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Basic Facts

Individual Members	2*
Institutional Members	59*
Standing Committee Members	10
Chair / Treasurer	Jesus Lau, México (México)
Secretary	Sylvie Chevillotte (France)
Information Officer	Viggo Pedersen (Norway)
*2005 data	

This a brief report of the main activities carried out on behalf of the Information Literacy Section during September 2005 – August 2006.

Seoul Program. As usual, this year we will have an excellent program on the transition to college of students and their information literacy challenges. The convener of the program is Linda Goff, member of the Standing Committee, who published a paper call that had an excellent turnout of more than 20 proposals, unfortunately, only three papers could be accepted. The Seoul Conference, on the other hand, will have several sessions and papers on information literacy. This is the second Conference where IL is a hot topic.

Book - *International Information Literacy Experiences.* A book with the best information literacy papers delivered at the last IFLA conferences is underway. The book draft will be delivered to the IFLA publisher at the end of 2006. This task has been part of the Section's aims since the 2002 plan. The Seoul information literacy speakers will be invited to submit their papers to this monograph (See the Book Guidelines).

International Information Literacy Resources Directory. UNESCO funded this project with the aim to identify information literacy tools and outcomes that could be relevant to the international community, so that the best products can be used as model for organizations, institutions or individuals who require working on an IL project/program. Six Standing Committee members of the Information Literacy Section of IFLA volunteered to work on the project, plus a team of about 30 country contacts from around the world. The repertory consists of a web database, where anyone can register their IL products. The directory is available at: www.uv.mx/usbi_ver/unesco The Information Literacy international community is invited to register their IL tools.

International Information Literacy State-of-the-Art Report. The first draft of this report has been uploaded at www.uv.mx/usbi_ver/unesco. The goal of this study is to identify information literacy trends around the world in five broad categories: resources for user education; publications devoted to the subject; organizations, such as associations and other professional groups; training programs for IL facilitators; and communication events, such as conferences and meetings. The second draft will be posted in September. Anyone who wishes to cover Asia, the Middle East and Northern Africa is invited to participate.

Promotional Flyer. A new InfoLit promotional flyer has been created by Eva Tolonen, member of the Standing Committee. It will be available in print at the conference, and it will be posted on the IFLA website after the Seoul Conference.

UNESCO meeting. A very productive meeting was held with Mr. Abdelaziz Abid, Division de la Société de l'information, UNESCO, on June 19, 2006. The aim of the meeting was to report the progress of the two projects financed by UNESCO[,]: the International IL Directory and the International State-of-the Art Report, already described in the previous paragraphs. The main outcome was the strategy to promote both resources, the initiative to translate the Information Literacy Guidelines into UN languages, and the endorsement of the International IL Logo contest. The UNESCO funding for this initiative will be decided later (See Logo Contest Call).

IL International Logo. On behalf of UNESCO, the Information Literacy Section of IFLA (the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) and the DHI Community from México invite the world information and library community to propose an international Logo to identify information literacy work. The aim of creating this Logo is to make communication easier between those who carry out information literacy projects, and their communities/society in general. The Logo will be promoted as an international symbol of information literacy around the world. It will be available free of charge. The deadline is April 15, 2007. IFLA/UNESCO invite other associations and institutions to endorse this call, check the Logo Call at www.uv.mx/usbi_ver/unesco.

Listserv. A listserv devoted to information literacy matters was created this year by Viggo Pedersen, who manages it with the Chair, Jesus Lau.

The list has not been very active, so a strategy has to be worked out to make it more dynamic. If you want be part of the list register at:

<http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwwsympa.fcgi/info/infolit-l>

Botswana Satellite Workshop. A workshop to train trainers in information literacy, using the IFLA IL Guidelines, will be organized for Sub-Saharan Africa. The satellite event has been approved by IFLA. It will take place in Gaborone, Botswana before the Durban Conference. The convenor will be Viggo Pedersen, and the local organizer will be Mrs. Babakisi Fidzani who works at the local university, with the help of the former IFLA president, Kay Raseroka. Details of the workshop will be ready in early 2007.

Havana Workshop. A seminar with hands on experience was facilitated in Havana, Cuba, by the Chair, Jesús Lau, and Viggo Pedersen. The workshop was part of the IDICT post Bi-annual Conference INFO 2006. It was attended by more than 20 librarians from Havana and from some of the Cuban provinces.

Mexico's 5th Information Competencies Meeting. InfoLit has endorsed the fifth information literacy conference in Mexico. Christina Tovoté (Sweden), member of the Standing Committee and former secretary of the Section, will be one of the speakers. For more details of the conference visit: www.uacj.mx/dhi

Annual Newsletter. Sylvie Chevillotte, Secretary of the Section, with Jesus Lau, Chair of the Section, published the annual newsletter. It will be distributed in print in Seoul and later on it will be posted at www.IFLA.org. The bulletin is a good source to get the full Conference program for Seoul, as well as for information about the Section.

Conclusion / Thanks. The year has been busy, more than ever, because of the two projects financed by UNESCO that demanded lots of working hours from the Executive Officers and some Standing Committee Members. However, this has also meant that this year is the best one in terms of productivity. The International IL Resources Directory, and the International IL State-of-the Art Report are two great contributions to the IL world community, among all the rest of reported activities. Thanks so much to all the members who worked hard to get the projects, the administrative tasks and the conference duties accomplished. A special thanks to Mr. Abdelaziz Abid for his financial support and the opportunity given to IFLA and InfoLit to work on the already mentioned projects.