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**Law Libraries Section
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Section Projects

The Section grew to 42 members. The Standing committee grew to 16 committee members from 9 countries. The newly elected officers were Claire Germain (USA), Chair; Dominique Lapierre (Canada), Secretary, and Valérie Alonzo (France), Information Coordinator.

The Section started the practice of holding two Standing Committee meetings, since it is the most important networking and face to face meeting of the year. It also decided for the first time to start a Call for papers for program proposals, in addition to preselecting a few speakers, to encourage a wider participation.

The Section presented a resolution of thanks and gratefulness to Holger Knudsen, Chair, for his vision and leadership of the section. The Standing Committee delivered a certificate of appreciation to Jules Winterton.

The new members of the Standing Committee approved the objectives of the IFLA Law Libraries strategic plan, and agreed to focus on Objective 1 and Action 2 to guide their activities.

Pascal Sanz reminded the group of the importance of translating information into different languages. The two SC meetings were published in English, and translated into French and Spanish, thanks to Dominique Lapierre and Marisol Floren respectively.

The Section's Programs for Puerto Rico were based on the two priorities that emerged as a result of the Göteborg roundtable discussions on "Creating an agenda for international legal information policy," that is, (1) Free access to law, and (2) Authentication and preservation of digital law.

The two programs were on *Promoting global access to law: developing an open access index for official, authenticated legal information* (Radu D. Popa, Chair) - *Political and Constitutional status of Puerto Rico: A Continuing Challenge* (Pedro Padilla-Rosa, Chair) It was attended by 57 participants and appreciated.

A fabulous reception was held at the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico, sponsored by Lexis.



Standing Committee members, Left to Right: Blair Kauffman, Radu Popa, non SC member behind Radu, Dominique Lapierre, Pascal Sanz, Henning Frankenberger, Claire Germain, Marisol Floren, Valerie Alonzo, Donna Scheeder, Bob Newlen.

Reception

A special reception was organized by Pedro Padilla-Rosa ([PR National Committee](#)) and Ivette Torres (PR Supreme Court Librarian), at the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico on Monday, August 16, 2011, and hosted by Chief Justice Hernandez Denton and two associate justices. It was generously co-sponsored by Lexis-Nexis. The presence of members of the Court, members of the legal community and leadership of IFLA have added to the solemnity of the moment

The Dean of the Law School of the University of Puerto Rico attended, as well as several prominent lawyers, in addition to some 70 Puerto Rican librarians and law librarians from all over the world. President Tise and President Elect Parent were in attendance.

The Chief Justice delivered [welcoming remarks](#)¹ which were very complimentary to the library profession: *"For those of us who are in the legal profession, where information is a central element of our work, access and availability of legal sources are of utmost importance. Thus, it is vital that our libraries continue to grow, adapt and transform with new technological innovations to assure that we can meet our goal of making information more accessible."*

The Section presented a resolution of thanks to Pedro Padilla-Rosa and his colleague Ivette Torres for their contribution to the organization and success of the event. Special thanks were

¹ <http://www.ramajudicial.pr/Prensa/mensajes/2011/IFLA-Welcoming-Remarks-15-Aug-2011.pdf>

also conveyed to Pedro Padilla-Rosa and Dominique Lapierre for having managed to convince IFLA Presiden-Elect Ingrid Parent to attend the reception. IFLA President Ellen Tise, was also in attendance.

<http://conference.ifla.org/drupal/past-express/2011/5113-1.htm>

<http://www.ramajudicial.pr/orientacion/galeria/2011/08-16-11/index.html>



Desde la izquierda: Hon. Luis Estrella Martínez, Juez Asociado; Ellen Tise, Presidenta de la Federación Internacional de Asociaciones de Bibliotecarios; Hon. Federico Hernández Denton, Juez Presidente; Ivette Torres, Bibliotecaria del Tribunal Supremo; Claire M. Germain, Presidenta del Comité Permanente de la Sección de Libros de Derecho de la FIAB; Hon. Roberto Feliberti Cintrón, Juez Asociado.



Entre los invitados a la recepción se encontraban los Jueces Asociados, Hon. Roberto Feliberti Cintrón (derecha) y Hon. Luis Estrella Martínez.



Un grupo de bibliotecarias de la Rama Judicial comparte con el Juez Presidente, Hon. Federico Hernández Denton, Ivette Torres, Bibliotecaria del Tribunal Supremo (cuarta desde la izquierda) y Claire M. Germain, Presidenta del Comité Permanente de la Sección de Libros de Derecho de la FIAB (tercera desde la derecha).



Left to Right, Roberta Shaffer, Law Librarian of Congress, Ingrid Parent, Claire Germain, Pedro Padilla



Left to Right, Stuart Basefsky, Lizette Lopez , Teresa Miguel, Radu Popa, Pedro Padilla

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