



MEETING OF THE IFLA/LAC STANDING COMMITTEE, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, MARCH 30 AND 31, 2008

1. Opening Session

The Standing Committee mid-term meeting of the Latin-America and the Caribbean Section was held in the City of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on March 30 and 31, 2008.

Standing Committee members in attendance

Elizabeth M. Ramos de Carvalho, Filiberto Felipe Martínez-Arellano, Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann, Simone Bastos Vieira, Regina Celia Baptista Belluzzo, Adriana Betancur (corresponding member), María Isabel Cabral da Franca, Octavio Castillo Sánchez (corresponding member), Araceli García Martin, Olinda Estela Gómez Moran, Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt, Victor Aguirre Negro, Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa, Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva, Celia Ribeiro Zaher, Marcia Rosetto, Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora, Emile Noemí Sena Correa, Ivone Tálamo (corresponding member), Victor Federico Torres Ortiz, Joan Vacianna.

Standing Committee members absent with justification

Jennifer Joseph, Estela Morales Campos (corresponding member), María Elena Zapata (corresponding member).

Standing Committee members absent without justification

Jeane Dos Reis Passos

Other attendants

Gunilla Natvig (ALP Program), Barbara Jones (FAIFE) and César Augusto Castro Aliaga (IFLA/LAC advisor on indigeniuous affairs)

1.1 Opening Remarks and Welcome

Felipe Martinez Arellano, Chair of the IFLA/LAC Standing Committee, and Elizabeth Ramos de Carvalho, Regional Office Manager, welcomed the committee members in attendance and thanked the organizers of the III International Meeting on Information Access and Promotion of Library Services for Indigenous Communities in Latin America, for providing the framework for the Standing Committee meeting.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Felipe Martinez Arellano, SC Chair, submitted the agenda for approval and he received by unanimous vote its approval.

2. Approval of Minutes

Felipe Martinez Arellano, SC Chair, presented the minutes of the SC Meeting in Durban, South Africa (August 2007) to the committee which was approved.

3. Internet Manifesto Workshops in Latin America

Barbara Jones of the FAIFE Committee thanked for the support given by the IFLA/LAC Section and the Regional Office to carry out Internet Manifesto Workshops. She mentioned that currently, FAIFE have received more applications for giving this workshop than they are able to take care. Workshops have been carried out in Costa Rica, Mexico, Ecuador, Brazil, Jamaica, Colombia, Nigeria, Kenya, Singapore, Capetown, Japan and Russia. Workshops in the region have been given with the support of Felipe Martinez Arellano, Alejandra Martinez, Helen Ladrón de Guevara, Marta Castro and Marcia Rosetto; however, there is a need to prepare more people. FIAFE has also planned to study the impact of these workshops and the creation of new training materials. For this study, the universities of Pretoria, Tokyo, and the UNAM through the CUIB have been chosen. Elizabet de Carvalho commented that the region has taken advantage of meetings supported by the ALP in order to carry out these workshops.

Felipe Martinez mentioned that diverse workshops had been organized and carried out in Mexico City (November, 2007), Guadalajara, Jalisco, during the XXI International Book Fair of Guadalajara (November, 2007), Quito Ecuador during the Regional Seminar on IFLA-UNESCO Manifestos (February 2008), Sao Paulo, Brazil during the III International Meeting on Information Access and Promotion of Library Services for Indigenous Communities in Latin America (March, 2008).

4. Regional Sections Meeting in Uppsala, October 2007

It was reported that the ALP Programme Director and Administrative Officer met with the Presidents and Secretaries of the IFLA Regional Sections and the Regional Offices Managers of Africa, Asia and Oceania and Latin-America, on October 15 -18, 2007 in Uppsala. At this meeting, IFLA/LAC and the other sections reported the results and progress of ALP supported projects for the period 2005-2007. Information regarding projects to be carried out in 2008 and 2009 was also provided. It bears mentioning that the report elaborated by IFLA/LAC contained a great amount of graphic material which was helpful for visualizing and appreciating the results of and progress made in the Region projects.

5. Reports

5.1 IFLA/LAC Chair Report

Felipe Martinez Arellano opened his report mentioning that, during the Committee meeting held in Durban, he and Ana Maria Peruchena were nominated and elected for the Standing Committee Chair and Secretary, respectively, for the period of August 2007 to August 2009. He added that his report corresponded to the activities carried out by the Chair and Secretary for the period August 2007 to March 2008.

He mentioned that during this period, the Section and the regional Office have worked in close concert in the following activities:

Attendance to the Division VII Coordinating Board Meeting, hosted by ALP (Action for Development through Libraries Programme Core Activity) at the University of Uppsala, Sweden (October 2007).

In his charge as Chair of the Latin-American and Caribbean Section, he attended the following meetings:

VII National Symposium on Library Development and Actualization, Guatemala City, Guatemala, September 24-28, 2007. A workshop entitled "Development and Implementation of Library Projects" was given.

7th National Congress on Public Libraries, Guadalajara, Jalisco (Mexico), October 11-13, 2007. The conference titled "The IFLA /UNESCO Internet Manifesto" was given.

Regional Seminar on the IFLA-UNESCO Manifestos for Public Libraries, School Libraries, and the Internet. Multicultural Libraries, Quito, Ecuador, February 20-22, 2008. The conference titled "The IFLA /UNESCO Internet Manifesto" was given and a workshop on this theme was organized.

III International Meeting on Information Access and Promotion of Library Services for Indigenous Communities in Latin America, Sao Paulo, Brazil, March 25 -29, 2008. The conferences titled "Formation of human resources for the development of library services in indigenous communities" and "The IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto" were given and a workshop on the theme was organized.

It was also reported that steps have been taken in conjunction with the Regional Office to promote interaction between IFLA/LAC and other IFLA Sections and Programs.

Danielle Mincio, a member of the IFLA Governing Board participated in the Regional Seminar on the IFLA-UNESCO Manifestos for Public Libraries, School Libraries, and the Internet, Quito, Ecuador (February 2008).

Mijin Kim, Chair of the Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section, participated III International Meeting on Information Access and Promotion of Library Services for Indigenous Communities in Latin America, Sao Paulo (March 2008).

The Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS) has been invited to participate in the Fourth Latin-American Seminar of National Library Associations, Bogotá, Colombia (April 2008).

There shall be participation on the program "Library Leadership and Promotion Abilities: Case Studies of Success in the Administration of Librarian Associations," organized by the MLAS, Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Workplace Learning (WL) Sections at the Quebec Conference in August 2008. Nítida Carranza and Olinda Gomez shall read a paper on the origins and development of the Central American Federation of Librarian Associations and Colleges (FECEAB).

Moreover, it was mentioned that the Chair and the Secretary shall endeavor to keep in close contact with the Standing Committee members and Section members. To reach this goal, a closed list for committee members and an open for dissemination of information among members and other interested individuals in Latin-America and the Caribbean have been created.

5.2 Regional Office Manager Report

Elizabeth Ramos de Carvalho, Manager of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Office, gave her report which underlined the Office's close rapport and teamwork with the Section Chair, Secretary and members of the Standing Committee. Moreover, she highlighted the teamwork achieved with ALP.

She reported on her participation in the Durban Conference where she attended the two Latin America and the Caribbean Standing Committee meetings, as well as the following meetings: the Division VIII Coordinating Board, the Division VIII and Portuguese Caucuses, the Division VIII Open Forum. Likewise, in the Standing Committee meetings of the Management of Library Associations Section, the Information Technology Section and FAIFE. She also participated in the Africa, Asia and Oceania Regional Managers Meeting with the IFLA Coordinator of Activities Professional Activities, and in the IFLA President's Planning Session. She also organized and presented the IFLA/LAC Poster Session.

In her charge as Manager of the Regional Office, she represented the IFLA in the following regional events and activities:

As a member of the monthly meetings of the Rio de Janeiro State Reading Council.

Book Biennial (September 2007) and in the Brazilian Literature Seminar organized by the Secretariat of the Education and Culture of the Rio de Janeiro State

Meeting of students at Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

National Seminar of Braille Libraries – SENABRAILE – Florianapolis, SC, Brazil, (November 2007). She attended the opening session and spoke about the IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto and its guidelines.

IX Meeting of the Interior Libraries – EBINT –, Caxias do Sul, RS, Brazil (September 2007). She spoke about the IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto and its guidelines.

Seminar “Restoration and digitalization of rare book collections” (September 2007), organized in conjunction with the Goethe Institute and the National Archive of Brazil.

Bahia Forum on Science and Information, Salvador, BA, Brazil (March 2008). She spoke about the IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto and its guidelines.

Workshop of the Portuguese Speaking Communities organized by the Brazilian Institute of Science and Information Technology – IBICT, during the United Nations forum on Internet government (November 2007). Topic: “Free Access to Knowledge in Portuguese Speaking Countries.”

She also reported on the administrative activities of the Regional Office, mentioning that they had grown because, among other reasons, due to an increase in information demands regarding the IFLA/LAC, its activities, the regional Office itself and the Clearinghouse. The use of e-mail, she reported, has facilitated communication with users of the Office. She reported on the routine activity of the Regional Office

Secretariat, such as updating files, the mailing list and addresses of SC members of IFLA-LAC, and management of correspondence. The Regional Office moved forward with the promotion of the Clearinghouse in the “Newsletter,” which publishes news regarding publications received and available for consultation.

With regard to the Regional Office budget, she reported that it had been submitted to IFLA in October 2007. The Office’s financial report was presented to the Coordinator of Professional Activities in February 2008. Funds for 2008 had not been received as of March 2008. The budget sent by the IFLA/HQ was allocated to promote greater participation of the Permanent Committee members in meetings in 2008, in a joint resolution with the IFLA/LAC Chair.

She also reported that in this period the Regional Office published the IFLA/LAC Newsletter (in English and Spanish) N° 51, December 2007, which was remitted to IFLA/HQ, ALP and others affiliated to IFLA/LAC, to the IFLA Clearinghouses and other important institutions in the region. The Regional Office edited updated pamphlets (in English and Spanish) about the Regional Office. Using the IFLA/LAC list, it disseminated IFLA related news among the members of the IFLA/LAC SC. Using the IFLANET and the IFLA-L, it provided news regarding the LAC Section. It was distributed the IFLA-UNESCO Manifestos on Public Libraries, School libraries and the Internet-

Finally, she pointed out that the Regional Office maintains a constant communication with libraries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, inviting these institutions to join the IFLA. Members of the Standing Committee have been asked to carry out registration promotion in their home countries. All materials and presentations emanating from the Regional Office contain elements of marketing aimed at promoting affiliation to the IFLA. Messages to IFLA Membership Office were sent to contact thirteen institutions that were interested in joining IFLA.

6. Section Activities in the WLIC 2008 “Libraries without Borders: Navigating toward Global Understanding.”

6.1 Section Open Forum in Quebec

The topic for the Section open forum in Quebec shall be “Cultural Identity and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean libraries.” Like other IFLA Sections, and attending the recommendation of the Professional Committee, a call for papers was drafted in order to invite participants to the IFLA/LAC Section Program in Quebec. Sixteen proposals by librarians from diverse countries of the region were presented of which four were selected. The IFLA/LAC session shall include the following papers: Flor Janeth Ardila Reyes and Maria Mercedes Villamizar Caicedo (Colombia), “Palabra Viva (Living Word) - Universidad Nacional de Colombia”; Luzia Monteiro Soares, Elizabet de Carvalho and Maria Isabel Cabral (Brazil), “A way for libraries serve without borders: Common Base of Citizen Knowledge BCCC”; Jennifer M. Joseph and Joan Vacianna (Caribbean), “Resources on Caribbean cultural identity: documentation, preservation and access”; Ana Maria Pino and Claudia Escobar (Chile), “Promoting technology inclusion: experiences between a parliamentary library and a technical school in Chile.”

6.2 Division VIII Open Forum at the Quebec Conference

The theme to be developed by the Division VIII in the Quebec Conference shall be “Knowledge of Indigenous Peoples: language, culture and information technology.” On this occasion, Loriene Roy, ALA President and indigenous affairs specialist shall give the keynote conference. Additionally, each of the regional sections shall offer a conference. For IFLA/LAC, Carmen Lopez Flores (UNICEF, Peru) shall present a paper titled “Writing indigenous languages: beyond the ABC’s.

6.3 Caucus

On Saturday, August 8, 2009, as is the case of every year, diverse meetings of the IFLA Caucus shall be held, in which persons attending are invited to participate.

7. Projects

7.1 Status of approved projects

- Project 363 “*Quechua rural libraries network: an information access service*” (Peru).
This project was concluded and results were presented at the Library Services for Indigenous Communities Seminar. Submission of the reports shall be requested.
- Project 371 “*Latin America and the Caribbean Associations Seminar*” (Argentina)
Reports were presented and the project is concluded.
- Project 373 “*Common base of citizen knowledge (BCCC) – training youth*” (Brazil).
The Project was concluded satisfactorily and the reports have been sent.
- Project 377 “*International Conference on Reading in the Latin-American and Caribbean Region*” (Mexico).
The survey has been concluded and the results shall be presented in a meeting slated for June 2008 in Mexico City.
- Project 379 “*Internships in public libraries services for Latin American librarians*” (Colombia).
Final report was sent in January 2008.
- 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).
The meeting was held successfully in March 2008 and the reports have been received.

- Project 383 “*Workshop on elaboration of illustrated books in indigenous languages*” (Venezuela).
 This project has been cancelled due to unfavorable political conditions.
- Project 384 “*Central America Seminar on Unesco/IFLA Manifestos and Guidelines for public libraries, school libraries and Internet*” (Costa Rica).
 The project was concluded satisfactorily and the reports have been received.
- Project 385 “*International Meeting on Library Services for Indigenous People of Latin America*” (Brazil).
 It was successfully completed and served as forum for the meeting of the Standing Committee.
- Project 386 “*Fourth Meeting of National Library Associations in Latin America and the Caribbean*” (Colombia).
 To be held in Bogotá, Colombia, in April 2008.
- Project 387 “*Book stand in the Santiago del Surco Market*” (Peru).
 User needs and methodology are being scoped: books circulated door-to-door.
- Project 388 “*Design and implementation of an international curriculum in Library Science and Documentation with an emphasis on informational literacy for Central America*” (Costa Rica).
 Project design efforts are in progress.
- Project 389 “*Workshop-seminar on the role of library services in Central-America*” (Panama).
 The program is being prepared and the event shall be carried out in July 2008.

7.2 New Projects Proposals

- Project 391 “*2nd Latin-American seminar on library services for the blind and visually impaired*” (Brazil).
 Project approved and to be carried out in November 2008.
- **Project 392** “*Continuing education, networking and innovation for librarians in the English speaking Caribbean*” (Jamaica)
 Project approved with objectives similar to those of the training workshops in Colombia public libraries.
- **Project 393** “*Internships in public libraries services for Latin American librarians*” (Colombia).

Project approved. Third version of this librarian internships, now with the participation of Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras and two Caribbean countries.

- **Project 394** “*Intercultural Library for the Development of the Andean and Amazon Regions*” (Peru)
Received general approval, but must be redrafted and submitted a new proposal in Quebec.
- **Project 395** “*Common Base of Citizen Knowledge BCCC*”; - *training youth 14-24 years of age, residents of the communities of the Cidade Tiradentes District*” (Brazil)
Project approved because it is a replica of a project successfully developed in Sao Paulo.
- **Project 396** “*Internships in information technologies for Latin American librarians*” (Mexico)
Project approved. Project objective is to train librarians in the application of technologies in library activities and services.
- **Project 397** “*Otavalo: Common Base of Citizen Knowledge BCCC*”; - *training youth 14-24 years of age in urban and rural settings*” (Ecuador).
Project approved. Replica of the project developed in Sao Paulo.

8. Activities for WLIC 2009, "Libraries create future: building on cultural heritage," in Milan, Italy

The section theme for the Milan session shall be determined in the next Committee meeting in Quebec.

9. Next Committee meeting

Doris Samanez (Peru) mentioned the possibility of holding the 2009 Standing Committee meeting in Peru. This issue shall be discussed and determined in the Standing Committee meeting in Quebec.

10. Other Matters

Felipe Martinez mentioned the following matters:

Invitation of Jesús Lau to participate as a co-opted member of the IFLA Governing Board

Nomination call for the 2008 IFLA Honors and Awards. A proposal to support the candidacy of Adolfo Rodriguez Gallardo to be made an Honorary Fellow of the IFLA was prepared.

Invitation of Ismail Abdullahi, Convenor of the LIS Education in Developing Countries Discussion Group, to participate in the book “Global Library and Information Science.” Felipe Martinez shall coordinate the participation of Latin America. The following persons shall participate: Adolfo Rodriguez (Library and Information Science

Education), Elsa Ramirez (Public Libraries), Maria Isabel Cabral (Specialized Libraries), Mary Giraldo (School Libraries) and Felipe Martinez (University Libraries).

Invitation to Felipe Martinez to join the Editorial Committee of IFLA Journal.

Information on the proposal to modify the statutes and organization of the IFLA Sections. This shall be discussed in the Quebec meeting.

Standing Committee members also discussed the following matters:

Simona Bastos reported on her participation in the Digital Library Task Force which is currently developing the guidelines for this kind of library. A presentation of these guidelines shall be provided in Quebec.

Victor Torres proposed the possibility of having raffles of gifts from each country in order to raise funds to support attendees for the IFLA annual conference.

A publication for 2009, celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the Regional Office creation was proposed.

It was mentioned that Victor Torres (Puerto Rico) shall present a workshop for the Caribbean, in order to promote ALP projects in the region.

Felipe Martinez mentioned that in the last meeting of the IFLA GB, Central America was the region selected to host the 2011 IFLA Congress. Colombia, Mexico and Brazil also expressed their interest in acting as its host.

Elizabet de Carvalho reported that she had received a letter from the Financial Area of the IFLA, which point out the budget for the Regional Office shall be determined in function of the number of new members in the region. As a result of this letter, Carvalho considered resigning her post as Regional Office Manager. The Standing Committee members concurred in writing a letter to IFLA President, Claudia Lux, and the members of the Governing Board requesting an explanation of this budget measure.

Having discharged all matters on the agenda, Elizabeth Carvalho and Felipe Martinez thanked all of those in attendance, especially to Marcia Rosetto and the FEBAB for their efforts in organizing this meeting.