IFLA and others to be members of the Executive and Professional Committees and of any other committees or working groups which might be established. For each IFLA Core Activity, the Governing Board has established an Advisory Board which is chaired by a Governing Board Member. Members of the Governing Board are sometimes asked to represent IFLA at key conferences or other meetings, to ensure that the Federation's voice is heard.

Members of the Governing Board are expected to make themselves available, usually at no cost to the Federation, to fulfil these responsibilities which include the requirement to meet during three periods each year. At the IFLA Congress there are two meetings: one on the Friday before the Congress and one on the Saturday after it ends. The Governing Board and its committees and working parties also meet in December and April at IFLA Headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands. These meetings usually take place over a period of few days. Business between meetings is conducted by email.

Global representation and the rewards of participation

If IFLA is to achieve its aim of becoming a truly representative global organisation, representing the interests of library and information services, and their users, worldwide, it needs energetic, committed and capable people from a variety of cultural and linguistic contexts to serve on its Governing Board. Routine business is conducted generally in English so competence in English is necessary to enable participation but it is also important for the Board to have a good representation of the IFLA working languages.

It can be time-consuming and challenging work. But it is also rewarding. The opportunity to work with colleagues from different types of library and information environments and from different cultures is stimulating in itself. Members ensure that they enjoy themselves at the same time as striving to advance the cause of library and information service and improve the practice of the profession.

Peter Johan Lor – IFLA's Secretary General

Call for Nominations for Section Standing Committees

Deadline: 7 February 2007

Please note:

This call for nominations with the nominations forms has already been sent by mail to all members concerned.

IFLA's professional programme is divided into Sections. Each Section is governed by a democratically elected Standing Committee consisting of professionals with expertise and an interest in the field of the Section. Serving on a Standing Committee offers an exciting opportunity to make a contribution at the international level. We are now calling for nominations for candidates to serve on the Standing Committees for the period from August 2007 to August 2011. Please take a few minutes to read this letter, and then nominate promising candidates.

Who may nominate?

To nominate a candidate for election to the Standing Committee of a Section:

- you must be the authorised representative of an Association Member or an Institutional Member. This is the individual who is listed in IFLA's records as the highest official and whose name appears on the attached nomination form.
- your organisation has to be registered as a member of the Section for which you want to put forward a nomination
- your organisation must have paid its membership fees in full for 2006 and not be in arrears.

How many candidates may I nominate and for which Standing Committees?

You may nominate ONE candidate for the Standing Committee of EACH Section for which your organisation is registered. For example, if your organisation has registered for three Sections, you may nominate three candidates, one for each Section.

IFLA Sections for which you are registered are listed on the mailed nomination form. Furthermore, you can check the membership directory on IFLANET at <http://www.ifla.org/database/directy.htm>

Who may be Nominated?

A candidate does not have to be a member of IFLA (or be employed by or be affiliated to a Member of IFLA) to be nominated. The important thing is what that person can contribute.

Candidates should:

- have appropriate knowledge and experience to contribute to the Section
- be keen to be involved in IFLA

- have a working knowledge of at least one of the IFLA languages. Because most business meetings are conducted in English, a command of English is helpful, but it is not an absolute requirement. The working languages of IFLA are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish.
- be able to participate in the work of the Standing Committees at no expense to IFLA. This means that they have to attend meetings. Standing Committees meet before and after each annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress: on the Saturday before the Congress starts and on the Friday after it closes. Standing Committee members will be expected to attend 5 Congresses, beginning in 2007 (Durban) to and including 2011 (location to be determined). Congresses take place in August each year. In between these meetings, business is conducted by email and post. Some Standing Committees hold mid-year meetings by agreement of the Committee. Standing Committee members must be able to arrange their travel plans accordingly.

You may nominate yourself, a member of your staff or a person in another organisation or even another country who is known to have the required qualifications and interest in serving.

Who may not be Nominated?

The following may not be nominated for the period 2007-2011:

- persons who are currently serving on a Standing Committee for the period 2005-2009
- persons who are currently serving their second term on a Standing Committee for the period 2003-2007.

Individuals completing their second term on a committee who are interested in serving a term on a different Standing Committee should make their desire known to a member eligible to make a nomination.

No one may at the same time be a member of more than one Standing Committee. The only exception is that a person may be a member of the Standing Committee of a regional section (Africa, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean) in addition to one other Standing Committee.

To see who are currently serving on the Standing Committees of the various Sections, look in the IFLA Directory 2005-2007 or at the Sections' web pages on IFLANET: <http://www.ifla.org/act-serv.htm# Sections>

How do I Nominate?

Attached to the letter we sent by mail, you will find a nomination form which bears the name of your organisation. If you want to nominate candidates for the Standing Committee

of more than one Section, you will need to make one or more photocopies of the nomination form that was sent to you. Do NOT use a nomination form supplied to any other IFLA Member and do not make copies of your nomination form for use by other Members. This leads to much confusion and wastes a lot of time when the IFLA Secretariat checks the nominations to see whether they are valid.

Obtain the consent of your nominee, using the attached Consent Form, together with confirmation that the nominee meets the language and attendance requirements, and a brief statement of the nominee's career and present position.

Complete the nomination form. Make sure that is signed by the authorised signatory of the IFLA member. One nomination is sufficient. It does not have to be seconded.

Send it to IFLA Headquarters by post or fax or as an e-mail attachment (but it must be signed).

What is the Deadline?

The completed nominations must reach IFLA Headquarters ON or BEFORE 7 February 2007. No late nominations can be accepted. To avoid disappointment please do not wait until the last moment.

Frequently asked questions and answers

What happens after the nominations have been received?

A confirmation of receipt of the nomination(s) will be sent to you if you request it.

Each Section may have up to 20 people serving on its Standing Committee. If the number of candidates for any Section exceeds the number of vacancies, a postal ballot will be held after the close of nominations. The postal ballot will be sent out in March 2007. If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, then there will not be an election and eligible nominees are automatically appointed to the Section Standing Committee.

Once the election is complete, a list of the new standing committee members of the Sections will be sent to all Section Chairs so they can communicate with their new members.

I would like to nominate a candidate, but my organisation is not a member of that section

You may have a colleague in your organisation or know a colleague who could make a great contribution to a Section, but your organisation is not a member of that Section. There are two possible solutions:

1. Register your organisation for the Section

You may choose to replace one of your current section registrations, or you may add the section to your existing total. There is no charge to replace one section with another. For registration in an additional section, there is a charge of EUR 48 for each extra section. This amount must be paid before the nomination deadline in order for the nomination to be valid.

2. Identify another Member who is registered for the Section

Check on IFLANET to see which organisations are Members of that Section, and tell a Member that you know of a good potential candidate. You can also contact the Chair or Secretary of the Section concerned and suggest that they look for a Member to nominate the person you have in mind. Sections, particularly smaller ones, are often anxious to identify potential candidates and will be grateful for your suggestion.

And last but not least ...

The Standing Committees form the backbone of IFLA's professional work. IFLA needs its Standing Committees to be widely representative geographically and in terms of language, age, gender, institutional background, etc. Please take some time to persuade suitable candidates to accept nomination. The work is rewarding; it presents possibilities for sharing knowledge and expertise with like-minded professionals in different parts of the world - and it helps IFLA achieve worthwhile developments on behalf of our profession.

Peter Johan Lor

IFLA's Secretary General

Serving on IFLA Standing Committees

Serving on a Section Standing Committee is one of the best ways of contributing to the work of IFLA. Standing Committees are at the heart of the Federation. They help develop policies, carry out surveys and other projects, prepare guidelines, and organise open sessions and workshops at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress. Serving on a Standing Committee provides opportunities for professional development, networking with colleagues from many different countries and helps to advance the profession.

It can also be great fun!

We have drawn up these notes to provide guidance to Association and Institutional Members considering nominating candidates for election to Standing Committees. They should also help those thinking of accepting nomination.

Responsibilities:

Members of Standing Committees serve in a personal capacity. They do not themselves have to be Members of IFLA, but they have to be nominated by current Association or Institutional Members of IFLA.

They contribute to the work of the Committee by:

- Having working knowledge of at least one of the IFLA languages. Because most business meetings are conducted in English, a command of English is helpful, but it is not an absolute requirement. The working languages of IFLA are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish.
- Having reasonable expectation to attend meetings of the Standing Committee at no expense to IFLA. This means that they have to attend meetings. Standing Committees meet before and after each annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress: on the Saturday before the Congress starts and on the Friday after it closes. Standing Committee members will be expected to attend 5 Congresses, beginning in 2007 (Durban) to and including 2011 (location to be determined). Congresses take place in August each year. In between these meetings, business is conducted by email and post. Some Standing Committees hold mid-year meetings by agreement of the Committee. Standing Committee members must be able to arrange their travel plans accordingly.
- Contributing actively to ideas for projects and conference programme meetings.
- Joining in the work of the Section, for example, by undertaking projects, organising workshops, preparing translations, etc.
- Recruiting new Members to the Section and to IFLA.
- Sticking to deadlines for reporting financial and other information.
- Responding to requests from IFLA HQ for advice, representation at meetings, etc.
- Assisting in the production of a newsletter, promotional leaflet, and generally disseminating information about Section activities.
- Helping with the translation of newsletters, conference papers, promotional leaflets and other documents where appropriate.
- Encouraging participation in the Section by people in different parts of the world, by identifying potential new candidates and corresponding members.
- Assisting in the allocation of "portfolios" to individuals serving on the committee (for example, editing the newsletter, acting as information

coordinator, Section membership recruitment, organising translations, preparing workshops, etc.).

Existing Standing Committee members are expected to help those newly elected to play a full part in the Standing Committee's work by providing them with background information.

Corresponding Members:

Each Standing Committee may appoint up to five Corresponding Members.

These places are intended for people who are normally unable to attend the IFLA World Library and Information Congress (and therefore the meetings of the Standing Committee) for geographical or financial reasons. Their role is to represent countries in geographical areas, which might not otherwise be represented, or to provide expertise in a specific subject field. Such member shall be appointed for an initial two-year term, renewable for one further term of two years on the decision of the chair. They receive the Committee papers and are expected to maintain regular contact with the officers and other Committee members. They contribute their opinions and active support through involvement in projects, and preparation of translations, etc. Corresponding Members have no voting rights, but if they are able to attend a meeting of the Committee, they are entitled to speak.

Peter Johan Lor
IFLA's Secretary General

World Book Capital Call for nominations 2009

The Selection Committee for the World Book Capital is calling for nominations for the World Book Capital 2009. The complete applications, duly substantiated, including a cover or support letter from the mayor of the candidate-city and drafted in one of UNESCO's official languages (French, English, Spanish, Russian, Arabic or Chinese), should reach UNESCO no later than Friday 30 March 2007. No application received after this date will be taken into consideration.

The candidate programmes shall be aimed at promoting books and fostering reading during the period between one World Book and Copyright Day and the next (23 April).

To involve all regions of the world in turn, the Selection Committee will avoid the consecutive nomination of cities from the same region. Since the 2008 title was awarded to a European city (Amsterdam), no candidature from the Europe/North America region will be taken into consideration for the 2009 nomination. (According to its own criteria based on operational needs, UNESCO distinguishes five regions: Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America, and Latin America and the Caribbean.)

The applicants' programme proposals will be examined in the light of the following five criteria:

- the submission of an activity programme specifically conceived for the World Book Capital City programme and implemented during the city's term as Capital City.
- the degree of municipal, regional, national and international involvement and the impact of the programmes.
- the quantity and quality of one-time or ongoing activities organized by the applicant city in collaboration with national and international professional organizations representing writers, publishers, booksellers and librarians and in full respect of the various players in the book supply chain.
- the quantity and quality of any other noteworthy projects promoting and fostering books and reading.
- the conformity with the principles of freedom of expression, freedom to publish and to distribute information, as stated in the UNESCO Constitution as well as by Articles 19 and 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and by the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials (Florence Agreement).

By presenting its application each candidate city commits itself, in case of nomination, to:

Associate UNESCO, as well as the three professional associations represented in the Selection Committee, in its communication and information campaign, at all levels;

Provide UNESCO, which will share it with all members of the Selection Committee, with a final report on the activities implemented during the nomination year. Besides, the City authorities will facilitate possible evaluation audits implemented on UNESCO's demand.

The Selection Committee - operating under the auspices of UNESCO - is made up of one representative of the International Publishers Association (IPA), one representative of the International Booksellers' Federation (IBF), one representative of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and one UNESCO representative, under the chairmanship of the President of IPA. The Committee's task is to choose a World Book Capital each year, in accordance with 31 C/Resolution 29, adopted by the UNESCO General Conference on 2 November 2001.

The first World Book Capital chosen prior to the adoption of 31 C/Resolution 29 was Madrid, in 2001. Subsequent World Book Capital Cities have been Alexandria (2002), New Delhi (2003), and Antwerp (2004). Montreal is the current World Book Capital City and will be succeeded by Turin (2006), Bogotá (2007) and Amsterdam (2008).

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Libraries on the Agenda!

Kick off paper for discussion of the presidential theme 2007 – 2009

Abstract:

1. Our situation of advocacy (from international to local level)
2. What does "Libraries on the Agenda!" mean? (take part in many different activities involving different political departments, even though they might think that they have no responsibility for libraries).
3. Who is the focus of our advocacy? (besides cultural and education departments there are more political possibilities)
4. Which are the most suitable topics to deal with?
5. Which methods are successful?
6. Who should be involved?
7. What should our performance be like? (for discussion in the future)

Our situation of advocacy

In all our discussions, libraries have frequently mentioned that they are not a focus of political decision making, although they are able to contribute in so many ways to the development of our society.

1 First of all: Is it good or bad to be the focus of political attention?

There cannot be just one answer to this question only, as we have seen many cases where political attention has led to restrictions to the libraries' daily work, has hindered their endeavours to provide free access to information to their clients and threatened their way to acquire all kinds of books with all kind views of the world. As the UNESCO Manifest for

Public Libraries states clearly: "Collections and services should not be subject to any form of ideological, political or religious censorship, nor commercial pressures".

What is to be included in library collections should be down to professional decision making on the part of librarians without the influence of politicians and political pressure groups. This responsibility of librarians is based on their professional training.

To deal with cases in which this is not respected, IFLA has created its own core activity with FAIFE, the office for Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression, which aims to further the key issue of intellectual freedom, by monitoring the state of that freedom in different countries, cooperating with other agencies and responding on IFLA's behalf to violations of the principle.

I am going to present an answer to my first question: I think it is good to be a focus of political attention and to be involved in administrative planning processes. And my presidential theme 'Libraries on the Agenda!' aims to emphasize precisely that.

The present situation of advocacy for libraries is not entirely bad, yet our political role can be strengthened. Politics has been defined by the German sociologist Max Weber as consisting of three main elements: power, organization and values.

I think all of you will agree, when I say that librarians might not be overly powerful when it comes to getting their ideas accepted against the influence of others, but we can learn to do something about it. We all know that we have better possibilities of exerting our influence on politicians and administrations by taking an active part in planning and organizing, considering that we have many creative ideas and a strong group of libraries behind us, which are able to contribute to numerous aspects of society.

Our values are stronger and more convincing than those of many other lobbyists. Librarians have a wide range of values such as free access to information, bridging the digital divide, life long learning, stimulating the imagination and creativity of children and young people; fostering inter-cultural dialogue and favouring cultural diversity, supporting the oral tradition and promoting awareness of cultural heritage, etc.

Using the wide range of values and our ability to organize information we should be able to advocate for libraries and to influence political decision makers

2 What does "Libraries on the Agenda!" mean?

"Libraries on the Agenda" means, that we will activate our members and enable them to speak up on every occasion to advocate for libraries. IFLA is an international association with

librarians from many different countries and different experience of advocacy.

The President Elect Theme "Libraries on the Agenda!" will summarize different aspects, adequate methods and successful practise of advocacy from all over the world to develop an advocacy handbook for libraries. Your own experience and your ideas shared with librarians from all over the world will be a rich base of the daily advocacy work for 'Libraries on the Agenda!'

Most of our libraries and their management have more or less strong connections with the departments of culture, education or science within the political administration of their respective country, region, or community. They have more or less good relations to the representatives of the university, school or institute they work for.

This means for the cultural department and its political representatives that librarians are standing up in order to lobby against or together with other partners like museums, archives, operas, music-halls etc. In the educational sector we have to look for partnerships within or with schools, universities and other educational institutions which are much bigger and will therefore receive more attention from the respective department

Libraries have to put forward arguments to prove why they are as important as other cultural and educational sectors and why they deserve to be supported and receive better financial assistance.

While we know of our influence in the areas of culture and education where we have already found many possibilities to get on the agenda, we should aim for more. Many politicians tend to stick libraries into a cultural or educational drawer. But compared to other cultural institutions, libraries are involved in far more areas where they can assist in problem solving.

For this reason libraries should be on the agenda of e.g. city planning, because libraries are important for the life in a city and can make a big difference to the urban environment.

For this reason libraries should be on the agenda of migration politics, because libraries can help immigrants with countless issues of information, language training courses, assistance in matters of social support and contact.

For this reason libraries should be on the agenda of economic development, as they can provide extensive information to small and medium business people.

For this reason libraries should be on the agenda of health politics because they can supply all kinds of information on health issues, from addresses of specialized health practitioners to matters of prevention.

There are many more areas at all political levels where libraries can make a difference or just assist further development. In other words, we should not get stuck in the one or two drawers in which politicians would tend to see us, but we should claim our place in many more drawers and take part in many different activities involving different political departments, even though they might think that they have no responsibility for libraries. The more we facilitate their job with our dedicated library information work, the better our chances to receive their support and their financial help. This is what I mean by "Libraries on the Agenda!".

3. Who is the focus of our advocacy?

The focus of our advocacy includes political decision makers at international, national, regional, and community levels.

On the national level, libraries will address their political representatives in parliament, in the cultural or the educational ministry. However, libraries can also be of interest to other ministerial departments, even though their possible role may not yet be recognized or their value might be thought to be relevant only to issues of culture and education.

Librarians do carry out advocacy work on a regional and community level where besides their activities in the cultural and education field they try to get onto agendas of regional development, city planning, information society etc.

At the university level it is important to have libraries on the agenda, too. There they will sometimes be forgotten, as their role in planning is not being considered. Special libraries within an institution frequently face the same situation; they are not involved in the planning of research projects which they are expected to support.

"Libraries on the Agenda" is not only an activity of library directors and library associations. At the same time, librarians taking part in community life, be it with their children in kindergarten and in school or with a home for the aged, a new business centre. They may stand up and talk about the possibilities that libraries have to add to this aspect of community life and why libraries have to be a on the agenda. The level at which our advocacy takes place is important.

As you all know, there is no international government, but there are international forums and activities where IFLA as an organization has to advocate, like WSIS, UNESCO, WIPO and others.

This is a major task for our IFLA bodies, for the Secretary General, and, in particular, for the President of IFLA. But as you know, our success in WSIS is due to the great activities of our Swiss colleagues, who I want to thank very much and I also want to thank Tuula Haavisto whom we engaged to direct our attention to these aspects and keep us continuously up to

date. No way IFLA could manage this essential advocacy work without those two pillars of support.

We have learnt a lot from this process, for instance, how and at what stage to best exercise influence on the contents of forthcoming papers, how to be able to speak at the summit's plenum, and how to cooperate with many other NGO's. None of this would have been possible without the support and the active involvement of many national library associations and their delegates.

We know now that we have a dedicated team of convincing personalities, much knowledge of processes of the summit's organisation, solid arguments written in clear language, outstanding examples of libraries' contributions to an information society collected in an impressive international database and partners on different levels supporting all or part of our goals.

4. Which are the most suitable topics to deal with?

This session will discuss the most suitable topics to deal with. Many libraries have already made their contribution to the task of advocating libraries. They have been collected in a 'success database', which illustrates wonderfully that libraries are an invaluable part of the information society; each report is one more argument for libraries.

Others have written something in favour of academic and public libraries, of libraries in the life long learning process and as partners in the information literacy program.

Let us gather all the good arguments to make it easier for librarians to advocate for libraries in all fields. And they also discussed, how librarians should behave themselves, when they are advocating for their goals.

I ask you to take part in this session and discuss the following questions and contribute to this first session of my Presidential Theme "Libraries on the Agenda":

1. Who is the focus of our advocacy?
2. Which are the most suitable topics to deal with?
3. Which methods are successful?
4. Who should be involved?
5. What should the librarians' performance be like?
6. "Libraries on the Agenda!" means that library associations and librarians are enabled to engage in various activities to make libraries a focus of political decision making.

There are outstanding examples from all over the world and it is my hope that those active librarians will participate in the discussion and pass their knowledge on to others so as to broaden the advocacy skills of our members.

Claudia Lux

Presidente Elect, August 2006, Seoul

WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS (WLIC)

**World Library and Information Congress: 73rd
IFLA General Conference and Council, August
19 - 23 2007, Durban, South Africa
"Libraries for the future: progress, development
and partnerships"**

Registration and Hotel Reservation

The World Library and Information Congress 2007, 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council will take place in Durban, South Africa from 19-23 August, 2007, in the International Convention Centre (ICC).

Registrations and hotel reservations can be done:

Online via website

By sending the form by fax or mail to:

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P.O. Box 302

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The deadline for pre-registration is 1 August, 2007

Registration fees

All prices mentioned below are quoted in Euro. The registration will be processed once full payment has been received. The conference organiser will not accept any bank charges associated with the transfer of money.

Full delegate IFLA member

Before: 15 May 2007

380.00 EUR

After: 15 May and before 1 August

460.00 EUR

On site: After 1 August

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Full delegate Non member

Before: 15 May 2007

465.00 EUR

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540.00 EUR

On site: After 1 August

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Accompanying person

Before: 15 May 2007

260.00 EUR

After: 15 May and before 1 August

260.00 EUR

On site: After 1 August

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Student

Before: 15 May 2007

200.00 EUR

After: 15 May and before 1 August

200.00 EUR

On site: After 1 August

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All IFLA members, regardless of category, will be entitled to register at the member rates published. If you are not an IFLA Personal or Institutional Member, but are a member of your national library association in Membership of IFLA, please contact your national association or IFLA Headquarters for the correct membership number. You can find the membership code also in the IFLA Directory or in the Online IFLA Membership Directory (www.ifla.org/database/directy.htm). This number should be entered on the registration form.

If your registration form and payment are received after 15 May 2007, automatically the late fee will be charged.

The registration fee covers

Delegates:

Name badge * Admission to all sessions * Admission to the exhibition * Opening and Closing Sessions * All receptions * Professional visits to Libraries

Accompanying persons:

Name badge * Admission to Exhibition * One Sightseeing Tour * Opening Session * All receptions * Professional visits to Libraries

Confirmation

Congrex Holland will send out confirmation of your registration within six weeks after receipt of your payment. If you have not received a confirmation letter six weeks after receipt of your payment, please contact Congrex Holland. A final confirmation will be sent to you four weeks prior to the conference. This final confirmation letter must be presented upon arrival at the pre-registration desk (the 'PAID' desk) if the account has been settled, or at the unsettled account-desk (the 'NON-PAID' desk) if a balance is still due.

Alterations

Alterations to your registration will not be accepted over the telephone. Please fax, post or e-mail (wlic2007reg@congrex.nl) any amendments to the Conference Secretariat.

Registration deadline

Please note that the on-site registration fee applies after 1 August 2007. Moreover, on-site registration does not guarantee the availability of all congress materials and access to all social events.

After 1 August 2007, pre-registration will close and all new registrations can only be done at the New Registration desk at the ICC during the Congress.

Cancellations and refunds

Notification of cancellation and refund requests must be submitted before 15 May, 2007 in writing to the Congress Secretariat, Congrex Holland.

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Hotel Reservation

Reservations can be made for the major hotels.

Hotels have been selected mainly in the beach front area. If a shuttle service is provided, the buses will stop in the beach front area.

On the hotel booking form you are requested to indicate the hotel of your first, second and third choice. The Conference Secretariat reserves the right to book another hotel for you, should the desired accommodation be fully booked.

Please be informed that you are not obliged to reserve a room via the Conference secretariat.

Room Reservations

Your reservation will be handled as soon as the hotel booking form together with the deposit is received by the Conference Secretariat. Participants are advised to reserve hotel rooms well in advance, as rooms cannot be guaranteed after 15 May, 2007. All reservations will be handled on a first come, first served basis, after 15 May, 2007, upon availability.

Room Rates

All rates quoted on the hotel reservation form are per room per night, including breakfast and city tax and in South African Rand (SAR). Deposits will have to be paid in Euro. The deposit will be deducted from your final hotel bill. Please note that the exchange rate used will be set approximately two weeks before arrival to Durban. The deposit as calculated on the registration form will have to be paid to the congress secretariat directly. Only after receipt of the deposit or credit card guarantee, Congrex Holland will make the hotel reservation. Extension of payment until after the congress is not possible.

Changes and cancellations for reservations

Changes and cancellations of reservations should be made directly to Congrex Holland in writing only. If notification of cancellation is received in writing by the Conference Secretariat before 1 May, 2007 we will charge your credit card for Euro 50 administration fee. If you have to cancel after the deadline the maximum of one night stay plus 10% of the total reservation costs will be charged. In the case where the hotel is able to re-sell the room only 10% of the total reservation costs will be charged. Please do not contact the hotel directly as all reservations are handled by the Conference Secretariat.

Confirmation

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Hotel Categories and Prices

The prices of the hotel rooms are in South African Rand (SAR), the local currency.

For current rates please use the online currency converter

For the location of hotels please refer to the Map of Durban: [Http://congrex.webportalasp.com/newsletter/cxnl/ifla/map.htm](http://congrex.webportalasp.com/newsletter/cxnl/ifla/map.htm)

Please note that we can only book a hotel for you if the deposit has been paid. The paid deposit will be deducted from your final hotel bill.

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Payment of the fees

Payment can only be made in Euro and should be made in advance by:

American Express Card, VISA Card, Mastercard, Diners Club holders may use their credit cards for charging all the costs. The cardholder's name, card number, expiration date of the card and signature should be filled in on the registration form. Regretfully other credit cards cannot be accepted.

Banker's cheque forwarded together with the registration form to Congrex Holland.

The Banker's cheque should be purchased at your bank and made out in Euro to Congrex Holland BV, WLIC 2007.

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Satellite Meetings

1. IT and Research in African University Libraries

Dates: 17 August 2007

Location: Durban

Contact person: Makerere

<mailto:universitylibrarian@mulib.mak.ug>

<mailto:mmusoke@med.mak.ac.ug>

<mailto:alisonk@med.mak.ac.ug>

Durban : <mailto:Buchanan@ukzn.ac.za>

Audience: estimated 50 university libraries' staff

Sponsors: IFLA Academic and Research Libraries Section

Co-Sponsors: Makerere (Uganda) University Library and collaborative partners

Publications: Website, proceedings, newsletter

2. Library Frontiers: Disasters, Emergency Preparedness and Emerging Diseases

Dates: 18 August 2007

Location: Durban, South Africa

Contact person: <mailto:paivi.pekkari@helsinki.fi>

Audience: estimated 100+, primarily health librarian

Sponsors: IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Section

Co-Sponsors: Association of Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA)

Publications: Website

3. Innovative Multicultural Library Services for all

Location: Pretoria

Contact person: <mailto:SwanepoelAJ@tut.ac.za>;

<mailto:ann.katrin.ursberg@kommun.alvesta.se>

Website: <https://lib.tut.ac.za/ifla/>

Audience: estimated 150-200, Library personnel from South Africa and worldwide. Educators, researchers, publishers and other professionals involved in literacy and learning, language and linguistic. Community workers (NGO's etc), archives and museums workers. Participants will be chosen for their experience in local publishing and the importance of sharing expertise and lessons learned, as well as developing a network of persons knowledgeable about the book chain, in English and French Africa.

Sponsors: IFLA Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section

Co-Sponsors: CSX Customer Services <http://www.csx.co.za/>

Publications: Website, other

4. Literacy, learning and linguistic diversity & Publishing, Distributing and Promoting Children's Books in Local Languages: African Experience
(To be confirmed)

5. Best practices of Lessons Learned

Dates: 1 day prior to General Conference

Audience: estimated 80-100 Information Professionals interested in the applications of Knowledge Management

Sponsors: IFLA Knowledge Management Section

Publications: KM pages on IFLANET

6. Handling Serials and Other Continuing Resources

Dates: 15-16 August 2007

Location: to be decided

Contact person: estimated 50 serials librarians

Sponsor: IFLA Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section

Publications: to be decided

7. Mold, Pests and Dust: Preservation Policies and Management

Dates: 1-2 days prior to General Conference

Location: Durban

Contact person: Johann Maree

<mailto:jmaree@hiddingh.uct.ac.za>

Audience: estimated 150 librarians interested in preservation, with a focus on those in developing countries in Africa and elsewhere

Sponsors: IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section

Co-Sponsors: IFLA/PAC Core Activity

IFLA Rare Books and Manuscripts Section

IFLA Newspapers Section

8. The Changing Role of Libraries as Meeting and Learning Spaces: the Third Place

Dates: 2 days prior to General Conference

Location: Pretoria

Contact person: Joan de Beer <mailto:Joan.deBeer@nlsa.ac.za>

Audience: estimated 80 South African librarians with an interest in library design.

Sponsors: IFLA Library Buildings and Equipment Section

Publications: IFLANET and Newsletter

9. 7th Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurements in Libraries and Information Services: Quality

assurance and outcomes assessment in libraries and information services

Dates: 13-16 August 2007

Location: Spier hotel and conference centre near Cape Town, the international airport and Stellenbosch

<http://www.spier.co.za/>

Contact person: Karin de Jager

<mailto:kdejager@ched.uct.ac.za>

Website: <http://www.lib.sun.ac.za/Northumbria7/Index.htm>

Audience: estimated 120 professionals in all sectors of library and information services and research and teaching staff

Sponsors: IFLA Statistics and Evaluation Section

Co-Sponsors: the universities of Cape Town and Stellenbosch; the Northumbria Conference

Publications: Emerald has undertaken to publish the conference proceedings

10. Management of technologies and library automated systems in the context of developing countries

Dates: 14-16 August 2007

Location: Dakar, Senegal

Contact person:

Website:

Audience:

Sponsor: IFLA Management and Marketing Section

Co-Sponsors: IFLA Information Technology Section

Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar

Publications: preferably a book

11. The cultural heritage and LIS-research

Dates: 17-18 August 2007

Location: Namibia

Audience: estimated 75

Sponsors: IFLA Library Theory and Research Section

12. Continuing Professional Development: Pathways to Leadership in the Library & Information World (7th IFLA World conference on continuing professional development and workplace learning for the information professions).

Dates: 14-16 August 2007

Location: Johannesburg

Contact persons: Jana Varleys <mailto:varlejs@scils.rutgers.edu>

Ujala Satgoor, <mailto:ujala.satgoor@up.ac.za>

Website: t.b.a.

Audience: estimated 50, those interested in developing their own and/or colleagues' skills for leading library organisations

Sponsors: IFLA Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section

Co-Sponsors: Webjunction, possibly Emerald

Publications: IFLANET, IFLA/Saur Publications Series

13. African Libraries for the Future

Dates: 2 days prior to the General Conference
Location: Durban
Audience: estimated 200 librarians, policy makers
Publications: proceedings

14. Developing the Library into a learning centre

Location: Gaborone, Botswana
Contact person: Viggo Pedersen
<mailto:viggo.b.pedersen@ub.ntnu.no>
Audience: estimated 1.500 (sic!) academics, politicians, librarians, students, the public in general
Sponsors: IFLA Information Literacy Section
Co-Sponsors: University of Botswana Library Services

15. Libraries in the Struggle against Corruption

Dates: 16-17 August 2007
Location: University of Pretoria
Sponsor: IFLA/FAIFE Core Activity

16. (To be confirmed)

Dates: Pre-conference, probably 3 days
Location: Grahamstown, South Africa
Audience: 100-150 people serving providing library and information services to visually impaired and print disabled people
Sponsors: IFLA Libraries for the Blind Section
Publications: IFLANET, Section's smart group, Section's Newsletter, DAISY book

17. Parliamentary Libraries and Research Services of the Future of Partnerships for Change

Dates: Pre-conference 2/3 days
Location: Parliament of South Africa, Capetown
Audience: 100-150 parliamentary library and research service directors, managers, and staff with a special emphasis on attracting attendees from African nations
Sponsors: IFLA Libraries and Research Services for Parliaments Section
Co-Sponsors: Library and Information Unit, Parliament of South Africa, Capetown
Publications: Section's Newsletter an pages on

IFLA General Conference and Council, Seoul, Republic of Korea

The World Library and Information Congress, 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council was held on August 20-24, 2006, in Seoul (Republic of Korea), under the theme

Libraries: Dynamic Engines for the Knowledge and Information Society

The meeting, announced since 1999 during the Conference held in Bangkok (Thailand), gathered some 3000 attendees at Coex Congress Centre, a huge convention center. The opening and the closing sessions, and the various meetings and sessions took place in four floors of the multi-storey building.

On August 20, the Opening Ceremony at the Olympia Hall was preceded by an electro-acoustic performance and special visual effects that filled up the gigantic lateral screens with a poetic film entitled *The Librarian's* whose sequences reflected the daily life of the National Library of the country with traditional song in the background. Following, the special effects of a visually enthralling message - *Library and nature* - fascinated the audience, besides a brief history of IFLA meetings around the world, all framed in the music and in the song especially composed for this event - *Guiding our Dreams*.

This shining presentation was followed by the welcome words delivered by IFLA president Alex Byrne; Ki Nem Shim, president of the National Organizing Committee; Mr. You Hoon Oh, mayor of Seoul, and president Dae Yung Kim, the 15th President of the Republic of Korea, 2000 Nobel Prize Laureate for his life long dedication to democracy and human rights in South Korea and in East Asia, as well as for the profound success of the Inter-Korean Summit Meeting about such topics and about Korea reunification,

On August 21, delegates were invited to a fantastic reception hosted by the Minister of Culture and Tourism, Mr. Myung-Gon, in the Pacific Hall of the COEX, livened up by members of the Culture & Ars Center, reproducing by means of music and dances the historical facts linked to the history of the Byulcho-Jun army during the Gorzio dynasty in defense of country against a foreign invasion.

On August 22, a special cultural evening was performed at the Sejong Center, putting in evidence people's music and traditional instruments, as well as ceremonial dances, court dances, banquet dances, victory procession dances, etc, besides the representation of one of the most beautiful Korean narrative dreams, with its wealth of light and sound effects, colors, creativity of movements, and the beautiful effects so attained.

During the closing session, the 2009 meeting was announced to be venued in the city of Milan (Italy). Despite language differences and the uncommon writing, the organization of the conference was successful because volunteers bearing orientation posters were always indicating the way to reach the meetings and session locations, carrying out their duties either by standing near the stairways or escalators, or in the corridors (Stella Maris Fernández - Advisor IFLA/LAC RO)

BASIC ACTIVITIES

ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH LIBRARY PROGRAMMES – ALP

Harry Campbell IFLA Conference Attendance Grant 2007

Background

IFLA ALP is pleased to announce the availability of the Harry Campbell Travel Grant, to support a delegate from a developing country which has not had IFLA Conference participants in the last few years, to attend the World Library and Information Congress: 73d IFLA Conference in 19-23 August 2006, Durban, South Africa. The grant will cover the travel. The cost of registration fee, accommodation and meals will be met by the delegates.

Criteria for allocation

Candidates must be a national of the countries; Belize, Bhutan, Cap Verde, Djibuti, Eritrea, Guyana, Liberia, Madagascar, Sao Tomé, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Tonga, Yemen, Dominica, St Lucia, Anguilla, Antigua and Baruda, St Vincent and the Grenadines and Montserrat.

General quality of application.

Professional background and experience: level of education, positions held and professional experience in general.
Committed letter of application and a well presented CV.
Priority will be given to younger professionals with a minimum of 5 years experience in the field of libraries. If your institution can afford to sponsor you on the basis of this cost-sharing package, please apply by filling in the form given below. Only those delegates who are able to contribute their part of the cost should apply.

Application

Applications, including professional curriculum vitae and information on present occupation should be submitted as soon as possible and should be received by the ALP Focal Point not later than 1 March, 2007.

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Application Form
Download in Word or PDF format:
Word format: <http://www.ifla.org/III/grants/hccgform.doc>
PDF format: <http://www.ifla.org/III/grants/hccgform.pdf>

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The following persons were winners of the Harry Campbell Travel Grant:

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2005
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COMMITTEE ON COPYRIGHT AND OTHER LEGAL MATTERS (CLM)

Call for nominations: Term of office 2007-2011

To: All Association Members of IFLA
Institutional Members of IFLA

Please note:

This call for nominations with the nominations forms has already been sent by mail to all members concerned.

On behalf of the Governing Board of IFLA, I invite your Association & Institution to nominate an individual to a place on the IFLA/CLM Committee.

The deadline for the receipt of nominations at IFLA Headquarters is Wednesday, 7 February 2007. No late submissions will be accepted.

The Committee advises the Federation and its constituent groups on:

- Copyright and intellectual property

- Economic and trade barriers to the acquisition of library and information materials
- Disputed claims of ownership of library and information materials
- Authenticity of electronic texts
- Subscription and licence agreements
- Other legal matters of international significance to library and information services

The Governing Board of IFLA decided at its meeting on 26 August 2006 in Seoul that the term of office will be 4 years (instead of 3 years) as from 2007. This will bring them in line with the terms of office of other IFLA bodies. It means that the current nominations are for the period 2007-2011, renewable once. The maximum term will therefore be 8 years.

List of current members of the CLM Committee

Only those who are completing their first term are eligible for nomination for a second term.

Only one nomination will be accepted from each IFLA member. In selecting the members of the Committee from amongst those nominated, the Governing Board has adopted a policy of appointing only one member from any one country. The Board also takes into account the need to ensure wide geographical representation on the Committee. IFLA Members are urged to nominate only those who have significant interest and expertise in the issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

Nominees should have:

- a reasonable expectation of being able to attend (without cost to IFLA) the business and professional meetings of the Committee. The meetings are usually held before and during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress beginning in Durban (South Africa) in 2007 and up to and including 2011. Congress venues have been decided for 2008 (Quebec City, Canada) and 2009 (Milan, Italy). Venues for 2010 and 2011 have not yet been determined;
- the ability to report authoritatively on the state of affairs in their own countries and regions in respect of copyright and other legal matters listed above;
- demonstrated knowledge about and activity focused on copyright and libraries within their country;
- a working knowledge of at least one of the working languages of IFLA (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Spanish and Russian). Since the business meetings of IFLA tend to be conducted in English, reasonable fluency in this language is highly desirable; and
- the ability and willingness to contribute regularly to the work of the committee in between congresses by email.

The completed nomination forms will be sent to the chair of the Committee, Winston Tabb. He will be asked to make recommendations to the Governing Board on the selection of names from amongst those nominated.

The maximum size of the committee is 27 members .

The Governing Board will appoint the members of the Committee at its meeting during the week beginning 23 April 2007. Successful nominees will be informed as soon as possible after the meeting so that they can make arrangements to attend the World Library and Information Congress in Durban, 19-23 August 2007.

Please use only the nomination forms sent by mail.

It must be signed by the authorised signatory. This is the individual who is listed in IFLA's records as the organization's highest official and whose name appears on the nomination form.

Peter Johan Lor – IFLA's Secretary General

Updating copyright laws in developing countries

Many developing countries have updated their copyright laws in recent years, or are in the process of reviewing their copyright laws. In most instances, librarians and educators have not been included in the legislative process. As a result, the needs of libraries, education, persons with sensory-disabilities, etc. have not been addressed in their updated laws.

The minimum copyright term in the Berne Convention and TRIPS Agreement is 50 years after the author's death, yet many developing countries have extended their copyright term far beyond these requirements. They have also adopted stricter copyright regimes in line with developed countries, yet they are net importers of intellectual property. They have not availed themselves of the flexibilities in international IP agreements.

These flexibilities, such as provisions for exceptions and limitations, are compatible with international treaty obligations. There is no conflict of interest as these flexibilities may be included in national copyright laws.

To ensure a balance in copyright laws, it is essential that librarians and educators be included in the legislative process when amending national copyright legislation. If your copyright law is currently under review, IFLA Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters (Chair: Winston Tabb at wtabb@jhu.edu) and eIFL.IP (Co-ordinator: Teresa Hackett at teresa.hackett@eifl.net) may be able to offer assistance or refer you to useful resources. This will help to ensure that the needs of libraries and education are included in national copyright laws.

The Commonwealth of Learning (www.col.org) provides helpful guidelines with regard to copyright limitations and exceptions at <http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/3977> (click

on right-hand side on "Guideline Document on Copyright Limitations and Exceptions, 2005").

I hope this information will be helpful to countries currently reviewing their national copyright laws.

Denise Nicholson

COMMITTEE ON FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION - FAIFE

Call for nominations: Term of office 2007-2011

To: All Association Members of IFLA
Institutional Members of IFLA

Please note:

This call for nominations with the nominations forms has already been sent by mail to all members concerned.

On behalf of the Governing Board of IFLA, I invite your Association & Institution to nominate an individual to a place on the IFLA/FAIFE Committee.

The deadline for the receipt of nominations at IFLA Headquarters is Wednesday, 7 February 2007.

No late submissions will be accepted.

FAIFE is an initiative within IFLA to defend and promote the basic human rights defined in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The FAIFE Committee and Office further free access to information and freedom of expression in all aspects, directly or indirectly, related to library and information services. FAIFE monitors the state of intellectual freedom within the library and information community worldwide, supports IFLA policy development and cooperation with other international human rights organizations, and responds to violations of free access to information and freedom of expression.

The Governing Board of IFLA decided at its meeting on 26 August 2006 in Seoul that the term of office will be 4 years (instead of 3 years) as from 2007. This will bring it in line with the terms of office of other IFLA bodies. It means that the current nominations are for the period 2007-2011, renewable once. The maximum term will therefore be 8 years.

List of current members of the FAIFE Committee:

<http://www.ifla.org/faife/faife/komite.htm>

Only one nomination will be accepted from each IFLA Member. In selecting the members of the Committee from amongst those nominated, the Governing Board has adopted a policy of appointing only one member from any one country. The Board also takes into account the need to ensure wide geographical representation on the Committee. Member

associations are urged to nominate only those who have significant interest and expertise in the issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

Nominees should also have a reasonable expectation of being able to attend (without cost to IFLA) the business and professional meetings of the Committee. The meetings are usually held before and during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress, beginning in Durban (South Africa) in 2007 and up to and including 2011. Congress venues have been decided for 2008 (Quebec City, Canada) and 2009 (Milan, Italy). Venues for 2010 and 2011 have not yet been determined. Furthermore, there will be a spring meeting in April at IFLA Headquarters in The Hague, the Netherlands, to coincide with the IFLA Governing Board meetings. Nominees should be able to report authoritatively on the state of the affairs in their own country and its region, and actively promote freedom of access to information and freedom of expression issues. They should also be willing and able to contribute to the work of the committee in between congresses by email or fax.

The completed nomination forms will be sent to the chair of the Committee, Paul Sturges. He will be asked to make recommendations to the Governing Board on the selection of names from amongst those nominated.

The maximum size of the committee is 27 members.

The Governing Board will appoint the members of the Committee at its meeting during the week beginning 23 April 2007. Successful nominees will be informed as soon as possible after the meeting so that they can make arrangements to attend the World Library and Information Congress in Durban, 19-23 August 2007.

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Peter Johan Lor
IFLA's Secretary General

CUBA-L: a new IFLA/FAIFE mailing list

Subscribe

<http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/subrequest/cuba~1>

IFLA/FAIFE is happy to announce the opening of a new FAIFE mailing list specifically dedicated the discussion of freedom of access to information and freedom of expression in relation to libraries and librarianship in Cuba.

The background for establishing CUBA-L is the overwhelming interest amongst a group of dedicated FAIFE-L subscribers in posting news and discussion of intellectual freedom issues in Cuba. In response to this level of interest, the FAIFE

Committee decided at its business meeting in Seoul to set up CUBA-L as a special forum for debate.

By this initiative, we intend to encourage both this special discussion on CUBA-L; and also the general debate on FAIFE-L, which some suspect is inhibited by the frequency of Cuba-related postings. We therefore invite present and possible new subscribers, especially interested in Cuba, to continue their discussions on CUBA-L. The list is moderated by member of the IFLA/FAIFE Committee Mark Perkins of New Caledonia.

CUBA-L is FAIFE's mailing list on freedom of access to information and freedom of expression in Cuba. The CUBA-L will specifically focus on intellectual freedom issues in relation to libraries and librarianship in Cuba; and aims to be a forum for communication, exchange of information and professional debate.

The list is restricted to subscribers: IFLA members, and individuals, institutions and organisations worldwide concerned with issues related to freedom of access to information and freedom of expression in Cuba.

When referring to long text, subscribers are kindly requested to use URL when possible; hence other subscribers can request posting of text when required. Submissions that do not have a clear reference to the purpose of the list will not be approved by the moderator.

Please also refer to:

[Disclaimer and Terms of Use of IFLA's Mailing lists.](#)

www.ifla.org/copyright.htm#MailingLists

To subscribe:

<http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/subrequest/cuba-l>

Messages intended for distribution to the list should be sent to: cuba-l@infoserv.inist.fr

IFLA-CDNL ALLIANCE FOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC STANDARDS (ICABS)

ICABS

The National Library of Australia, the Library of Congress, The British Library, the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, and Die Deutsche Bibliothek have agreed to participate in a joint alliance together with the Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal, IFLA and CDNL to assure ongoing coordination, communication and support for key activities in the areas of bibliographic and resource control for all types of resources and related format and protocol standards. This new alliance is known as "IFLA-CDNL Alliance for Bibliographic Standards (ICABS)".

The focus of the alliance is strategic and offers a practical way to improve international coordination and to steer developments in these key areas. The alliance aims to maintain, promote, and harmonize existing standards and concepts related to bibliographic and resource control, to develop strategies for bibliographic and resource control, and to advance understanding of issues related to long-term archiving of electronic resources, including the promotion of new and recommended conventions for such archiving. More specifically, the objectives of this new alliance are

- 1) To coordinate activities aimed at the development of standards and practices for bibliographic and resource control, including metadata, persistent identifiers, and interoperability standards
- 2) To support the international exchange of bibliographic resources by supporting, promoting, developing, and testing the maintenance of metadata and format standards
- 3) To ensure the promotion of new conventions
- 4) To act as a clearinghouse for information on all IFLA endeavours in these fields
- 5) To organize and participate in seminars and workshops
- 6) To enhance communication within the community.

ICABS goals and actions

These objectives will be realized through the "Goals and Actions" the alliance partners agreed upon and specified in the Strategic plan. The goals are primarily linked to IFLA professional priority "Promoting standards, guidelines and best practices", but some may also be linked to "Promoting resource sharing", "Providing unrestricted access to information", "Representing libraries in the technological marketplace", and "Developing library professionals". Each of the partners in this alliance has agreed to be the lead support agency for one or more of the actions, as shown below as "responsible partner."

Strategic plan

2005-2006 | 2004-2005

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/7/annual/icabs-sp2005-2006.pdf>

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ICABS coordination

ICABS will coordinate and communicate their work and activities to enhance cooperation and to avoid overlapping or duplicating work between the alliance partners and: IFLA Headquarters, Governing Board, Professional Committee, Divisions, & Sections

CDNL and the regional groups of CDNL

UNESCO and other funding bodies

ISO, ICA, and other national and international standard making bodies in the area of bibliographic control

One member of each of the participating libraries (plus two members nominated by IFLA) will constitute an ICABS Board, chaired by one of the participating institutions on a rotating basis. Die Deutsche Bibliothek has agreed to chair the board for the first 3-year-term. The institution that chairs the board will provide a secretary for the group. The secretary will handle various arrangements and communications, for example, creating and maintaining a Web page for the programme and maintaining a Web view that promotes the results of the programme with a link to and from IFLANET.

The ICABS Board will review and evaluate the actions of this alliance.

Conferences

International Conference UNIMARC & Friends: charting the new landscape of library standards

<http://unimarc.bn.pt/>

Lisbon, Portugal, 20-21 March 2006

Archiving web resources: international conference

National Library of Australia, Canberra 9 - 11 November 2004
The conference forms part of the National Library of Australia's contribution to the work program of the IFLA CDNL Alliance Bibliographic Standards (ICABS).

Publications

Two ICABS publications now online!

In 2004-2005, The National Library of the Netherlands (Koninklijke Bibliotheek) conducted for ICABS a survey on the use and development of standards in digital archiving within the international library world. The survey resulted in the report:

"Networking for digital preservation: Current Practice in 15 National Libraries".

PDF version available at:

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/7/pub/IFLAPublication-No119.pdf>

In the same period the National Library of Australia also carried out a survey for ICABS on digital preservation. This survey focused on the availability of suitable guidance documents for preserving digital materials:

"Report to ICABS on guidance for digital preservation: Report on a survey of Sources".

PDF version available at:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/nla/staffpaper/2005/documents/webb1.pdf>

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IFLA DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN SECTION

Minutes of the Standing Committee Meetings of the Latin America and Caribbean Section Seoul, Korea, 20-25 August, 2006

1st. Meeting held on August 20, 2006, from 13:45 to 15: 45 hrs.

1. Audience

1.1. Members of the Standing Committee and the Regional Office

María Isabel Cabral da Franca, president (Brasil), Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano, secretary (Mexico), Elizabet M. Ramos de Carvalho, manager LAC-RO, Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Elizabeth Watson (Barbados), Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Araceli Gómez Martín (Spain), Blanca Hodge (St. Maarten).

1.2. Special Consultant of the Regional Office

Stella Maris Fernández (Argentina)

1.3. Corresponding members

Olinda Estela Gómez Morán (El Salvador), Estela Morales Campos (Mexico).

1.4 ALP Program Director

Birgitta Sandell, ALP Programa Director, also attended the meeting.

1.5 Others attendants

Margarita Pobeá Reyes (Cuba), Marta Terry González (Cuba), Ana Cecilia Torres Muñoz (Costa Rica), Ricardo López Muñoz (Chile), Tekla Nachbar (USA), Michael Heaney (Great Britain), Patricia Roberts (Jamaica), Jesús Lau (Mexico), Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo (Mexico).

2. Members with justified absence

2.1. Members of the Standing Committee

Jeane dos Reis Passos (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Alice Miranda Arguedas (Costa Rica), Gonzalo Oyarzún (Chile), Mercedes Falcón (Ecuador), Marie-Françoise Bernabé (Martinique), Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva (Mexico), Victor Torres (Puerto Rico), Alicia Ocaso (Uruguay), Loly Hernández de d'Elia (Venezuela).

2.2 Corresponding members

Doris Samanez (Bolivia), Ivone Tálamo (Brazil), María Elena Zapata (Venezuela).

3. Opening and approval of the meeting agenda

The Standing Committee president, Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca, welcomed those in attendance and submitted the agenda for approval, which was subsequently approved.

4. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee Mid-term Meeting, held in Fortaleza City, Ceara, Brazil, on March 2006.

The President submitted the meeting minutes of the Standing Committee mid-term meeting, held in Fortaleza City, Ceara, Brazil, on March, 2006 for approval. The meeting minutes were approved.

5. Reports

5.1. President Report

Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca, president of the Latin American and the Caribbean SC, presented her Annual Report for the period 2005-2006. She mentioned the Section had worked in close relationship with the Regional Office, the other IFLA Sections, and the Core Activities Programs, particularly with ALP – Action for Development through Libraries Programme-, as well as Latin-American and Caribbean library associations and institutions.

Her report also included information about the SC mid-term meeting, held in Fortaleza City, Ceara, Brazil, on March 24 and 25, 2006, which was supported by the Ceara State Public Library. Previously to this meeting there were a SIDA Seminar and a Workshop, with the attendance of local librarians, where several members of the Standing Committee gave speeches on diverse library issues in Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Likewise, her report approached the situation of approved ALP projects.

Finally, she mentioned those members from Latin American and the Caribbean that participated as speakers in the 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council, among them: Lourdes

Feria, Margarita Povea, Estela Morales, Jesús Lau, Matha Terry, Ana Maria Peruchena y Jorge Meneses. She invited the meeting participants to attend their presentations, as well as the sessions of the Division VIII, Regional Activities, and the Latin America and the Caribbean Section.

5.2. Secretary Report

Filiberto Martínez, Standing Committee secretary, reported the activities that were carried out during the period 2005-2006. These were focused to support the President for reports elaboration, as well as the SC meeting agendas and minutes. He also mentioned a brochure, in English and Spanish, about IFLA-LAC, that was distributed among attendants to the 72nd IFLA General Conference and Council.

5.3. Regional Office Manager Report

Elizabeth M. Ramos de Carvalho, Regional Office manager, presented her Activities Report for the period August, 2005 to August, 2006. She pointed out that most of the Regional Office endeavors were centered on the participation in IFLA General Conferences, IFLA-LAC Standing Committee meetings, and diverse professional meetings held in the Region. Her report included detailed information on these meetings.

Other important point included in her report was the publication, in English and Spanish, of the IFLA/LAC Newsletter No. 47 (December 2005), and No. 48 (June 2006), which were distributed to the Section members. Likewise, the Region Clearinghouse activities were mentioned, pointing out that were distributed around 1000 copies from it.

Administrative and financial issues were other important point included in this report, as well as the state of the Region projects approved by ALP. Also, it was pointed out the communication among the Region members has been increased using diverse mediums as e-mail, fax, and telephone. Moreover, the affiliation of new members has been promoted, being among the most recent the library associations from El Salvador, Paraguay, and Colombia, and the Librarianship Federal Council of Brazil.

6. Information of interest

The president invited the meeting attendants to share information of interest for the Section and the Region:

Jesús Lau, president of the Information Literacy Section, gave information about the International Information Literacy Resources Directory, developed by the Section and supported by UNESCO. He invited the meeting attendants to participate in it.

Michael Heaney, president of the Statistics and Evaluation Section, gave information on the Project "Global Statistics for the 21st Century," carried out by this Section, with the

partnership of UNESCO Institute for Statistics and ISO. Its objective is to gather better statistical information on the library and information resources use. He invited the meeting attendants and IFLA-LAC to participate in this project.

Tekla Nachbar, from the Bill y Melinda Gates Foundation, gave information about the Access to Learning Award, given annually to recognize the innovative efforts of libraries, organizations or library agencies outside the United States in providing no-cost public access to information technology.

7. End of the meeting

The meeting finished at 15: 45 hrs. SC members agree to continue the agenda discussions in the second meeting on Friday, August 25.

2nd Meeting held on August 25, 2006 from 11:00 to 13:50 hrs.

Audience

1.1. Members of the Standing Committee and the Regional Office

María Isabel Cabral da Franca, president (Brazil), Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano, secretary (Mexico), Elizabeth M. Ramos de Carvalho, manager LAC-RO, Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Elizabeth Watson (Barbados), Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Araceli Gómez Martín (Spain), Blanca Hodge (St. Maarten).

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1.3. Corresponding members

Olinda Estela Gómez Morán (El Salvador), Estela Morales Campos (Mexico).

1.4. ALP Program Director

Birgitta Sandell, ALP Programa Director, also attended the meeting.

1.5. Others attendants

Ricardo López Muñoz (Chile), Evadne McLean (Jamaica), Joan Vacianna (Jamaica).

2. Members with justified absence

2.1. Members of the Standing Committee

Jeane dos Reis Passos (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Alice Miranda Arguedas (Costa Rica), Gonzalo Oyarzún (Chile), Mercedes

Falcón (Ecuador), Marie-Françoise Bernabé (Martinique), Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva (Mexico), Victor Torres (Puerto Rico), Alicia Ocaso (Uruguay), Loly Hernández de d'Elia (Venezuela).

2.2 Corresponding members

Doris Samanez (Bolivia), Ivonne Tálamo (Brasil), María Elena Zapata (Venezuela).

3. Opening of the meeting

The Standing Committee president, Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca, welcomed those in attendance and asked them to continue discussing the remained points of the approved agenda on August 20.

4. Situation of ALP approved projects and new proposals

Birgitta Sandell, ALP Program director, gave information about the state of projects previously approved by ALP, whose development continue or their conclusion has been satisfactory.

Project 363 "Network of Quechuan rural libraries: an information access service" (Peru).

Project 371 "Latin American and Caribbean Associations Seminar" (Argentina)
Concluded and waiting for the report.

Project 373 "Shared Data Base of Citizens Knowledge (BCCC) — for training youth" (Brazil).

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

Project 379 "Training in public library services for Latin American Librarians" (Colombia).

Project 381 "International Conference of Librarianship Schools" (Peru).

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).

Project 383 "Workshop on elaboration of illustrated books in indigenous languages" (Venezuela).

Project 384 "Central America Seminar on Unesco/IFLA manifestos and guidelines for public libraries, school libraries and Internet" (Costa Rica).

Regarding to proposals for new projects, there was not discussion.

6. Section activities for the WLIC 2007 in Durban, South Africa.

It was proposed as tentative theme for the Section Open Forum in the IFLA Conference in Durban, South Africa, "Digital Libraries in the Region."

There were mentioned several topics around it, among them: free software, open access, digital library projects, database formats, digitalization formats, consortia, and social impact of digital libraries. Final theme and its topics will be defined in the next months by the SC.

Other Issues

Mid-term Meeting of the 2007 Standing Committee

It was reiterated the Costa Rica proposal, submitted in Fortaleza, Ceara, Brasil, to host the 2007 mid-term meeting of the Standing Committee, together with the Central America Seminar on Unesco/IFLA manifestos and guidelines for public libraries, school libraries and Internet. This would be useful to support library development in Central America.

Likewise, Argentina also reiterated its offering to be host of the 2007 mid-term meeting of the Standing Committee, covering stay and fly expenses of the SC members. The Committee asked the Argentinian delegate to formally submit the proposal in order to analyze it and to make the final decision.

Other information of interest

The following people gave information of interest for the meeting attendants and the Section:

Ricardo López Muñoz from the Dirección de Bibliotecas, Archivos y Museos de Chile, announced the celebration of the "1er. Congreso Nacional de Bibliotecas Públicas" in that country, from November 8 to 10, and he invited meeting attendants to participate in it.

Marcia Rosetto, FEBAB President (Brasil) reported on the "2nd International Congress of Archives, Libraries, Documentation Centers and Museums" (INTEGRAR) that had place in Sao Paulo, Brazil, from June 25 to 29, where several SC members participated.

Ingrid Bon, from the Libraries for Children and Young Adult Section, expressed the Section intentions to work in joint projects with IFLA/LAC, so the SC will look for opportunities and actions in this way.

9. End of the meeting

The meeting finished at 13:50 on August 25.

IFLA NEW PUBLICATIONS

Steps Towards an International Cataloguing Code

This book contains the proceedings of the third IFLA Meeting of Experts (IME) on an International Cataloguing Code (ICC), which was held in Cairo, Egypt in December 2005. A large number of international cataloguing experts met on that occasion to discuss the use of cataloguing rules throughout the Arabic-speaking world.

Vol. 29 of the IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control is the latest report in a process towards International Cataloguing Principles that began in 2003 and will continue through 2007. Through the series of meetings represented by each volume the reader will be able to track the development and consultation taking place throughout the different parts of the world that will culminate with the creation of a truly international set of principles to guide the development of cataloguing codes worldwide.

This volume contains information in English and Arabic on the recommendations of cataloguing experts from countries in the Arabic-speaking Middle East. The April 2006 draft Statement on International Cataloguing Principles included here reflects the votes of agreement from all participants of the IME ICC1 (Europe and Anglo-American), IME ICC2 (Latin America and the Caribbean), and IME ICC3 (Middle East).

IFLA Series on Bibliographic Control Vol. 29.
IFLA Cataloguing Principles Part 3
Report from the 3rd Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code, Cairo, Egypt 2004.
Edited by Barbara B. Tillett, Khaled Mohamed Reyad and Ana Lupe Cristán.
München: Saur, 2006, 197 p.
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NEWS OF THE REGION

ARGENTINA

Josefa Sabor celebrated her ninetieth birthday

Josefa Sabor, Argentinean librarian, author of the Reference Manual that was and is still source of reference for all Latin American librarians and specialists, celebrated recently her lucid 90 years during a meeting sponsored by her friends, including the presence of North American librarian William

Vernon Jackson, the promoter of the celebration, who came down to Buenos Aires expressly for this event, being the spokesperson of American institutions and more than 20 librarians from that country. Bill handed over to Pepita a magnificent leather diploma awarded by the Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois, engraved with the following text:

“Dominican University recognizes Josefa Emilia Sabor for her achievements as a teacher, scholar and library administration on the occasion of her 90th birthday”.

November 23-2006

Donna M Carroll

President

Graduate School of Library and Information Science

Susan Roman

Dean

The American Library Association has sent the following document

“October 31

On behalf of the American Library Association, I wish you the best on your 90th birthday!

Your efforts in the field of internacional librarianship have inspired the next generations to continue to reach out to colleagues in other countries to improve the profesión

Enjoy

Sincerely”

Michael Dowling

Director, Internacional Relations Office ALA

On March 15, 2005, the Mexicans, informed about a homage that was paid to Pepita at the Book Rock (La Peña del Libro), joined this homage by adding the following message delivered to the President of the Librarianship Research Society, Stella Maris Fernández, with the request that the message be read in the meeting

“Josefa Sabor played a key role in the training of Mexican librarians; the reading of her books and articles has been very significant in the education of those specialists who have for several decades supported librarian services in Mexico

The accuracy with which the Professor Sabor prepared her papers has enabled both analysis and reflection; based on them, young Mexican have, still today, gone deeper in the meaning and in the principles of the librarian capacity, as well as in the services they provide to the users.

For all this, we request from you an opportunity to join the homage by reading this communication, which is fruit of the admiration and high esteem we have for Josefa Sabor, for her deep presence in the Latin American Librarianship, originating from the valuable written work she has legated to us”.

Sincerely

Dra. Estela Morales Campos

Directora del Centro Coordinador del Posgrado

Dr. Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo

Difusor de Estudios Latinoamericanos Bibliotecología y Estudios de la UNAM

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(Stella Maris Fernández – Advisory IFLA/LAC RO)

Children's Day Campaign

ABGRA Library Promotion Subcommittee, within the scope of the “At Your Library Campaign”, organized in the month of August 2006 a Children's Day solidarity campaign with the purpose of celebrating the happiness of childhood and the relevance of books and reading in life. Chosen slogan was “Meet a friend at your library on this Children's Day”.

Many publishing houses were moved by this initiative and donated reading materials related to child-youth theme. Thanks to such donations it was possible to collect some 800 copies, which were then handed out by members of the Library Promotion Subcommittee to children in the following institutions: “Ricardo Gutiérrez” Children's Hospital , “Juan Garrahan” Children's Hospital, and “Francisco Muñiz” Hospital

Further information at: www.abgra.org.ar

33rd Buenos Aires Book Fair - The Book from Author to Reader April 16th to May 7th, 2007

Organization: El Libro foundation

Venue: La Rural, Buenos Aires Fair Building

Theme: Books without frontiers

Official Announcement

At 12:00 o'clock AM, Wednesday August 23, in the Jorge Luis Borges Room of the National Library, the 33rd International Buenos Aires Book Fair was officially announced before authorities from the National Government, the City Government, foreign representatives, writers, journalists, and exhibitors.

Official opening:

Thursday April 19, at 06:30 PM

Public opening

The Fair will open to the general public on Thursday April 19th, at 02:00 PM, and will be open every day until Monday May 7th as follows:

Sundays to Thursday from 02:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Friday and Saturdays from 02:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Monday April 30th, 02:00 PM to 11:00 PM

2nd Ibero-American Congress on Librarianship: Libraries and new readings in the digital space

Schedule: 14 to April 17, 2007

Latin American, Portuguese and Spanish professionals are invited to think about the “role of the librarians when the users can get information everywhere and any time through services based in the new technologies of information and communication” (ICT).

Registration and more information:

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XVII International Education Journeys

April 16-17, 2007

The traditional meeting of educators providing keynote speeches, round tables and discussion panels, literary discussions, and megaworkshops

23rd Book Professional Journeys

April 16-19, 2007

Publishers, booksellers and librarians from all over the world took avail of this great business opportunity, providing more national and foreign titles besides the most competitive prices in the market.

10th International Congress on Reading and Book Promotion

April 20-22, from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM

Up-to-date assumptions in this field will be addressed in panels and lectures to be delivered by both foreign and Argentinean specialists. The appointed committee will choose more than 60 papers among all the ones that will be submitted for reading during the Congress.

Education on the Web

Guide to educator-oriented sites. A very helpful tool that will facilitate the access to information and research. Includes the

publication generated by El Libro Foundation's Education Committee for the 32nd Buenos Aires International Book Fair

12th International Narrative Meeting “Storytellers and Storytelling”

Theme: Storytellers without frontiers

Date: April 27-29, 2007.

Oriented to professional storytellers, amateur storytellers, researchers, writers, publishers, educators, and librarians. Training workshops will be provided, story marathon, forum including storytellers from the counties, and narrative performances including local and international guests.

Textbook Annual Award XVII International Education Journeys

The purpose of the contest is to encourage research and the written production of Argentinean thinking, besides the publishing of works on education theory and practice. This is the only award in Spanish America with such characteristics.

<http://www.el-libro.com.ar/>

BOLIVIA

III National Congress of Bolivian Archivists, Librarians and Documentalists

The III National Congress of Bolivian Archivists, Librarians and Documentalists was held on September 27-29 in the historical Villa de San Felipe de Austria, the mining town in Oruro. “The right of access to information in Bolivia”, gathered 150 delegates from all over the country. The event was organized by The Bolivia Information Sciences Professionals School (CPCIB) and by Oruro Librarians Association (ABO), hosted by indefatigable Fernando Sandalio.

(Doris Samanez – Corresponding Member SC IFLA/LAC)

La Paz Bibliotecology Journeys

From 24th to 26th October, the Bibliotecology and Information Sciences Career, the Municipal Public Library “Mariscal Andrés de Santa Cruz,” and the UMSA Central library, organized a new version of the La Paz Bibliotecology Journeys (Doris Samanez – Corresponding Member SC IFLA/LAC)

Libraries on indigenous matters in Bolivia

There is Bolivia quite a number of highest level libraries whose object and life purpose are indigenous issues. In La Paz you will find the Library of the Ethnography and Folklore National Museum, which in the past systematically collect the Bolivian indigenous experience, thereby compiling a powerful

documental and bibliographical corpus. The Library of the Peasant Investigation and Promotion Center, later merged with the Central Library of Universidad de la Cordillera.

In Cochabamba, the Bolivian Ethnologic Library is to be pointed out, organized by the current President of San Pablo Bolivian Catholic University, Dr. Hans Van Givens Berg, an Augustinian priest who believes in Bolivia. He collected in this impressive reservoir all colonial chronicles and full collections of written materials published by the missionaries in Fide Schools. With this bibliographical baggage, he compiled his impressive and unsurpassed Aymara Bibliography, in three sold out volumes. Add to this the various bibliographies he published, about the indigenous peoples from the highlands and about the kallawayas.

In Santa Cruz, the Indigenous Library of the NGO "Support for the Indigenous Campesino of the Bolivian Orient" (APCOB), headed by Jürgen Riester, has systematically collected the mythical-magic oral tradition of the indigenous peoples of the Bolivian orient, making the own natives to become co-authors of the books published by the NGO. This is more an indigenous library than the other ones.

The Library of the Legal-Social Research Center (CEJIS), an NGO engaged in defending the respect for the human rights of the indigenous peoples, is also to be highlighted.

Finally, this list should include the Beni Research and Documentation Center (the Bolivia's Amazonian department), which stresses, among its components, an intrinsic approach to the indigenous population.

Other initiatives, like the UMSA's Rural Development Institute (IDR), support, organize and foster the creation of libraries in the rural environment, such as the one organized in Patacamaya, located in the highlands of La Paz.
(Doris Samanez – Corresponding Member SC IFLA/LAC)

Libraries meeting the users - First Fair of Libraries specialized in social, biological and historical science 2006

This is the meeting for any one interested in accessing specialized information and know that our region lodges other documental Centers besides university and municipal libraries.

This year, the CDBC-Net (Red de Centros Documentales y Bibliotecas Cruceñas Red) decided to bring together students, university students, educators, and researchers in the First Fair "Libraries meeting the users," October 12-14.

Visitors could know and see from closer the specialized bibliography, the issues of interest, the services provided by the libraries, and also share the experience of the world the

librarians are living in. For those visiting the libraries, such world is almost invisible.
(Doris Samanez – Corresponding Member SC IFLA/LAC)

BRAZIL

2nd INTEGRAR - International Congress on Archives, Libraries, Documentation Centers and Museums

June 25-29, 2006, Latin America Memorial, São Paulo, SP, Brazil.

Congress Theme - Sharing knowledge: access without frontiers.

The 2nd. INTEGRAR, venues in a space kindly provided by the Latin America Memorial, gathered some 502 attendees from Brazil and from other Latin America countries, besides 73 renowned lecturers from Germany, Canada, Colombia, the United States, France, Mexico, Peru, Switzerland, and Brazil.

The formal opening session, started 7 p.m. on June 25 in the Latin America Memorial's Simon Bolívar Auditorium, was attended by the following authorities: Márcia Rosetto, president of the FEBAB; Fernando Leça, president of the Latin America Memorial; Jose Luiz Goldforb, coordinator of the Program "São Paulo: A State of Readers", representing Mr. João Batista de Andrade, São Paulo State's Secretary of Culture; Ana Maria de Almeida Camargo, vice-president of São Paulo's Archivists Association; Maria Olímpia Dutzmann, from the Federal Council of Museology; Emir Jose Suaiden, IBICT director; Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca, president of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section and president of the IFLA Division of Regional Activities, representing also Ms. Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho, manager of IFLA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean; Sandra Soller Dias, representing the Federal Council on Librarianship; Maria Cândida de Assis Figueiredo, president of the Regional Council on Librarianship, 8th. Region.

Plenary Sessions took place from 9 to 12 every morning, June 26-29, and the Panels were held in the afternoons, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

On June 26, the Plenary Session on descriptive patterns and access tools in the digital world was coordinated by Mariza Leal de Meirelles do Coutto, with Inês Maria de Moraes Imperatriz acting as secretary. The "Revista Brasileira de Biblioteconomia e Documentação (RBBD)" was launched in digital format during the Plenary Session. The following lectures were delivered:

Prof. Dr. João Steiner (Keynote Speech), director of the Institute of Advanced Studies at the University of São Paulo -

spoke about the recording of information since Ancient Times and the contrast between the slowness of old times and the fast development after the Internet, which brings mobility to the very limit.

Prof Dr Marcia Lei Zeng, from Kent State University, USA - addressed the issue of metadata and the detailing of the object.

Prof Dr Patrícia Riva, from Macgill University, Canada - addressed Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records - FRBR, which is currently being developed under the auspices of IFLA.

Prof. Dr. André Porto Ancona Lopez, from University of Brasília - addressed the issue of archives and the information technologies.

The June 26 Panel was coordinated by Antonio Carlos de Moraes Sartini, with Francisca Pimenta Evrard acting as secretary. The panel was held under the theme of contents organization and cultural identity. The following lectures were delivered:

Prof. Dr. Emir José Suaiden, from IBICT (Brazilian Institute of Information in Science and Technology) - emphasized that the access to the book and to the library will depend on purchasing power and the level of education. He described the scenario by discussing the progress of knowledge from the technological revolution to the building of the information society, where the democratization of the access to information requires that both behavior and infrastructure be adapted to such reality. In this sense, he stressed the importance of human mediation in the public library and its contribution to social inclusion.

Prof. Dr. Antonio Lisboa Carvalho de Miranda, from University of Brasília - discussed the issue of contents and cultural identity in Brazil, taking into account such implications as the universalization of education without its counterpart in the development of holdings in libraries and information systems.

Gabriela Wilder, adviser for projects carried out by the Art Gallery of the State of São Paulo - discussed potential cultural actions in art museums aiming to favor the cultural inclusion of groups that traditionally self-exclude from such spaces.

Jarbas de Campos Mantovanini, from Regional São Paulo's Roberto Marinho Foundation, and Coordinator of the Portuguese Language Museum Implementation Project, spoke about the Museum, located at Bairro da Luz, in the centenarian Estação da Luz building, a historical landmark regarded as one of the most important architectural monuments in the city of São Paulo.

June 27 started with the Plenary Session: Looking for the target-public: marketing in archives, libraries, documentation

centers, and museums, coordinated by Prof Dr Sueli Angélica do Amaral, with Maria Cândida de Assis Figueiredo acting as secretary. The following lectures were delivered:

Prof. Dr Fernanda Jussara Luporini, from Centro Universitário do Sudoeste do Paraná, Ponta Grossa, State of Paraná - presented an educational work targeting the student in the elementary education, leading the student to value and preserve our cultural heritage besides nourishing their critical evaluation sense.

Rejane Gontow, consultant in information and knowledge management, from Campinas, São Paulo - encouraged the information worker to pay attention to the meaning of marketing as a managerial process in the commitment to the client.

Prof Dr Marília Xavier Cury, from University of São Paulo's Archeology and Ethnology Museum, São Paulo, SP - talked about how to understand the concept of museum while playing one's social role, from the stand point of a museum-based communication.

After the plenary session, a Panel on Latin America was held: Access to the information and multiculturalism, coordinated by Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho, Manager of IFLA's Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Office, and having Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca as secretary.

Fernando Leça, president of the Latin America Memorial, described the events carried out in the Memorial, seeing that the Memorial has already gathered politicians and personalities besides providing a number of cultural manifestation shows from the several countries in the area, as well as about the MERCOSUL. The Latin America Memorial Foundation is a center for integrating and disseminating the Latin-American culture. The most recent project includes the Latin America Memorial Lectureship, which already relies on the support from all three São Paulo universities: University of São Paulo (USP), UNICAMP, and UNESP, in the expectation that other universities will become interested in making available a half-yearly advanced studies program at the level of post-bachelor's degree targeting a better understanding of the Latin-American reality.

Prof Dr Estela Morales, from National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico - talked about our similarities and diversities, comparing the views of Spanish Ortega y Gasset, Mexican Leopoldo Zea, and Brazilian Darcy Ribeiro. She emphasized that different means diverse, but not a disadvantage. She believes that migration and globalization have sowed a wealth of respect for plurality, which may or not inhibit the building of knowledge. Each individual is a source of social energy. The common and the different complement each other. Before such phenomenon, the library community

has an important role in respecting this plurality, understanding the users and contributing to users' education as a citizen.

César Augusto Castro Aliaga, assistant to the Latin America and the Caribbean Section Standing Committee (IFLA-LAC), Lima, Peru - talked about the intercultural library as responsible for the organization and promotion of information services in multicultural environments. He talked about the Latin America indigenous libraries, stressing the experiences of Bolivia, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, and Peru.

Myrian Mejia, from General National Archive, Bogota, Colombia, talked about the social rule of law and the social purpose of such rule, providing a view that the lines of public policies allow us to detect the transversality of archive policies and its political dimension in public administration. Human rights start and end with the recognition of all citizens and in the ethics of providing them with dignity

Ricarda Musser, from the Iberian-American Institute (IAI) of Berlin, Germany, talked about the Institute and its policies for scientific and cultural exchange with Latin America. IAI is an interdisciplinary center oriented to the exchange between Europe and Latin America, and holds the biggest European library specialized in Iberian-American culture. IAI is a member of REDIAL and SALALM networks. The institute provides exchange and donation services besides publishing magazines, monographs and reports on all cultural events carried out.

Isabel Piñero, from the Interamerican Academical Organization (OUI), Argentina, introduced the OUI, a non-profit, non-governmental organization, and the only academical association in Latin America, currently congregating about 400 higher education institutions, including 98 ones from Brazil. She talked about the School of Americas (COLAM), an institution designed to support the creation of Interamerican networks for the training of personnel. She also highlighted the mission of the Inter-American Network for the Connectivity of University Libraries (RICBLU), a network aimed to improving education and research quality, besides increasing the volume of documentation that is generated.

On June 28, 2006, the Plenary Session addressed: freedom of information, intellectual property, and state secrets. The session was coordinated by Prof Dr Ana Maria de Almeida Camargo, with Ana Célia Navarro de Andrade acting as secretary. The following lectures were delivered:

Geidy Lung, from the World Intellectual Property Organization - WIPO / OMPI, Geneva, Switzerland, introduced the main activities and the recent works developed by the World Intellectual Property Organization, which is connected to the UN. She called attention to the possibilities of participation for libraries, publishers, and authors in the set-up of proposals for copyright-related models, guidelines, and

principles capable to result in effective partnerships to promote and protect authors' rights around the world, thereby extending the benefits of this achievement to the whole society.

Janice Gonçalves, from Santa Catarina State University, emphasized the right of all citizens to public documents, establishing a connection with the right to information and to the concept of citizenship.

José do Nascimento Júnior, from the Institute of National Historical and Artistic Heritage explained the Brazilian museums administration model.

Adriana C. Ferrari, from USP Integrated Libraries System, explained about the availability of an on-line Regional Collective Catalog of Books, which enables the access to information about books available in São Paulo libraries.

Still on June 28, 2006, the Panel on policies and projects designed for information conservation and preservation was coordinated by Prof Dr Rildecy Medeiros, with Elizabeth Helena Braga Moreira acting as secretary. The following lectures were delivered:

Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, from the French Committee of the Blue Shield and the France National Library, Paris, France, reported on activities developed, researches, projects, and studies published within the scope of the Preservation and Conservation Committee (PAC) of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

Prof Dr Célia Ribeiro Zaher, chairperson of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries, talked about the prevention of disasters in cultural collections and the importance of setting up disaster prevention plans, with emphasis on the holdings of libraries.

Mário de Souza Chagas, from the National Historical and Artistic Heritage, Rio de Janeiro, discussed about Museology in contemporary society.

Jaime Antunes da Silva, from the National Library, Rio de Janeiro, highlighted the role of the National Council on Archives (CONARQ); he talked about the management of documents and the need of systemizing management processes.

The last Plenary Session was started at 9 a.m., June 29, under the theme Presential Teaching and Distance Education: the challenges of professional training, coordinated by Prof Dr Carminda Nogueira de Castro Ferreira, with Ivone Tálamo acting as secretary. The following lectures were delivered:

Suely de Brito Clemente Soares, from São Paulo State University at Rio Claro, São Paulo state, talked about experiences with courses designed for information

professionals provided as presential, semi-presential, and distance teaching.

Telma Lasmar Gonçalves, from Federal Council of Museology, Rio de Janeiro, presented museum documentation from the point of view of museum diversity, accessibility, and of the knowledge dissemination, and highlighted the use of the Internet as a work and socialization tool in the museums.

Ana Célia Navarro de Andrade, from the Pontifician Catholic University of São Paulo, presented an overview of archivist professional training in Brazil

The Panel on Technologies and innovations applied to information was coordinated by Prof. Márcia Rosetto, with Prof Dr Maria de Cleofas Faggion de Alencar acting as secretary.

Ilza Leite Lopes, a consultant from Brasília, talked about the research she conducted for preparing a proposal including information quality criteria and indicators about Health in the web.

Rosaly Fávero Krzyzanowski, from The State of São Paulo Research Foundation, São Paulo, emphasized that FAPESP, as a support agency, has been supporting the development of science and technology in the state of São Paulo, in all areas of knowledge.

Nicholas Cop, a consultant on information systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, from Newberry, Florida, the United States, presented the different concepts within the scope of open archives and highlighted the practical application of such systems to information services and also the importance of such a tool for those countries competing for the short financial resources that provide support to the information sector.

Concurrently, a Products and Services Fair brought together 24 exhibitors, 50 technical papers and 28 posters were presented, covering themes like selection and organization of information contents; descriptive patterns and access tools; technologies and innovations applied to information; policies and incentive projects aimed at institutional repertories; conservation and preservation policies and projects; developing information literacy; professional training; tendencies and perspectives.

The Congress provided simultaneous events, such as: Meeting of Legal Information and Documentation Professionals, coordinated by Solange Aparecida Simões Ferreira do Ó and Cátia Martins Jorge; and the 5th Regional SPis Meeting, group of Microis users in the State of São Paulo, coordinated by Maria Cândida de Assis Figueiredo; besides the Meeting of the Brazilian Council of University Libraries Board (CBBU - FEBAB) and the seven workshops that took place before and

after the Congress addressing up-to-date and relevant themes for the information professionals.

The following recommendations were submitted and approved during the closing session:

- Brazil and all Latin-American countries should think about the issue of metadata and make use of such procedure, seeing that the treatment of information, if so dimensioned, will make it much easier for the user to retrieve the information, as well as for managing institutions, because of data interoperability (exchange of information between systems), without any additional effort.
- Exchange of information among information professionals should be encouraged as far as the metadata theme is concerned.
- The description of documents by using metadata should be respected regarding contextual information, taking into account the relevance of the probatory condition of the document in relation to the use thereof.
- The 3rd Meeting of Indigenous Libraries should be venued in Brazil, namely in the Latin America Memorial, with the support from IFLA and FEBAB.
- The Blue Shield National Committee should be set up, designed to operate like a Culture Red Cross and relying on the participation of national and international entities from such areas as Archival Science, Librarianship, Information Science, and Museology, especially those linked to FEBAB and IFLA, for implementation.
- FEBAB and IFLA should give a contribution by supporting the availability of more graduate studies in the fields of Archival Science and Museology in Brazil.

(Sueli Angélica do Amaral)

3rd National Meeting on Information Science Associations

Held on October 22, 2006, concurrently with University Libraries National Seminar- SNBU.

Sponsorship and organization: Brazilian Federation of Librarians Associations, Information Scientists, and Institutions - FEBAB

Theme: Set-up of a national agenda aimed at providing support to the library, the information services, and the information professionals.

Venue: Fiesta Hotel Convention Center - Violeta Room - Salvador, Bahia.

Program

9 - 9:30 AM – Activities developed by Division VIII and Latin America and the Caribbean Section - IFLA/LAC, by Maria Isabel Franca, Coordinator of Division VIII and Head of IFLA/LAC Section.

9:30 - 10 AM – “Libraries on the Agenda”, IFLA's 2007 action program, by Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho, Manager of IFLA's Latin America and Caribbean Regional Office.

10 – 10:30 AM – Activities implemented by FEBAB aimed to the society and to professionals in the area of information, by Marcia Rosetto, President of FEBAB.

10:30 - 12h AM – A time for attendees to talk about the activities implemented in their states and areas.

13:30 – 17 PM – Strategies aimed to the set-up of a national agenda designed to foster the actions carried out by information sector associations, applying a conceptual and mental map methodology as supporting tools in the dynamics of the works.

Dinamization: Prof. Dr. Regina Célia Baptista Belluzzo (Márcia Rosetto – SC IFLA/LAC)

Shared Data Base of Citizens Knowledge (BCCC) (ALP Project 373)

Itaim Paulista Sub-prefecture has taken one more step towards the implementation of work and income oriented public policies, with a focus on the collection of data by the community itself, and using the dissemination of information as a tool for planning both public and private actions.

In order to make this possible, a commitment partnership was entered in 2005 between LIDAS Institute, responsible for the Shared Data Base of Citizens Knowledge (BCCC) pilot project, IFLA/LAC and IFLA/ALP the institution allocating the resources for the project at Itaim Paulista, São Paulo.

As soon as the deputy mayor Diógenes Sandim learned from Luzia M. Soares, animation director at the Animated Cartoon Economic Chamber, about LIDAS's experience with “Casa dos Meninos” (Boys House) in the District of Jardim São Luiz, he glimpsed a work opportunity for young users of computer resources.

In addition, the Shared Data Base of Citizens Knowledge (BCCC) had been awarded Milton Santos 1st prize by the Municipality of São Paulo, with a recommendation to apply the resources in public policies.

Thus, efforts were channeled so that youth-oriented Library Vicente Paulo Guimarães could become the main link in the local network. The partnership including the three entities, namely LIDAS, IFLA/LAC, and the sub-prefecture, endeavors to set up learning opportunities by using new youth-oriented information technologies. The project, which is financed by the Nordic countries members of IFLA, is designed to provide the first steps towards building the knowledge unit. The Special Secretariat for Participation and Partnership has committed to support the equipment, the links, and the adaptation of physical space where BCCC central node will be located.

Thus, on 10/30/06 BCCC was set up at the location where the irradiating pole, namely the Library, will be implanted, relying on the attendance of youths already enrolled to attend the workshops, plus the representative from IFLA in Latin America, Ms. Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho, the sub-prefect, representatives from Culture General Office, and other authorities.

Activities will be developed at 3 points in the Sub-prefecture: Curuçá Telecenter, City Training Center II, and Parque Santa Amélia Telecenter. All youths will be trained on survey, statistical information analysis, identification of communities' potentialities, and the use of georeferencing.

Youth selection was made through the Internet by LIDAS Institute website. In total, 120 young people will be trained, and it is expected that after three months they will be fully trained to conduct surveys, know, decode, and handle existing data in order to incorporate them into real life experience as permanent culture in planning their sustainable survival actions and strategies within the scope of Itaim Paulista sub-prefecture.

Workshops will be provided by seven young instructors, who will at the same time come from and help replicate the Project developed in Jardim São Luis, plus two educators especially chosen to act in the project.

After BCCC installation ceremony, Ms. Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho, together with project coordinators and collaborators, visited the locations where project activities will be implemented.

Launching of the Blue Shield Program: the cultural assets “International Red Cross”

The UNESCO convention on the Protection of Cultural Assets in the case of Armed Conflicts (1954) was complemented by a Protocol approved in 1999 that recognizes the International “Blue Shield” Committee as the equivalent to the “International Red Cross” for the rescue and protection of the cultural inheritance of countries. For adherence to this program the Brazilian Blue Shield Committee was created in Brazil.

The Brazilian Committee installation session was held at the National Archives on November 9, 2006 relying on attendance of the heads of the National Archives, National Library, Brazilian Federation of Librarians Association, Federal Librarianship Council, Brazilian Archivists Association, National Council of Archives, and IFLA Regional Office for LAC under the presidency of the National Coordinator of the Program. Those Institutions became founding members of the Committee in Brazil, to which the entities representing the museums and the monuments will be attached.

Professor Celia Ribeiro Zaher was appointed by the Paris-based International Committee to be the Coordinator, and her curriculum includes, among others, the following offices: Technical Director of the National Library, Director of IBICT, full professor at UFF, Director of BIREME, and also Director of UNESCO's Book, Libraries, and Archives Departments in Paris for 20 years. She recently held the international office of Chairperson of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL) and she is also Honorary President of the American Association of National Libraries (ABINIA).

During the meeting, the action Plan for the Committee was set up, and the first step for the Committee composition and operation was discussed. The Program will have national coverage, and, for this purpose, regional committees will be set up to evaluate and propose actions aimed to the protection and safeguard of the cultural assets. The implementation of this Program in Brazil was discussed during the latest Integrar Congress, sponsored by FEBAB in São Paulo in 2006, gathering librarians, archivists and museologists, after which recommendations were provided concerning the creation of a Brazilian Committee. It was also discussed during the University Libraries Seminar in Bahia, in October 2006, which recommended the creation of the Bahian Regional Committee, supported by the Federal University of Bahia.

That volunteering work is expected to bring together librarians, archivists and museologists to discuss the issues related to the protection and safeguard of the Brazilian cultural heritage, in view of the effort to gain recognition based on its significance in the development of our citizenship.

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Course on Librarianship and Information Units Management (CBG/FACC/UFRJ)

The idea of implementing a Librarianship Course at UFRJ has been nourished since the University Central Library was opened in 1950. At the time, the idea would include the erection of an eight-floor building - to lodge the Library - sparing the eighth floor for the Librarianship Course.

In October 2001, following an initiative from the Coordination of the Libraries and Information System (S/BI), a work commission was set up - including librarians, professors, and specialists in the area, relying on consultancy provided by the UFRJ faculty, to develop the Political-pedagogic Proposal for a Librarianship and Information Units Management Course, which was submitted in November 2003 to the relevant authorities for analysis and approval.

Course syllabus was designed with a different focus from other courses offered in the country, including at the same time such areas as Librarianship and Management, following the trend of 21st Century librarians who need to be trained to manage all of the resources comprised in the Information Units - whether financial, material, technological, or informational, as well as the staff, which will become the main assets. So, the Business Administration and Accounting School (FACC) was chosen to lodge the Course because of its focus on management.

Another aspect that causes CBG to be different is that the course is interdisciplinary, including the participation of the Fine Arts School (EBA), the Communication School (ECO), the Engineering School (Poli), the Languages School (FL), the Institute of Economy (IE), the Institute of Philosophy and Social Sciences (IFCS), the Institute of Mathematics (IM), the Institute of Psychology (IP) and the Health Education Technology Nucleus (NUTES).

On June 29 2005, the Course was approved by the Conselho de Ensino de Graduação (Higher Education Council -CEG) and, on July 14, by CONSUNI (University Council), to become part of the syllabus of graduate studies offered by UFRJ.

The 1st CBG class was started on August 07 2006, at Praia Vermelha campus, and the second class is scheduled to be started in March 2007.

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Seminar discusses plans on book and reading in Mercosul

The seminar venued in Rio de Janeiro, November 27-28, "National Book and Reading Plans in Mercosul," provided a lively debate among representatives from the book and reading sector in Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Venezuela. Organized by the National Book and Reading Plan of Brazil, in partnership with the Ministry of Culture (Minc) and the National Library Foundation (FBN), the event provided a platform for the exchange of experiences with the countries in the region and also the consolidation of national book and reading policies. In

the end of the seminar, a report including a series of recommendations based on the integration among Mercosul countries to favor book and reading actions oriented plans was generated.

Directory of Librarian and Related Professionals Associations in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Directory of Librarian and Related Professionals Associations in Latin America and the Caribbean was published in 1998. The work approved by IFLA Professional Board in 1991, started in 1993 coordinated by distinguished Mexican librarian Rosa María Fernández de Zamora. The first step, as referred to in the Directory, was a review of the existing directories, and contact was made with colleagues from the other countries in order to obtain a list of all associations to which the questionnaires should be submitted.

The questionnaires started to be submitted in 1995, and the survey was completed in July 1997. The delay in completing the task was due to both communications difficulties and the lack of responses from the fellow librarians. Six years after the publication, we were convinced by the comments from several fellow librarians that a revision of the Directory was necessary, and then we decide to carry out the task, but this time in electronic format in order to facilitate the survey and also to reach a broader universe of users. A project was submitted to IFLA in 2003 and approved in the same year. The survey started in 2004 by applying the same method as in the previous Directory: reviewing the work published in 1998 and others, if any were available, and making contact with fellow librarians in the region to build up the list of associations.

The task was expected to be completed in a very short time, seeing that this time we would be using the electronic means available, especially the electronic mail (e-mail). However, it did not happen as expected due to the delay in receiving some responses and because of the difficulties caused by address changes and even because some associations had disappeared whilst other associations had come into existence. But now, although the work delayed more than initially anticipated, thanks to the use of electronic mail and to the aid from fellow librarians in the region, we managed to reach a quite significant number of librarians congregating institutions. The number of institutions increased considerably from 56 to 101.

The institutions were divided in two main groups:

International Associations:

This includes all associations with jurisdiction over more than one country.

National Associations:

This includes all associations, federations, council, schools and unions with jurisdiction over one single country or part of a

country: 63% of these are located in three countries, namely Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico.

I hope this new Directory will prove useful to whoever may need to search for data about the institutions congregating librarians in our region. Suggestions regarding corrections, aggregates, or suppressions are welcome. When a consultation is submitted in electronic format, it becomes much easier to implement corrections and introduce amendments.

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s27/pub/Directorio-LAC.pdf>

Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho
IFLA/LAC RO Manager

Librarians encourage reading in prisons

Students from the Librarianship School at FESPSP (São Paulo Sociology and Politics School Foundation) had a daring and ambitious initiative when they decided to expand the opportunities for the mandatory apprenticeship period. As a result, project *Leitura Ativa* (Active Reading) was started in 2004, currently controlled by the Foundation itself. The purpose is to take reading activities to convicts in São Paulo as a social reintegration tool.

The work is implemented currently at female convict prisons of Santana, Capital city and Butantã, and also to the male convict prison of São Miguel Paulista during the weekly two-hour meetings. The program includes evening activities, meetings with authors and actions that go beyond the contact with the book.

“The mission of a librarian includes contributing to the dissemination of culture, taking information to the most varied groups. This was the rationale for this project. Convicts are excluded people who receive no encouragement whatsoever”, as justifies Evanda Paulino Verri, academic coordinator from FESPSP Librarianship and Information Science School and coordinator of the Active Reading project.
(Folha da Tarde, 14/11/2006)

CHILE

A new and attractive library for Santiago

On Wednesday September 27, Living Library was opened, located in the terraces of Mall Plaza Oeste, the fifth location started under the alliance between La Fuente Foundation, an institution dedicated to the development of reading, and Mall Plaza.

The library relies on a collection with more than 5000 volumes (books, dvd's and cd's) and national and international newspapers and magazines; besides an child sector or “ship of stories,” a space for Internet access, and a multipurpose room

that will be used for workshops, courses and meetings with writers.

This project is framed in the agreement between the foundation and the shopping centers, which has given rise to other libraries in Santiago (Huechuraba and La Florida, Talcahuano, and La Serena), providing for the demand for books, information and culture of more than 20,000 active members and 700,000 people who have visited the place. All Living Library locations are open to the public, Monday thru Sunday from 01:00 PM to 09:00 PM. For further information, visit the websites: www.bibliotecaviva.cl and www.fundacionlafuente.cl (Claudio Aravena, Projects Manager, Fundación La Fuente)

EL SALVADOR

By-Laws of the Central American Federation of Librarians Associations and Schools - Feceab

The Parties to this Acts of Constitution

WHEREAS:

1. The Central American Librarians Associations and Schools play a key role in the development of library and information services of the Parties, having become dissemination and defense poles for the librarian capacity before the different instances of the Parties.

2. The Librarians Associations and Schools of the Parties make up a community with common interests, derived from their nature and from their leadership functions as regards the strengthening and the professional development of their associated members.

3. The Librarians Associations and Schools exist in each of the Parties with different levels of development, which should be integrated and strengthened in order to implement a joint work and obtain a more significant performance for the Central American region.

4. The current international context and the demands of the information society require a higher level of regional cooperation with the purpose of achieving a positive impact in the community and obtaining a significant national and international support to implement library development plans and programs.

5. On March 31, 2004, during the meeting held in the city of San Salvador, Republic of El Salvador, the Presidents of the Librarians Associations and Schools of the Parties, namely Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama, UNANIMOUSLY AGREE: TO CONSTITUTE THE CENTRAL AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LIBRARIANS

ASSOCIATIONS AND SCHOOLS OF THE PARTIES REPRESENTED HEREIN.

Agreed upon:

ARTICLE I

CONSTITUTION

The nonprofit Central American Federation of Librarians Associations and Schools - FECEAB is hereby constituted, and is hereby vested with the necessary statutory Legal Entity personality in order to perform the objectives foreseen in this By-Laws.

ARTICLE II

SEAT

The constitutive seat of the Federation will be located in the Republic of El Salvador, and the Board of Directors is hereby empowered to at every three years move the seat to another of the Parties, provided that at least two thirds of the parties agree or by a unanimous decision of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE III

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To integrate the Librarians Associations and Schools of Central American Region, with the purpose of fostering and strengthening the efforts for the development of library in the region, submitting regional projects, supporting the librarianship schools of each country, and providing a better service in our information units.

ARTICLE IV

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The Parties will have the following objectives:

Promoting the initiatives of the legislation and public policies at level of the Parties, in order to assure the Status of the Profession and ensure the implementation of existing ones.

Adopting compatible technical standards that guarantee a better library service capable to facilitate the exchange of materials and the automation of the information systems of the Parties.

Setting up regional reference sources, including librarianship professionals capable to foster the research, the study and the exchange of information.

Supporting academic education and training programs including services oriented to the upgrade of the human resources of the Parties, as well as the education of users.

Exchanging experiences and conducting joint researches on issues that are characteristic in the region.

Negotiating the obtaining of financial, technical, materials and human resources that contribute to the consolidation and modernization of processes, library services, and the implementation of cooperative programs with other institutions at national and international level.

Seeking the support of technical and legal consultancy from other institutions.

Implementing any other activity that the Parties may agree upon, pursuant to the objectives referred to in this By-Laws.

All those objectives that are not included herein shall be agreed upon as a consensus, or shall be jointly examined by the Parties.

ARTICLE V

THE MEMBERS

Members of the Central American Federation of Librarians Associations and Schools include all the Associations of the Parties that sign and ratify this By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI

FEDERATION'S ORGANIC STRUCTURE

General Assembly
Board of Directors
Committees

ARTICLE VII

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly, as the maximum organ of the Federation, shall be formed by all members of the Board of Directors of the Librarians Associations and Schools of the signatory Parties, including the immediate former presidents.

ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To approve policies and strategies oriented to the implementation of the objectives of the Federation.

To guide the implementation of necessary actions.

To approve the administration of the Board of Directors and the management of the seat of the Federation.

To choose the members of the Board of Directors of the Federation among the presidents of the librarians associations and Schools.

To approve the internal operation reports and normative documents of the Federation.

To approve the budgets and annual accounts that are submitted by the Board of Directors.

To approve projects, progress and results of the actions implemented by the Board of Directors.

To approve the venue of future General Assemblies, which shall follow a rotation scheme.

Any other activities and/or administrative actions that the General Assembly, following the opinion of the majority, deems necessary to undertake or that are assigned to the General Assembly under this By-laws.

ARTICLE IX

THE VENUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The organization and coordination of the Annual General Assembly shall be entrusted to the Host Party. The Annual General Assembly shall meet ordinarily once a year and extraordinarily as requested by at least two thirds of the Parties.

The quorum for the session shall require two thirds on the Parties and the decisions shall be made following the vote of one-half plus one of the attending Parties. Each of the parties shall be entitled one vote.

A Minute of the meetings of the General Assembly shall be drafted and signed by the attending Parties and a copy of the Minute shall be delivered to the Parties as a signal of approval.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES

The General Assembly may establish Standing or Temporary Committees to implement works in specific areas. For the purpose of establishing the Committees referred to herein, the Board of Directors shall select the programs that the Board of Directors considers as high-priority and shall subject them to the General Assembly for consideration.

The members of the committees may be the members of the Board of Directors of the Parties.

ARTICLE XI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the General Assembly of the Federation shall be formed by one President, one Vice-President, one Secretary, one Treasurer, one Auditor, and one Advocate who shall hold their respective offices for a three-year term and may be reelected for one single consecutive term; and may conjugate their offices with any other of the members of the Board of Directors, according to the hierarchical order of each of the Parties.

The quorum for the session shall require the presence of at least four of the Parties, including the President. The decisions shall be made by majority of votes, of the attending Parties; in the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

ARTICLE XII

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To preside over the Ordinary and Extraordinary general assembly.

To comply with, ratify and ensure compliance with the agreements, resolutions and recommendations agreed upon in the General Assembly and drafted in the Minutes.

To agree upon the guidelines that will guide the activities of the Standing or Temporary Committees.

To propose, for approval by the General Assembly, the annual revenues and expenses budgets that are submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration by the Standing and Temporary Committees.

To receive reports about the progress of current projects, by the Committees.

To propose to the General Assembly the annual quota with which the Parties shall contribute for the maintenance of the Federation and how such contribution shall be canceled.

To supervise the management of the Standing and Temporary Committees and submit reports to the General Assembly.

To present before the General Assembly reports about the management of donations, grants, loans and other operations developed by the Federation.

To take care of the finances of the Federation, request financial help for the Federation and report on revenues and expenses before the General Assembly.

To propose projects and programs to the General Assembly for approval. In the event of unexpected contingencies, the Board of Directors shall decide on this matter, reporting later to the General Assembly for ratification.

To raise extraordinary funds for financing projects.

Any other matter of common interest that is assigned by the General Assembly.

To meet ordinarily at least once a year, and extraordinarily as requested by its President or by the majority of the requesting Parties.

ARTICLE XIII

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

To represent the Federation with the powers of a general manager.

To represent the Federation in congresses, public acts, and before international agencies, or any other instance, or to delegate this representation to one of the Parties to the Federation.

To call, preside over, and direct the General, Ordinary or Extraordinary Assemblies and the meetings of Board of Directors.

To solve, in consultation with the members of the Board of Directors, all matters that require special attention, and sign letters according to their relevance.

To delegate to the Vice-president in the event of any impossibility to carry out the duties of President.

To propitiate cooperation relationships for the raising of financial resources from national or international agencies for regular activities, special projects, Central American meetings of the Federation, and any other activities that has been presented by the General Assembly.

To prepare the work plan together with the members of the Board of Directors and ensure the implementation of the plan.

To foster actions that will contribute to the professional development of the Parties.

To keep ongoing and effective communication with the Parties.

To submit reports to the General Assembly on a yearly basis on the performance of the Board of Directors regarding the works implemented.

To represent to the Federation, even after his/her term as president of his/her original Association or Schools has been terminated.

ARTICLE XIV

DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

To represent the President whenever so appointed.

To coordinate actions with the Standing or Temporary Committees.

To submit reports to the President on a yearly basis on the works implemented.

ARTICLE XV

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

To undertake responsibility for the Board of Directors Secretariat.

To draft and keep the Minutes book of all sessions of the General Assemblies and Board of Directors.

To collaborate in all and each of the actions undertaken by the Federation

To draft the Annual Report and submit it to the General Assembly for consideration.

To receive, respond to and keep on file all mail and documentation of the Federation.

To recompile, publish and hand out the Federation newsletter abiding by the periodicity that is deemed necessary.

To issue the corresponding certifications and implement all the activities that are inherent to the office.

To coordinate all communication actions and information dissemination concerning the Federation.

ARTICLE XVI

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

To take care of and manage Federation resources.

To coordinate the allocation of financial resources required for the implementation of Federation activities.

To authorize jointly with the President all Federation expenditures.

To keep control over the resources of the Federation which shall be kept at a banking institution as jointly agreed upon with the Parties.

To submit detailed biannual report on the revenues and expenditures to the General Assembly.

To submit the annual balance sheet and the revenues and expenditures budget.

To prepare the annual revenues and expenditures budget. To implement all other activities inherent to the office.

ARTICLE XVII

DUTIES OF THE AUDITOR

To ensure that all actions implemented by the Board of Directors are in compliance with the objectives of the Federation.

To ensure compliance with all normative documents that govern the Federation.

To present to the Board of Directors or to the General Assembly, as deemed appropriate, any irregularities detected.

To support legal actions in matter concerning the Federation.

To submit annual management reports to the General Assembly.

ARTICLE XVIII

DUTIES OF THE ADVOCATE

To support all activities or actions assigned by the Board of Directors.

In the case of legal, administrative or personal impediments of any member of the Board of Directors the Advocate shall take on the duties either temporarily or permanently

ARTICLE XIX

PATRIMONY

The patrimony shall comprise:

All annual ordinary and extraordinary quotas paid by the Parties.

All contributions, donations from public and private institutions, and international agencies.

The assets acquired by the Federation at any title.

The result of any activities developed with the purpose of raising funds.

ARTICLE XX

ACCEPTANCE

This By-Laws shall be subject to acceptance and shall become effective after signed by at least three of the Parties hereto. As for the remaining Parties, acceptance shall be effective by means of a notification of acceptance consent signed by the representative of the Association or Schools.

The trustee Party in relation to this By-Laws shall be the Party hosting the seat of the Federation.

ARTICLE XXI

EFFECTIVENESS

This By-Laws shall be effective for an indefinite duration. All and any of the Parties hereto shall be entitled to terminate the Agreement by means of a notification submitted to the seat of the Federation. Such termination shall become effective after six months counted from the reception of such notification; the Host Party shall notify the remaining Parties about the termination.

ARTICLE XXII

AMENDMENTS

All and any of the Parties shall be entitled to propose to the General Assembly amendments to this By-Laws, provided that not later than six months in advance of the annual ordinary assembly. Such amendments shall become effective after been accepted by the totality of Parties.

ARTICLE XXIII

DISSOLUTION

The Federation shall only be dissolved by a legal provision or by a decision made during an extraordinary general assembly called for this purpose and supported by a number of votes that represent at least three of the Parties.

If a decision is made to dissolve the Federation, a Dissolution Committee shall be set up formed by five persons chosen by the Extraordinary General Assembly that decided upon such dissolution. The assets that remain after settling all obligations shall be donated to any Beneficent or Cultural entity as appointed by the Assembly.

(Olinda Gomez – Corresponding Member SC IFLA/LAC)

MEXICO

Librarians admittance in the Mexican Academy of Sciences

Estela Morales Campos, Correspondent Member of the LAC Section Standing Committee, and Jose Adolfo Rodriguez Gallardo, Member of the IFLA Governing Board, were admitted as Members of the prestigious Mexican Academy of Sciences, in the branch of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The Mexican Academy of Sciences its an independent and non profit civilian organization. After 45 years the Academy has now 1907 members of relevant academic careers who work in many national and foreign institutions. So, this organization congregates many scientist of various branches of knowledge under the understanding that science, technology and education are basic tools to build a culture that allow the nations development and also the independent and critical reasoning.

The admittance in the Academy is made after a very rigorous and detailed review of the candidates academic carrers as teachers and researchers. In this case, it is also a recognition of the librarian profession as a scientific one.

Continued and distance education 2007 (UNAM)

Academic update program

Graduates:

Production of electronic books
The History of Press in Mexico

Courses, Workshops, Seminars, and Conferences:

ABC of Editing
Electronic resources cataloguing
Digital collections
Understanding and Living Reading
Develop of on-line research
Video library design
The digital environment: A view of the effect of Information technologies on the society
Strategies for acquiring material in libraries
History of Libraries
Bibliotecology in the 21st century
Image reading
ISO Standards for libraries
Learning objects and repositories
Video library organization
Advanced WebPages
Planning in libraries
Electronic publications

Recovery, organization and classification of digital information
Writing Official Documents
Restoration of bibliographical materials
Duties and roles of the digital librarian
Narrative workshop
Techniques for recovering information
Tendencies of information
Validation of digital information

Human resources program

Communication and Assertiveness
Personal efficiency
Education schemes
Negotiation and Decision Making
Managing the stress
Mental maps
Team work

Distance education program

Courses, Seminars or Workshops:

Evaluation of Libraries
ISO Standards for Libraries

National Reading Survey

In Mexico, the National Council of Arts and Culture (CONACULTA) completed in late 2005 the first National Reading Survey, which was disclosed in October this year. This survey is part of the commitments included in the Ibero-American Reading Policies agreements, ILIMITA, the Ibero-American countries cultural integration platform, based on reading and writing as social inclusion and development tools, which was signed by the Ibero-American Head of State and Government Summit during a meeting called by UNESCO's Regional Centre for the promotion of Books in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLALC) and by the Ibero-American States Organization (OEI).

The purpose of the Survey was not only to measure the average book reading figures, but had a rather broader scope because of the wide variety of printed materials read by Mexicans; also the different reading practices in a largely literate society, in which very diverse reading attitudes coexist. It included also some aspects that interfere with readers' education; besides the means used for access to and availability of materials, including the library. The Survey is therefore a source of information that allows us to understand such diversity, in order to define public policies and to further analyze a topic that bears social, educational, economic and cultural implications.

The aspects included in the two questionnaires, about home, which asks about life conditions and equipment available in the homes; and, the opinion questionnaire oriented to detect

reading habits, as well as opinions, attitudes, and the values of interviewees. Questions were grouped in five main sections:

- What and how much do we read in Mexico.
- Why and where do we read.
- The access to and the dissemination of written culture.
- Social representations of reading and how free time is used.
- Factors that encourage or inhibit the reader.

Surveyed data showed, among other things, that every Mexican reads 2.9 books a year on average. 81% of the Mexicans above 12 years of age have at least some books available in their homes, nearly 25% more than those who reported to have had books in their homes during childhood, 58%, and that significant portion of Mexico population is used to reading printed material. Nearly three out of each four library attendees (72.3%) in the total population went to a public library. The main reasons to visit the library included research and study, whilst leisure reading and other activities such as lectures, courses, and workshops showed significantly lower rates. Among other interesting issues is the fact that formal school education only causes an assiduous reading behavior to be more likely, but it does not ensure such behavior. In the opposite direction, absence of formal education does not prevent a person from having a reading behavior.

Crossing different variables showed as many as ten reading typologies: little reading, sporadic reading, magazine reading, newspaper reading, miscellaneous publication reading, literature reading, specific textbook reading, miscellaneous textbook reading, literature assiduous reading, and miscellaneous publication assiduous reading.

This Survey provided several program design and evaluation tools, both for the whole population and specifically directed to some segments of the population, but it mainly leads us to think about the building of readers from an organic, multidisciplinary and conciliatory perspective. The survey may give a contribution to the establishment of priorities, detect problems and opportunities, not only for people vested with social responsibility in educational and cultural tasks, librarians, but also for publishers, booksellers, and all those engaged in the building of reading societies.

CONACULTA authorities have committed to periodically carry out similar surveys and also to supplement them with qualitative studies, in order to evaluate and adjust educational and cultural policies and programs, and, as much as possible, to replicate them within the scope of governmental action so that more precise diagnoses of the various regional and subregional reading behaviors may be obtained.

For further information, visit CONACULTA webpage:
http://www.conaculta.gob.mx/encuesta_archivos/frame.htm
(Elsa M. Ramirez Leyva – SC IFLA/LAC)

XIII Meeting of Yucatan Peninsula Librarians

The XIII Meeting of Yucatan Peninsula Librarians was held in the Autonomous University of Yucatan, September 28-29. This event was organized with the purpose of facilitating the communication among the Southeast Mexico librarian community.

The meeting provided an opportunity to attend relevant discussions and exhibitions about library issues and about information sciences. Discussion topics included: digitalización in libraries: its impact; skills required from library staff in university libraries; and the new challenges in using information technologies in university libraries. Likewise, two courses were provided addressing the following topics: development of information abilities, and the reference service. Dr. Elsa Ramírez, member of IFLA/LAC Committee, coordinated the discussions on "The stereotype of the librarian in the cinema", based on the movie "Cosa de mujeres".

(Filiberto F. Martínez – Secretary IFLA/LAC)

XXIV Colloquy on Library Research and Information

Under the topic of 25 years of Researches in Librarianship and Information Studies in Mexico, UNAM's Librarianship Research University Center carried out its XXIV Colloquy on Library Research and Information, October 18-20, 2006.

This event was the first of a series of activities designed for the one-year celebration of UNAM's Librarianship Research University Center 25th anniversary. The purpose of this colloquy was to "Analyze the current situation and trends in Librarianship and Information Studies Research, as well as CUIB contributions, over a 25-year period, to the development of this subject in Mexico." Topics addressed in the event included: Information resources; Information Organization, Users and Information Use; Information Units; Reading; Librarianship Education; Librarianship Research in Latin America. The latter relied on the participation of Edilma Naranjo, from Antioquia University's Information Science Research Center; Ruth Soledad Alejos Aranda, from the Librarianship Research and Librarianship Development Center of the National Library of Peru; and Filiberto Felipe Martínez, from UNAM's Librarianship Research University Center.

(Filiberto F. Martínez – Secretary IFLA/LAC)

Latin American librarians' participation in the Program "Thinking Outside the Borders: Library Leadership in a World Community"

The Program "Thinking Outside the Borders: Library Leadership in a World Community" was held on November 21-24 at the Mortenson Center for International Library

Programs of the University of Illinois in Urban-Champaign. This program, in its second edition, had as objective to bring librarians from the United States and Canada to meet librarians from Latin America and the Caribbean with the purpose of enabling a better understanding of the problems faced from a global perspective, as well as to improve their abilities and skills to communicate and work with colleagues from different parts of the world. Discussion topics included: leadership, negotiation skills, fund raising, preservation, and technology. 12 librarians from the following Latin America and the Caribbean countries attended the program: Argentina, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and Dominican Republic, (Filiberto F. Martínez – Secretary IFLA/LAC)

25th Anniversary of the UNAM's Library Research University Center - CUIB

A ceremony to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Library Research University Center took place on November 30, at the National Autonomous University of Mexico. CUIB was started on December 14, 1981 by the following group of researchers: Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo, Estela Morales Campos, Ana María Magaloni de Bustamante, Martha Alicia Añorve Guillén, María Trinidad Román Haza, Ofelia Solís Valdespino, Margarita Navarrese Almada, and María Luisa Garza Avalos, Roberto Garduño Vera, and Felipe Martínez Arellano. CUIB management has been held as follows: Dr. Adolfo Rodríguez (1982-1984), Dr. Estela Morales Campos (1985-1992), Dr. Elsa Ramírez Leyva (1992-August 2001) and currently Dr. Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano. All of them gave a significant contribution to CUIB growth and consolidation. CUIB publications, resulting from the research projects implemented in the Center, have given a contribution to the development of librarianship-related literature produced in Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, the Center has contributed to building librarianship resources in Mexico. Efforts in this direction took to the establishment in 2000 of the first Ph.D. degree in Librarianship awarded in the country, which, together with another awarded by the University of Havana and other six in different universities of Brazil, provide for training demands at this level in Latin America countries. Besides, as from this year this course of graduate studies started to be awarded in the format of on-line distance education. Over its twenty-five years of existence, CUIB has responded with its work to the responsibility that was vested in the Center to contribute to the development of Librarianship in Mexico as well as in Latin America and the Caribbean.

(Filiberto F. Martínez – Secretary IFLA/LAC)

14th Interamerican Meeting of Documentalist Librarians and Specialists in Agricultural Information

Sponsored by the Interamerican Association of Documentalist Librarians and Specialists in Agricultural Information, the

Interamerican Institute for Agriculture Cooperation (IICA), the Cattle Raising Agriculture, Rural Development, Fishing and Feeding General Office (Mexico), the National Institute for Agricultural Forestry and Cattle Raising Research (Mexico) and the Veterinary Medicine and Zootechny School of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, the 14th Interamerican Meeting of Documentalist Librarians and Specialists in Agricultural Information was held on November 6-10, 2006, in Mexico City. This event, oriented to breeders, teachers or instructors, and students, agroindustrialists, dealers, journalists, computer science professionals, archivists, extensionists, documentalists, researchers, bibliotecologists, among other engaged in the production, dissemination, and use of agricultural information, had the following main topic "Toward a new culture in information: change and development." Speakers included delegates from the following countries besides Mexico: Brazil, Cuba, Costa Rica, the United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay and Puerto Rico. (Filiberto F. Martinez – Secretary IFLA/LAC)

XIII International Librarians Colloquy

Within the scope of the International Guadalajara Book Fair, FIL2006, which takes place on a yearly basis in that city of Mexico, the XIII International Librarians Colloquy was held on November 27-29, under the main topic of "Library Networks: Spaces for common assets." Some of the topics addressed in the round tables during the colloquy included: The use of technologies as an indispensable strategy for the development of library networks; Cooperation and the strategies for setting up library networks: national and international experiences; The impact of common assets in users communities: the changes." Andalusia was the guest of honor in FIL2006, and for this reason the keynote speaker in this event was Félix de Moya y Anegón, a prominent librarian from that region. Jesus Lau Noriega, President of IFLA Information Literacy Section was also a keynote speaker. Since 2002 the International Guadalajara Book Fair has also awarded the "Homage to the Librarian" commendation in recognition of the career and contribution of Mexican librarians to the development of Librarianship. This time the commendation was awarded to Ario Garza Mercado. (Filiberto F. Martinez – Secretary IFLA/LAC)

PERÚ

Meeting on Librarianship Education and Research in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Meeting on Librarianship Education and Research in Latin America and the Caribbean was held on November 6-8, 2006, in the city of Lima, Peru.

This event was organized by Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos' Librarianship and Information Science Academic

Professional School as part of the celebration of its 25th anniversary. The event relied on the support from IFLA, CUIB and Latin America and Caribbean Section. The accomplishment of the event traces back to the Seminar "Infobila as a support to librarianship research and education in Latin America and the Caribbean," held at CUIB in March last year, relying on the support from IFLA/LAC, when the attendants agreed on holding periodical meetings. The meeting this time had the following objective: to analyze undergraduate and graduate training and librarianship research in the attending countries, as well as the exchange and the upgrade of advancements of the subjects towards achieving an strengthening in the integration between librarianship faculty, students, and community in Latin America and the Caribbean. The program included the participation of renowned librarians from Latin America, such as Adolfo Rodríguez, Suelí Angélica do Amaral, and also librarians from Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

(Filiberto F. Martinez – Secretary IFLA/LAC)

Meeting of Latin America and the Caribbean Librarianship Schools Lima, November 5-7 2006

The event, named "Meeting of Librarianship Education and Research in Latin America and the Caribbean: Librarianship professional education and the challenges of the information society," gathered delegates from 30 institutions in the field: 17 Librarianship schools and one Latin America and the Caribbean research center, besides two Documentation Schools from Spain. The event was organized by Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos' Librarianship and Information Sciences Academic Professional School from Lima - Peru, in celebration of its 25th Anniversary, with sponsorship from IFLA/ALP, IFLA/LAC and support from the Librarianship Research University Center – CUIB/UNAM. Different aspects related to the current situation of librarianship education and research in the region were addressed, as well as the projection of such situation in view of the Information Society building process. Six work panels (syllabus design, accreditation, distance education, graduate studies, research and publications, and teachers training) provided a series of recommendations and proposals that will be implemented by the Librarianship Schools in Latin America and The Caribbean within the scope of a cooperation and experiences exchange program.

Eventually, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos awarded commendations to prominent professionals who have given contributions to the development of this subject, such as Emilia Currás, from Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain; Adolfo Rodríguez and Filiberto Martínez from CUIB - UNAM; Marco Martos and Esther Castañeda from host university's Librarianship and Information Science School, and

María Bonilla de Gaviria, former director of old Lima Librarians School.

This event is part of IFLA/LAC action plan, and it was approved during the meeting of the Standing Committee held on March 24-5, 2006, in Fortaleza - Brazil.

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**International seminar: “Access to Knowledge and Information in the Digital Era“, (ALP Project 381)
Lima, November 9-11, 2006**

Organized by the Information Science Department of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, as part of its 20th anniversary celebration, and aimed to promoting a reflection and an exchange of experiences on the democratic and equalitarian access to public information and knowledge. Discussion topics were divided among nine work panels:

- information and research,
- information access technologies,
- public information and the right to information,
- development of information skills,
- knowledge management and access to information,
- cultural information,
- information for development and inclusion, a
- ccess to information and disability,
- learning and virtual environments.

These topics were addressed by specialist from the area, both local and foreigners, including Emir Suaiden, from the Brazilian Institute for Information Science and Technology, IBICT, Brasilia; Juanita Jara de Sumar, from McGill University, Canada; Filiberto Martínez, from CUIB-UNAM; Ana María Sanllorenti, from Buenos Aires University, Argentina; Edilma Naranjo Vélez, from Medellín Interamerican Librarianship School, Colombia, among other distinguished professionals.

Likewise, the book “Conceptos introductorios al estudio de la información documental” by José Antonio Moreira González, Dean of Carlos III University's Librarianship and Documentation School, Madrid, and published by PUCP's Editorial Fund, was introduced within the scope of this event.

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(César Castro Alliaga – Advisor IFLA/LAC)

**II International Congress on Librarianship and Information
Lima, November 13-15, 2006**

Organized by The Librarianship School of Peru under the theme “Information: challenges and threats in the era of knowledge”, the event gathered some 200 local and foreign attendees and speakers.

Main discussion topics included:

- democratization of access to digital resources,
- information and knowledge access public policies,
- knowledge management in academic institutions and companies' research centers, and
- the social role of libraries.

Main speakers included Patrick Bazin, from Lyon Public Library, France; Joan Torrent, from Observatorio de la Nueva Economía of Catalonia, Spain; Luis Núñez, from Los Andes University, Venezuela; Jesus Lau, from Veracruzana University, Mexico; Emir Suaiden, from Brazilian Institute for Information in Science and Technology, Brazil; José López Yépez, from Complutense University's Information Science School, Madrid, Spain; Gabriela Ortúzar, from Information and Libraries Services System of University of Chile, among others.

The congress provided a workshop program on Internet Resources, management of digital contents, technological supervision and intelligence, project design, the duties of a Bibliotecologist in the 21st Century. Likewise, information professionals and other attendants were most interested in the workshop on “Information Society, historical-documental heritage and reading” which was led by distinguished Spanish documentalist José López Yépez, and sponsored by the Cultural Center of Spain, as part of the post-congress activities. For further information, please address your request to Nelly MacKee de Maurial, Dean of the Bibliotecologists School: cbperu@gamil.com
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Peru Librarianship School new Directing Board

In compliance with Bylaws, Peru Bibliotecologist School has just chosen its new Directing Board for the 2007-2008 period. The new appointed National Dean is Ms. María Antonieta Arecco, whilst María Becerra Patiño was appointed Vice-Dean. Other members include Bibliotecologists Carlos Vilchez Román, Nieves Verástegui, Delia Córdova, Irene Musante, Elizabeth Ascencio and Cira Koechlin. High-priority actions for this new Directing Board will be related to ensuring the presence of the School in the national and international context, besides promoting the professional development of

School members, according to the demands of the new times. The Peru Librarianship School is member of IFLA. For further information: cbperu@gamil.com (César Castro Alliaga – Advisor IFLA/LAC)

New publication on cataloguing

The National Library of Peru, through its National Bibliographical Center, released on 9th November the book “Nuevas tendencias en la normalización y sistematización de la información: ponencias y conclusiones”. Comments about the book were provided by Filiberto Martínez Arellano, Director of CUIB-UNAM; Ana María Talavera Ibarra, Coordinator of Information Science Department at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru; and Catalina Zavala Barrios, General Director of the National Bibliographical Center of the National Library of Peru. The publication referred to above includes the proceeds of the 1st International Meeting of Cataloguers held in the City of Lima, October 24-26, 2005, which was attended by specialists in this field from Colombia, Spain, the United States, Mexico and Peru.

Any one who is interested must contact Catalina Zavala: czavala@bnp.gob.pe (César Castro Alliaga – Advisor IFLA/LAC)

GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE REGION

The 2006 Hague Blue Shield Accord 28th September 2006

The representatives from ICBS and National Blue Shield committees met in The Hague on September 27th and 28th 2006 to discuss and agree on the most effective way to support the new International Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, established under the Second Protocol of the 1954 Hague Convention, and how best to respond to the generous offer of funding and facilities made by the Municipality of The Hague.

They agreed upon the creation of a new body - the Association of National Committees of the Blue Shield - and the following distribution of responsibilities:

The National committees:

Define their own priorities within the mission of the Blue Shield

Are action orientated with practical projects, capacity building and raising the profile of emergency management (preparedness, response, recovery and evaluation/review)

Will Initiate, organize and maintain national, regional and local networks based on the networks of the 5 international NGOs including representatives of /observers from military authorities, emergency services, cultural organisations, civil emergency services, Red Cross and other relevant humanitarian organisations

Promote ratification and full national implementation by Government of the 1954 Hague Convention and its protocols need to be recognized by the ICBS.

Use of the term National Committee of the Blue Shield (NCBS) is conditional on the continued recognition of the national committee by the ICBS.

Must be set up in such a way as to conform to national legislation.

Promote the aims of Blue Shield with national governments including identifying relevant resources.

Fundraising.
National awareness raising and capacity building

The Association of National Committees of the Blue Shield (ANCBS):

Serves as communication centre, archive and resource base for ICBS and National Blue Shield committees and facilitate communication between the three levels of the Blue Shield movement in a systematic way

Provides a permanent postal address for ICBS and the ANCBS

Promotes awareness raising, capacity building, preparedness, response and recovery at national and international level.

Promotes awareness of issues to decision makers and potential funders at all levels.

Facilitates creation of national networks in areas where BS committees do not yet exist.

Promotes bilateral and multilateral assistance systems between committees and emerging committees.

Coordinates and disseminate information on international actions.

Sets up a website containing access points to relevant databases (training, resources, specialists, conferences) with interactive links to other databases.

Promotes Blue Shield brand by re-labelling projects wherever possible.

Undertakes fundraising to sustain the costs of the secretariat and to make funds available for agreed projects.

Supports proactively ICBS and national BS committees in their activities.

Assists ICBS in fulfilling its role under the Second Protocol.

Promotes training for peacekeeping and other forces.

Identifies 'champions' and other key supporters / influencers at international level who can be approached in a coordinated fashion by ICBS/ANCBS.

Supports together with ICBS the creation of database of specialists who could be authorized by UNESCO and combatants.

Process

The ANCBS board will be comprised of representatives of the national committees and observers of the ICBS. ANCBS is authorized to employ a secretariat.

International Committee of the Blue Shield:

Agreement on Purpose and Functions

Concluded by the representatives of IFLA (Peter Lor, Sjoerd Koopman, Christiane Baryla), ICA (Joan van Albada, David Leitch), ICOMOS (Gaia Jungeblodt), ICOM (John Zvereff, Cristina Menegazzi) and CCAAA (Crispin Jewitt, Kurt Deggeller)
The Hague, 25 September 2006 and amended 28 th September 2006 (SC, JZ, KD, GJ, SK, JvA)

This statement builds on the founding objectives of the ICBS of April 1996 and its Charter concluded in Strasbourg on 14 April 2000 - <http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/admin/nc-req.htm>

Purpose

To promote the protection of cultural property (as defined in the Hague Convention) against threats of all kinds and intervene strategically with decision makers and relevant international organisations to prevent and to respond to natural and man made disasters.

Functions

To promote the ratification and implementation of the Hague Convention and its protocols, with the emphasis on advocating ICBS's philosophy and principles.

To encourage the establishment of national Blue Shield Committees.

To recognise/de-recognise national Blue Shield Committees.

To represent the Blue Shield at UNESCO, and in particular to participate in the Committee established by the 2 nd protocol of the Hague Convention and in other work associated with this Protocol, and to maintain relations other international agencies.

To liaise with ICRC (Red Cross)and ICCROM, as other bodies referred to in the 2 nd Protocol, and with other high-level bodies.

In combination with the Association of Blue Shield National Committees, to ensure the running of an information clearing house on disaster situations and threats, with a view to international alerting.

To issue statements on disaster situations and threats.

To arbitrate in disputes of national Blue Shield committees.
To provide expert advice and evidence to the International Criminal Court and other international tribunals in conjunction with national committees as required.

Governance

The ICBS is constituted by the chief executive officers of the participating international organisations, CCAAA, ICA, ICOM, ICOMOS and IFLA, with a rotating Chair.

The Chair provides a secretariat for core ICBS functions only, with support from the other organisations as appropriate.

CLEARING HOUSE – PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

THE CLEARINGHOUSE MAINTAINS SETS OF CONFERENCE PAPERS AND OTHER IFLA PUBLICATIONS. ALL PAPERS LISTED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE FOR COPIES AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE CLEARINGHOUSE.

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INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

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April

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2nd. Ibero American Congress of Librarianship, La Rural, Buenos Aires Fair Center, Argentina. <http://www.abgra.org.ar>
<http://www.el-libro.com.ar>

July

8-11

XII Brazilian Congress on Librarianship, Documentation and Information Sciences, Brasilia, Brazil. <http://www.febab.org.br>

August

19-23

World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council. Durban, South Africa. Theme: Libraries for the future: progress, development and partnerships. More informations: International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), PO Box 95312, 2509 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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