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EDITORIAL

IFLA core activities: "Actions for Development through Libraries Programme - ALP" is currently going through significant transformation. The Core Activities moved its office from the University of Uppsala, Sweden, to the IFLA HQ in The Hague, Netherlands, and the main focus of its activities is now the support to librarians associations. In Gothenburg it will be launched a new Building Strong Library Associations Programme. In this issue of our newsletter we bring to you some pieces of information on this regard, providing links to web pages where further information may be accessed. ALP core activity is now headed by Fiona Bradley.

Please join me in warmly congratulating, on behalf of all librarians in the region, to IFLA former President, Kay Raseroka, for the title of Honorary Doctor of Laws of the University of Alberta (Canada), and FAIFE former president, Paul Sturges, for the title he received from the British Crown. Such well-deserved honors awarded to these outstanding librarians surely honor the entire class.

As you know, this year Congress will be held in Gothenburg. Gothenburg is an industrial city, the second largest city in Sweden, and features many attractions, such as the Art Museum, with a rich collection. Congress agenda is full of interesting presentations and we hope that librarians and information professionals from our region will attend and enhance the event.

Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho
Gerente de la OR IFLA/LAC

IFLA HQ

Former FAIFE Chair Paul Sturges receives OBE Award

IFLA is very proud to announce the official recognition of Professor Paul Sturges as Officer of the British Empire, the order of chivalry and British democracy. Professor Sturges was Chair of the Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression Committee from 2003 to 2009. He put a lot of efforts in stimulating and fostering a better communication within the FAIFE community.

For complete details please refer to:
<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/former-faife-chair-paul-sturges-receives-obe-award>

IFLA is also extremely pleased to announce access to a collection of Professor Sturges papers and documents from before and during his period as FAIFE Chair. IFLA website users can now access formally published articles, papers and conference proceedings through the IFLA website.

For more information about it please refer to:
<http://www.ifla.org/en/node/2504>

Kay Raseroka Honorary Doctor of Laws

On 7 June 2010 Kay Raseroka will receive the title of Honorary Doctor of Laws of the University of Alberta (USA). Kay Raseroka, currently University of Botswana Library Director, served as IFLA President from 2003-2005.

In the announcement of the Honorary degrees Linda Hughes, chancellor of the University of Alberta, said: "On behalf of the university senate, it gives me great pleasure to announce an outstanding slate of leading minds and talented people whose service to society inspires our community,"

The IFLA community congratulates Kay Raseroka with this outstanding token of appreciation.

Kay Raseroka will receive the honorary degree because she "served as the first African president of the International Federation of Libraries and Institutions. She founded Botswana's Children's Information Trust, and she has devoted more than 35 years to promoting the importance of oral learning in indigenous communities".

She will be one of the 12 recipients of the University of Alberta's highest honor. At the same occasion two other librarians will receive a honorary title: both Hugh Anson-Cartwright from Canada and James Neal from the USA will also receive the title of Honorary Doctor of Laws for their outstanding contributions to the library community.

In a first reaction Kay Raseroka said:

"May I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and pay tribute to you all for the support you afforded me in numerous ways in the past; contributions you made, individually and collectively, such that I was empowered to serve through IFLA, the global voice of the library and information profession.

There are hundreds of colleagues to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for allowing me work with and learn from them. As members, we debated issues through various standing committees, always striving to be supportive of the professional ideals that unite us. Even when the going was rough: we stood on the shoulders of giants, learnt from their experience and, together took small incremental steps that hopefully made contributions to IFLA and were helpful to the next generation of leaders of our profession.

So, I consider the conferral of the Honorary Doctorate to me, as symbol for the broader IFLA community that had the courage to take a risk on a developing country candidate and assisted her to step up to the plate and serve IFLA as an Institution, to the best of her ability. “

More information at:

<http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/Senate/nav02.cfm?nav02=70455&nav01=12498>

WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS (WLIC)

IFLA 2010 – World Library and Information Congress – 76th IFLA General Conference and Council – August 10-15 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden

Welcome to Sweden and to Gothenburg 2010!

On behalf of the 2010 World Library and Information Congress' National Committee and the Swedish Library Association, we are honoured and happy to welcome you all to Sweden and Gothenburg. Thank you for entrusting us with the challenge of organising the 2010 World Library and Information Congress: the 76th IFLA Conference and General Assembly.

The National Committee and the Swedish Library Association are working with great enthusiasm and with wonderful support from all over the world. We are sure we will offer you a conference and a visit you'll remember for a long time.

The Swedish Library Association is advocating, together with Swedish libraries of all kinds, the value of open access to knowledge throughout lifelong learning. Libraries are essential parts for promoting sustainable progress in a society and in this global world.

You'll experience many examples of the libraries taking part in the development of our multicultural country, well-known - not only for IKEA, VOLVO and ABBA - but also for its work with sustainable environment and gender equality.

Gothenburg is Sweden's second largest city with 600 000 inhabitants. It is situated at the west coast of Sweden - not more than 3 - 4 hours away by train from the capitals of Norway, Denmark and Sweden and with 45 direct flights from European destinations.

In Gothenburg you will find - within 10 minutes walk from the Convention Centre - a large number of museums and libraries. Most of the hotels are also located within walking distance. In the middle of the City you will find the two universities, including twelve libraries and our City Library with its 25 branches.

When you come to Gothenburg, take a break from the conference and visit for example Liseberg, the largest amusement park in northern Europe, situated across the street from the Convention Centre. It is not only an amusement park; it also offers a wonderful garden and beautiful surroundings. Gothenburg has two Botanical Gardens, one with a famous Rock Garden, which has received three stars in Guide Michelin. The magnificent archipelago and deep forests are only a tram ride away. Or why not just take a stroll along the main street - our Avenue - passing by museums and shopping malls down to the river and our beautiful Opera House. And you must not miss our fish market or try a seafood dinner with fish as fresh as you can get, without wetting your feet! We can assure you - you won't regret it!

Gothenburg has a reputation for being clean, safe and green, with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The National Committee together with the library community of Sweden is busy making your 2010 World Library and Information Congress both memorable and exciting. We want you to bring home new inspiration and professional relations as well as a good taste of Sweden, Swedish culture and some salty spirits from Gothenburg.

Our theme: Open access to knowledge: promoting sustainable progress will of course also be the theme for all the fun and the social activities in Gothenburg. Come, experience and see for yourself!

See you in Sweden and Gothenburg 2010!

Inga Lundén

President of the Swedish Library Association

Agneta Olsson

Chair of the IFLA 2010 WLIC National Committee

BASIC ACTIVITIES

ACTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH LIBRARIES PROGRAMME (ALP)

News from ALP

A strong number of applications were received from each of IFLA's regions for ALP small project applications for 2010, and will be considered by the ALP committee with

consultation from the regional section. Funding for ALP for 2010 comes from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, IFLA general operating grant and core activity contributions. €45,000 is provided for small projects in 2010.

ALP supports projects in its focal areas of library associations, literacy, libraries in society access to information and emerging professional practices that may be: One-off workshops and training activities, delivering existing IFLA's policy-based training materials (for example, training materials developed by FAIFE); Workshops and training where new training packages and content based on ALP focal areas will be delivered and made available to IFLA; Longer-term capacity building activities and training designed to support the development of the sector in a country, for example through the Building Strong Library Associations Programme.

Full details of project guidelines can be found on the IFLA website: <http://www.ifla.org/alp>. The 2009 ALP Annual Report, covering the activities of ALP and projects carried out last year is available from the IFLA website at: <http://www.ifla.org/files/alp/alp-annual09.pdf>.

ALP supported activities in Puerto Rico, Peru, Brazil and several regional seminars and projects in the Latin America and Caribbean region in 2009.
(Fiona Bradley – Coordinadora de ALP)

Building Strong Library Associations Programme

Development of the Building Strong Library Associations programme continues as IFLA prepares to launch the programme and announce the countries that will participate from 2010 at the Congress in Gothenburg.

Applications for the initial countries to participate in the programme from 2010, one in each of IFLA's regions, closed in April. Each of the regional sections nominated a country to participate following the regional midterm meetings in February and March 2010. The countries will be announced at the programme's launch session at the Gothenburg Congress. €25,000 is provided for each of three Building Strong Library Associations projects (a total of €75,000 in 2010).

IFLA has begun development of the online platform that will support the programme. The online platform will provide eLearning activities, downloading of the training materials, and discussion tools to facilitate communities of practice between associations. Content will also be available via removable media (eg CD ROMs) where Internet access is not readily available. A meeting was held from February 8-12 at IFLA Headquarters with participants from a number of countries sharing their expertise on the ways that IFLA can use ICT to

reach library associations around the world and provide high quality learning materials to all members.

Participants were invited from Egypt, Singapore, Puerto Rico, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden and South Africa together with staff from IFLA Headquarters. Grisell Rodriguez from Puerto Rico attended the meeting to represent the region.

A meeting to develop the impact evaluation framework for the programme was held at IFLA Headquarters from April 6-9. Impact evaluation will provide IFLA with evidence, research, and case studies about the difference that the BSLA programme makes in the countries it works in.
(Fiona Bradley – Coordinadora de ALP)

Contacting ALP

ALP is based at IFLA Headquarters and is coordinated by Fiona Bradley. ALP can be contacted at alp@ifla.org
(Fiona Bradley – Coordinadora de ALP)

IFLA DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

SECTION OF LIBRARIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

Children's Library in Chaclacayo, Lima, Peru

Just returned to cold Netherlands after a hartwarming time in Lima, Peru. I was so lucky to have the opportunity to help opening a children's library in Perla del Sol, a poor neighbourhood in Chaclacayo, Lima, Peru. A connection has been made between the biblioteca municipal and this one; biblioteca comunal. The local inhabitants are in charge of the library, which, for now is working as a reading library, a free and safe space to read and study, do homework etc. The Dutch foundation Bibliodef, in cooperation with Zappelin and Mercis publisher, granted the money for furniture and books.

The second week I was working together with ICPNA in Lima where I was given the possibility to talk about IFLA section Libraries for children and young adults and about experiences on readingskills and readingpromotion from the Netherlands. People were very interested in Sisterlibraries, the new project from the section.

Monday May 10 was a one day conference in the Netherlands where we also presented IFLA and the Sisterlibraries project. Hopefully the connections between libraries will be successful.
(Ingrid Bon – Chair Section of Libraries for Children and Young Adults)

LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN SECTION

Minutes of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section Standing Committee meetings (Panama City, March 18 - 19 2010)

1. Attendants

1.1 Members of the SC and Regional Office

Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano (Mexico), Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho (RO IFLA/LAC), Regina Celia Baptista Belluzzo (Brazil), Olinda Estela Gómez Moran (El Salvador), Araceli Gómez Martín (Spain), Jaime Ríos Ortega (Mexico), Estela Morales Campos (Mexico); Emilce Noemí Sena Correa (Paraguay); Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora (Peru); Adriana Betancur (Colombia); Octavio Castillo Sánchez (Panama).

1.2 Members with absence justified

Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Silvia Cecilia Anselmi (Argentina), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil), Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt (Brazil), Margarita Bellas Villariño (Cuba), Mercedes Falconi (Ecuador), Joan Vacianna (Jamaica), Hortensia Lobato Reyes (Mexico), Victor Federico Torres Ortiz (Puerto Rico), Jennifer Joseph (Trinidad and Tobago), Víctor Aguirre Negro (Uruguay).

1.3 Other attendants

Jesús Lau, member of the IFLA Governing Board and the Advisor Comité of ALP; Stella Maris Fernández (Argentina) Advisor of the Regional Office.

2. Opening and Minutes approval

The Chairman of the Committee, Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano, welcomed members and guests, and reported that by March 2010 the Section of Latin America and the Caribbean (IFLA/LAC) had 110 members from different countries in the Region, in the various categories of membership and affiliates: two international associations, 16 national associations, 66 institutions, 24 individual members, and two students.

Following, he then reported that during this period the Section continued to work closely with the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Office in the implementation of the ALP Programme (Actions for Development through Libraries Programmes), and also with FAIFE and librarian associations from the countries in the Region.

Felipe Martínez Arellano also referred that the IFLA/LAC Standing Committee is currently composed by ten members elected for the 2007-2011 period and eight members elected for the 2009-2013 period. Likewise, in line with the new IFLA

by-laws and proceedings, the following members have been designated as corresponding members for the period from August 2009 to August 2011: Mercedes Falconi (Ecuador), Adriana Betancur (Colombia), Estela Morales Campos (Mexico), Octavio Castillo Sánchez (Panama) and Jaime Ríos Ortega (Mexico). He also reported that those members who have actively engaged in the various activities of the Standing Committee were invited to coordinate different working groups.

Then he thanked, on behalf of the SC, the University of Panama and the Library System, as well as its Director, Octavio Castillo Sanchez, for the hospitality and support given to this meeting. He added that, because the previous meetings were held concurrently with the completion of an ALP project, and since currently there are no new projects supported by ALP, the academic session prior to the SC meeting would be held in one single day, namely March 17.

3. Approval of the minutes of the SC meetings held in Milan, Italy, August 2009

The Chair submitted to the members of the SC the minutes of the SC meetings held in Milan, Italy, August 2009. The minutes were approved without any observations. Nevertheless, Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano ask the members of the SC that in case of any corrections to the minutes, to send them by e-mail.

4. Reports

4.1 Report of the Regional Office Manager

Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho, Manager of the IFLA/LAC Regional Office, presented her report, making reference to the fact that the work to disseminate the activities of the Section has been uninterrupted. Therefore, IFLA/LAC Newsletter n.55 was published in December 2009. Following, Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho referred that the minutes of the IFLA event held in Milan were delivered to the Minister of Education and to the Minister of Culture in Brazil. She also referred to the presentation of the Milan Section poster, announcing the celebration of the 35 years of the IFLA/LAC Section and the 30 years of the Regional Office. She also referred to her participation as guest speaker to deliver a lecture on behalf of the Women Interest Group, Information and Libraries at the event in Milan, where she talked about the situation in Brazil on this regard, providing data about the set-up of a Special Secretariat for Women's Affairs. She also reported on the relevance of IFLA-LAC List as an excellent online communication tool connecting the members of the Section to the Regional Office.

She reported about her participation in the Caucus meetings for Spanish and Portuguese speaking participants, suggesting the integration of both. She went on to remark that the Spanish

language Caucus has faced difficulties regarding meeting schedules. Jesus Lau made the suggestion that a petition regarding this issue be sent to the IFLA Governing Board before April. She also reported that she had attended FAIFE meetings together with Felipe.

Elizabeth also referred to the tribute the Section paid to Birgitta Berdahl, Birgitta Sandel, and Gunilla Natvig, for their successful performance in coordinating the ALP Programme, as well as for their support, collaboration and sensitivity regarding projects and activities in Latin America and the Caribbean, thereby giving a relevant contribution to the development of librarianship in our region. She also reported on her participation in the II International Congress and the VII National Congress of Librarians and Archivists in Paraguay, held from 15 to 17 October 2009 in Paraguay, highlighting the organizing work done by Emilce Noemi Sena Correa for the meeting sponsored by the Graduate Librarian Association of Paraguay (ABIGRAP). This meeting was supported by the President of the University of Paraguay and was attended by Dr. Alejandra Peña Gill (Director General of Archives, Libraries and Museums) and Dr. Zaira Caballero Rodriguez (Director of the National Library). The topics reviewed and addressed during the event included issues related to documentary heritage and the creation of national policies for conservation and development thereof and how to value the documentary heritage as a source of historical memory for a country.

She also reported on her participation in the II International Seminar on Public and Community Libraries and in the II Forum of Reading Delights, held on November 12-14, 2009, in the city of São Paulo (Brazil), where reviewed and discussed topics included the public incentive policies to support reading and libraries, the development of innovative services in and community public libraries, accessibility to information in such libraries, leadership in the management of libraries and reading spaces, and strengthening of the role of librarians; she highlighted that lectures were delivered in the meeting addressing issues like the book, reading and libraries by renowned Brazilian writers and by Brazilian and international experts, including Aldo Pirolla, Director of the Public Libraries System of Milan (Italy); Camila A. Alire, President of the American Library Association (ALA-USA); and Professor Yicel Nayrobis Giraldo, from the Interamerican School of Library Science (Colombia). The meeting was sponsored by São Paulo State Secretariat of Culture, in partnership with IFLA Regional Office, FEBAB, the Official Press of Brazil, and UNESCO.

She reported also on her participation in the VI SENABRILLE - Braille Library National Seminar, held between 20 and 23 November 2009 at the Auditorium of the Federal University of Paraíba, in João Pessoa (Brazil). This event provided a great deal of discussions on the topic "Overview of digital accessibility in Latin America and the

Caribbean," and provided also an exchange of experiences between national and international speakers from different countries in Latin America, designed to strengthen the library services provided to the visually impaired. Elizabeth highlighted that Felipe Martinez received an invitation to act as an international observer. In addition, the event included the round table: "Brazil - public policy for the access of blind and low vision," which was attended by representatives of the Directorate of Books, Reading and Literature of the Ministry of Culture, and the Secretariat of Continuing Education, Literacy and Diversity of the Ministry of Education. The meeting was sponsored and organized by FEBAB/Brazilian Committee for Access and Information for Disabled People. Organizers also included the NGO BB&C (Braille Libraries & Communities Building Citizenship). This event was sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and by IFLA/ALP.

4.2 Report of the Chair

Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano, Chairman of the Section Standing Committee (2009-2011), presented his report for the period from August 2009 to March 2010.

He reported that during this period the Section continued to work closely with the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Office in the implementation of the ALP Programme (Actions for Development through Libraries Programmes), and also with FAIFE and librarian associations from the countries in the Region.

His report included information about his participation in the Division V Leadership Forum. This took place on August 23, 2009, during the IFLA General Conference in Milan, Italy. He was elected as Division V secretary (Regional Activities) during this event.

Following, he referred to the seminars, meetings and workshops he attended in the Region: Meeting "The Internet and libraries in the Information and Knowledge Society in the 21st Century," held in Lima, Peru, on October 20, 2009, which he attended together with Stuart Hamilton, IFLA Senior Policy Advisor, and Loida Garcia-Febo, Secretary of FAIFE Committee. At this meeting he delivered a lecture on the "IFLA/UNESCO Internet Guidelines: Role of Librarians in the Dissemination and Implementation."

He acted as an external observer at the 2nd Latin American and Caribbean Seminar on Library Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired People, which took place in the city of Joao Pessoa, Paraíba, Brazil, from 20 to 23 November 2009. During this Seminar he delivered the Lecture "Library services for visually impaired users in the information age."

He made references to his participation in the Workshop "IFLA Workshop of Experts on Library Statistics," which took

place in the Hague on December 8-10, 2009. The purpose was to prepare both the agenda and the work materials for a workshop on the role of statistics as an element for promotion and advocacy in libraries. This has been designed to become part of the series of workshops entitled "Building Strong Library Associations, BSLA."

5. Activities with FAIFE

Felipe Martínez Arellano referred that the joint work with FAIFE continues and this partnership keeps growing. A series of workshops and activities were organized jointly, some of which were listed:

3rd Phase of the IFLA/FAIFE Workshop on Training for IFLA/UNESCO Manifesto Trainees, which took place in the city of Cuzco, Peru, October 19-25, 2009. The event was intended to gather together the facilitators trained in March 2009 for assessing the impact of the workshops on different regions in Peru. Stuart Hamilton and Loida Garcia-Febo and Felipe Martinez shared the leadership of the workshop.

Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora said that colleagues from 11 regions of Peru were trained in the first phase of this IFLA / FAIFE program: Arequipa, Cajamarca, Cuzco, Junin, Pasco, La Libertad, Lambayeque, Lima, Iquitos, Puno, and Tacna, as facilitators to deliver workshops on the IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto guidelines to other librarians in their regions and help them integrate the values of the guidelines in their daily work. The library of the Municipality of Santiago de Surco coordinated the implementation and provided the venue for the various phases of this project. Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho referred to how relevant the government support is for the project. The Librarians School of Peru was also represented, and the methodology applied built on seminars, interviews, and video presentations discussing the impact of the actions.

In partnership with the Mexican Association of Librarians (AMBAC), a Workshop on Information Resource for the Prevention of AIDS was designed and delivered during the celebration of the XL Mexican Librarianship One-Day Conference, in September 2009 in Acapulco, Guerrero. The workshop was sponsored by FAIFE and IFLA/LAC, in which Alejandra Martínez del Prado, from UNAM School of Medicine Library System acted as facilitator. Thanks to the support provided by FAIFE, IFLA/LAC, and AMBAC, the proceedings of the First Latin American Meeting of Library and Medical Information was published. The meeting was organized and held in November 2008 in the School of Medicine of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

6. Meetings organization

The Technology Internship Program for Latin America and the Caribbean Librarians was designed, coordinated, and

eventually delivered from September 17 to October 16, 2009. Attendees included 15 librarians from the following countries: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Mexico. 50 applications were received, and the selection of participants took into account the views from the members of the IFLA/LAC Standing Committee and from Library Associations of various Latin American countries.

This program was designed to be a training strategy that would enable participants to "learn by doing and learn by seeing." The purpose is to improve the professional practice of librarians in Latin American countries by providing them with a direct contact with a real-world working environment, complemented by a series of lectures, sharing of experiences and procedures carried out in the General Directorate of Libraries and at UNAM's Librarianship Research University Center (CUIB), combined with visits to those libraries that stand out by employing information technologies in their activities and services. Participants committed to multiplying the internship experience among the colleagues in their institutions and countries, in partnership with their local library associations.

"Library Services in Latin America/Servicios Bibliotecarios en América Latina - REFORMA Program. This program was developed in partnership with REFORMA, the National Association for Promoting Library and Information Services to Latinos and Spanish-speaking people in the United States. The program will take place within the framework of the Annual Conference of the American Library Association (ALA), to be held from 24 to 29 June, 2010, in the City of Washington, DC. The aim is to provide the participants in this program with an opportunity to share with their colleagues serving the Latins and the Spanish-speaking communities in the United States, cases of successful and innovative services developed in the libraries of Latin American countries, thereby promoting an exchange of experience. The invitation was designed and released by selecting three of the twelve proposals submitted: "Scope of the cooperation programs of the Library of Congress and PCC in Latin America,"

"Virtual Library in Latin America," and

"Program to promote reading through mobile libraries: an opportunity for children in socially disadvantaged areas of Tegucigalpa."

Regarding the IFLA General Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden, the invitation was designed and released specifically to reach potential lecturers from the region (librarians, academics, and professionals) with an invitation to participate in the program to be sponsored by IFLA/LAC in Gothenburg, Sweden. Ten paper proposals were submitted, which are being evaluated by the members of the Standing Committee. Concurrently, an appropriate program is being designed accordingly, including the following topic: "Open access to knowledge - promoting sustainable development."

7. Earthquakes in Haiti and Chile

In face of the earthquakes in Haiti (January 12 this year) and Chile (27 February this year), Felipe Martínez reported that the Section contacted our colleagues in both countries in order to send updates to IFLA and the Blue Shield. On this regard, it is relevant to underline the role played by Danielle Mincio, Secretary of the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section and member of the IFLA Governing Board, in handling all reports. All updates about the earthquakes are available at:

<http://www.ifla.org/en/haiti-earthquake-2010> y
<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/solidarity-with-chilean-librarians>

Participants made comments and suggestions. Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho referred to the application of Latin American experiences with bibliotherapy and other actions. Estela Morales Campos suggested that the entry "Library" be inserted into the International Reconstruction Package for IFLA. Araceli Gomez suggested to wait for an inventory of the damages before any decision is made. Felipe Martínez pointed out that different actions would be taken to benefit Haiti and Chile in view of the socioeconomic and political conditions of the two countries.

8. Activities of the Section in WLIC 2010 "Open Access to knowledge – promoting sustainable development", Gothenburg, Sweden.

The Chairman reported briefly on the activities that will be carried out by the Section in WLIC 2010, informing that two guest speakers are expected - Emir José Suaíden (Brazil) and Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo (Mexico). Following, he added that the Section received 10 paper proposals in response to the call released to invite potential lecturers from the region (librarians, academics, and professionals) to participate in the IFLA / LAC program in Gothenburg, Sweden, which were later submitted to the members of Standing Committee for evaluation and selection of two papers. He said that the Standing Committee meeting is due to take place in Gothenburg on August 11, 2010, from 1:45 to 3:45 PM, referring also that a second meeting will be held. The SC members will be notified as regards the date and time of said meeting.

9. ALP projects

In this part of the meeting a briefing was made on the state of the projects approved by ALP until the year 2009:

- Pasantías en Servicios Bibliotecarios Públicos para Bibliotecarios Latinoamericanos (393). This Project was developed from July 1st to 30th 2009. Adriana Betancur informed that a social network was created as a space where tutors and participants will be linked, information, libraries and interests of their areas will be shared, besides being a medium to follow through commitments and proposed working plans. Programs and manuals were distributed and the project will

count on the contribution of the academic instructors in order to follow-up after the training stage.

- Base común del conocimiento ciudadano – BCCC – Training of young adults between 14 and 24 of the communities of the district Cidade Tiradentes (395). In progress.

- Pasantía en Tecnologías de la Información para bibliotecarios de América Latina (396). This Project was developed from September 17 to October 16 2009, sponsored by the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Concluded.

- Proyecto Casero Del Libro para el Mercado de Cajamarca (398) – Doris Samanez Alzamora informed that the Project has not been started yet, since they are expecting the end of the raining season to develop it.

- Proyecto Casero del Libro para el Mercado Central de El Salvador (399) – Olinda Gómez Moran informed that they are having numerous talkings with mayors and the library association for the implementation of the project. A committee was formed coordinated by the said Olinda Gomez Moran. She is expecting the start of the project in a close date with the support of several institutions.

- Workshop to promote reading and outreach activities in public libraries of the Hispanic Caribbean (701). Was developed from November 3rd to 5th 2009 in San Juan de Puerto Rico. Doris I. Samanez Alzamora was invited to share experiences of the caseros del libro.

- El casero del libro para el Mercado de la Parroquial y alrededores de la ciudad de Guatemala (704). Proyecto cancelled

- Sistematización de experiencias sobre bibliotecas indígenas (706). It was informed that the Project could not be developed and it was proposed to ask again support through the CUIB of UNAM in collaboration with César Castro (Peru). Jaime Ríos Ortega, from CUIB, agreed.

Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho suggested that the reports about ALP sponsored projects be included in INFOBILA.

Emphasis was placed on strengthening INFOBILA and, on this regard Jaime Ríos Ortega reported that communication will be established to encourage the participation of library associations, librarianship schools, magazines publishers, and other institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean. A web-based data interface has been set up to be operated by the associations and institutions themselves.

Moreover, Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano reported that the Bill Gates Foundation donated 100,000 Euros towards the projects to be implemented in 2010, 75 000 Euros out of which

will be assigned to projects related to the ALP Program for the Development and Support of Library Associations, and 25,000 Euros, to other projects. The 20,000 Euro balance from 2009 budget plus the 25,000 granted this year will be allocated to new projects in all three regions.

Regarding the schedule of projects proposed to be developed in 2010, he informed that the deadline for submission is 1 May 2010. Approved projects will be announced as of June. Pending projects already discussed and approved by the Section may be considered

Therefore, it was agreed that the project dealing with the Systematization of the Record of indigenous experience, which was not been developed yet, will be taken up by CUIB, and CUIB is expected to resubmit such project engaging all participating countries. In view of the interest, three potential actions were proposed: to compile the existing literature, to generate a publication on the various projects already completed, to build up a literature base in indigenous languages. Only the compilation of existing literature was considered to be feasible, however bearing in mind the potential implementation of a database, using for this purpose a predefined format.

It was also agreed to submit a proposal for a project on "Libraries on the Agenda" by Adriana Betancur (Colombia.) This project will develop a booklet including the strategies used by the library associations in Latin America and the Caribbean and setting the guidelines that are relevant for the region. It was also agreed that Emilce Sena Correa (Paraguay) will submit a project on Casero del Libro for that country.

Additionally, Felipe Martínez Arellano referred to the schedule set up for submission of ALP-supported projects in 2011. All projects related to the Section must be submitted starting from June 15, 2010. Regional Offices are expected to send all accepted projects to ALP by 1 November, 2010. In January 2011, ALP Committee will start analyzing and will report on all accepted projects. The current Advisory Committee consists of seven members: IFLA Policy Adviser (Stuart Hamilton), ALP Coordinator, Division V Chairperson, MLAS Chairperson or representative, one member of the Governing Board, and two other members. It was suggested that these two members should include an LAC representative and that Jesus Lau should be in charge of submitting this proposal to the Governing Board.

10. ALP Buiding Strong Library Associations Programme

This new ALP-sponsored program provides a strategic and coordinated approach to the development and sustainability of librarian associations, thereby benefiting the associations, the libraries, and the communities. Jesus Lau reported on this ALP program, which provides a entirely new approach and

perspective. The program will focus on a sustainable approach based on the evidence for the development of library associations, employing impact analysis and other methods, as appropriate, to assess the results of training and other activities. One country from each region will be selected to implement this program over a two year period.

Felipe Martínez Arellano reported that 25 000 Euros have been allocated to this project for each of the countries selected. The schedule for proposals was as follows: on 1 May this year, attendees for a training of trainees meeting to be delivered in The Hague will be selected. It was agreed that Ana Maria Talavera (Peru) and Felipe Martínez (Mexico) will attend this training program. In April, proposed host countries for this program will be announced. On April 20, 2010, ALP will evaluate the proposed host countries. Chosen host country will be announced in August, and the program will begin in September.

It was agreed to propose Panama as host country, as well as the participation not only of one association, but rather the participation of representatives from several Latin America and the Caribbean associations, seeing that this model of participation has proven to be effective in the region for several projects, which was endorsed by Jesus Lau in his presentation to ALP. As an alternative choice, proposing Peru as potential host country in Latin America and the Caribbean was discussed.

11. Activities of the Section in WLIC 2011 "Libraries beyond libraries: integration, innovation and information for all", San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Considering that the IFLA Conference 2011 will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, a call was released to invite satellite meetings. The intention to provide five satellite meetings supported by IFLA/LAC was reported. The proposal for such satellite meetings will be submitted by the submission deadline, 1st May:

Art Libraries. Sponsored by the Art Section of the Mexican Librarians Association, to be held in Mexico City;

Public Libraries. Sponsored by Lasalle University of Colombia - Under the theme Libraries and regional development. To be linked to the IFL Public Libraries Section and to be delivered in Bogota. It is consensus that Adriana Betancourt should attend.

Cataloguing. Sponsored by UNAM's University Librarianship Research Center, to be held in the University City, Mexico D. F.

"The school library in school performance." Sponsored by the Library Association of Panama and the National Library of Panama.

Women, Information and Libraries. Sponsored by the Interest Group on this topic and the Michoacan Librarian Section of the Mexican Librarian Association.

In this regard, Felipe Martínez Arellano pointed out the contradiction detected in the call, where the countries referred to above are indicated as potential host countries, but at the same time it is requested that the host cities have direct flight connections to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and that flight time do not exceed 5 hours.

12. other topics

Felipe Martínez Arellano reported on the release of the announcement of "IFLA LIS Student Paper Award 2010," sponsored by the IFLA Education and Training Section Standing Committee and by EKZ Corporation. Following, he added that a partnership was entered with Stuart Hamilton regarding the translation of IFLA communications to be sent to IFLA members asking them to support IFLA's national representatives before the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), to participate by completing the questionnaire to be sent with questions on exceptions and limitations to copyright related to educational activities, libraries and archives; people with disabilities; social, cultural and religious activities; digital technology, and questions related to other areas.

The issue raised by Paraguay in connection with the removal of the Director of the National Library was discussed, and it was agreed that IFLA/LAC should submit a note pointing out how important it is to rely on the actuation of a professional librarian in order to ensure the proper operation of the National Library in a country.

Finally, emphasis was given to the work of communication done by both the Regional Office and IFLA/LAC President and Secretary to keep the Standing Committee and Section members updated through the corresponding lists.
(Filiberto Felipe Martinez Arellano, Chair IFLA/LAC Section)

IFLA/LAC Section activities in the Gothenburg IFLA WLIC

Standing Committee Sections

Session I

Wednesday August 11 13:45 - 15:45 Room G4

Session II

Sunday August 15 08.00-09.30 Room G2

Other meetings

Caucus: Africa, Asia & Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean

Tuesday August 10 17:00 - 18:00

Caucus: Spanish speaking participants

Tuesday August 10 18:00 - 19:00

Workshop: Statistics for libraries promotion and advocacy

Thursday August 12 09:00 - 17:00

School of Business, Economics and Law. University of Gothenburg

Latin America and the Caribbean Open Session

Friday August 13 16:00 - 18:00

(Filiberto Felipe Martinez Arellano –Section Chair)

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Three new IFLA Professional Reports now available

IFLA has just released several new Professional Reports, available for free download in PDF from the IFLA web-site. They are:

122.

[Dons et échanges de collections : Recommandations aux Bibliothèques](#)

Kay Ann Cassell, Sharon Johnson, Judith Mansfield et Sha Li Zhang, Section Acquisition et Développement des Collections IFLA

La Haye, IFLA Headquarters, 2008. - 23 p. 30 cm

(Rapports professionnels de l'IFLA : 122)

French Translation of IFLA Professional Report 112

ISBN 978-90-77897-44-7

ISSN 0168-1931

121.

[Donaciones para las Colecciones: Directrices para las Bibliotecas](#)

Kay Ann Cassell, Sharon Johnson, Judith Mansfield y Sha Li Zhang para la Sección de Adquisiciones y Desarrollo de Colecciones de la IFLA

La Haya, IFLA Headquarters, 2010. - 23 pp. 30 cm

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120.

[Guidelines for easy-to-read materials](#)

Revision by Misako Nomura, Gyda Skat Nielsen and Bror Tronbacke on behalf of the IFLA/Library Services to People with Special Needs Section

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NEWS OF THE REGION

ARGENTINA

First Booksellers School started in Argentina

Argentina Chamber of Stationery Store, Bookshops and Related (Caplan), The National University of Tres de Febrero (UNTREF), with the support of the Ministry of Culture, started the first booksellers school in the country.

The purpose of the school is to bring back the key role of booksellers in educating readers. The course is due to start in August, and eight subject disciplines will be available during a semester. There will be general education subjects like History of Culture and History of Bibliographic Production, besides other specific subjects like Library Management, Communication, and Customer Service and Set-up of specialist bookshops.

(Stella Maris Fernandez, IFLA/LAC RO)

4th Latin American Typographic Biennial

The 4th Latin American Typographic Biennial is the most important typography exhibition in the Region. The Biennial was opened on 4th May at the Cultural Center of Spain in Buenos Aires (CCEB) and will continue through July 5. This Biennial was first delivered in 2004. This event takes place simultaneously in all countries included in the typographical Tipos Latinos space. This space comprises typographers from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela.

A six-member jury selected 70 typographical works and 8 examples out of 450 Latin American typographic applications. (Stella Maris Fernandez, IFLA/LAC RO)

Library Research Society, SIB

This Society, chaired by Stella Maris Fernández, has just published the 15th issue of their magazine *Infodiversidad*, featuring the following relevant articles written by Latin American librarians:

- *Los derechos de autor en Internet y la globalización de la información (Copyright on the Internet and the globalization of information)* by Jesús Francisco García Pérez;

- *La sociedad de la información, la pluralidad, la diversidad y la uniformidad (The Information Society, plurality, diversity and uniformity)* by Estela Morales;
- *La biblioteca pública en Perú Ayer y Hoy (Public library in Peru, Yesterday and Today)* by Carmen Checa;
- *La sociedad de Bibliófilos Argentinos (Argentine Bibliophile Society)* by Vicente Ros;
- *Paul Groussac. Semblanza a través de sus obras (Semblance through his works)* by Stella Maris Fernandez;
- *El Telégrafo Mercantil y una primera polémica literaria en la argentina (The Telegraph Business, and the first literary controversy in Argentina)* by Pablo Emilio Palermo.

The publication is accompanied by a relevant News Bulletin.

In honor of its bicentennial, the Society also published an important book about Paul Groussac, who was director of the National Library of Argentina for 45 years. The book, written by Stella Maris Fernández, provides a portrait of Groussac's life, his work as a historian, a critic, and a writer, and discusses the extremely important role he played as director and organizer of the National Library of Argentina (Stella Maris Fernandez, OR IFLA/LAC)

First International Meeting of World Book Capital Cities - Buenos Aires 2010

The Government of City of Buenos Aires sponsored the First International Meeting of World Book Capital, which took place on Saturday, May 1, at the bookstore and publishing house Eterna Cadencia, located in Palermo, Buenos Aires.

The GCBA Minister of Culture, Hernán Lombardi, welcomed the meeting and thanked the presence of foreign representatives and authorities from the institutions and organizations in the context of books and culture engaged in this project designed to foster the book, sustain reading and promote the freedom of expression and thought, among whom we counted with the presence of the President of ABGRA, Rosa Monfasani.

The event was attended by representatives of six of the capital cities that were awarded this designation: New Delhi (2003), Sridhar Balan; Antwerp (2004), Michael Vandebriil; Montreal (2005), Sandra Gonthier; Bogota (2007), Ana Roda and Martha Senn; Amsterdam (2008), Judith Belinfante; Ljubljana (2010), Spela Kozar; who made presentations. The venue for this meeting was an old house that had been converted into a library, whose facilities would invite to read and peruse the several publications.

(Silvia Cecilia Anselmi – CP IFLA/LAC)

Works of Borges in Buenos Aires bars

Yo leo en el bar (I read in the bar) was launched; a new cultural project by the Ministry of Culture of Buenos Aires that involves the installation of libraries with the complete collection of Jorge Luis Borges in 15 Notable Bars in the City. The presentation was delivered at Bar Hotel Cautelar, and was attended by the Minister of Culture, Hernán Lombardi; Maria Kodama; and actress Ingrid Pelicori, who read a selection of poems by Borges.



In his address to the audience, Lombardi said that "among the many tasks we are committed to, the one we treasure most is to disseminate the habit of reading by means of unconventional manners. This time we launched the libraries in the bars, which are traditional reading places and we also successfully took libraries to carousels. "I read in the Bar" comprises two programs, namely *disseminating reading* and *notable bars*. Libraries and bars are two of the best aspects of the city's essence and also two characteristics of a city that is defined as primarily cultural and literary."

Kodama, in turn, thanked the attendees and the Ministry of Culture for the event and read excerpts from two Borges' poems: "Buenos Aires" and "El libro".

The books, donated by Editorial Planeta, will be available to locals and any tourists who come to a bar to enjoy the pleasure of reading. Copies available will include: Atlas, Borges de Buenos Aires, Crónicas de Bustos Domecq, El Aleph, El Compadrito, El libro de arena, El Libro de los seres imaginarios, Fervor de Buenos Aires, Literaturas germánicas medievales, Los mejores cuentos policiales, Luna de enfrente, Obras Completas I, II, III y IV, Prólogos, Seis problemas para Don Isidro Parodi, Textos recobrados (1919-1929) and Textos Recobrados II (1931-1955).

This initiative adds up to other actions designed to promote literary activities, such as Book Week, Bookshops Night, No Poetry No City, and Give me a book, all supported by the Government of Buenos Aires. These activities were taken into account by UNESCO in choosing the City as World Book Capital 2011.

(Silvia Cecilia Anselmi – CP IFLA/LAC)

Opening of the Digital Library at Buenos Aires University's Natural Sciences School

The Digital Library at Buenos Aires University's Natural Sciences School was started last March. Designed to be an open digital repository of materials developed by the School and School members in the course of their teaching and research activities, the Library will be in charge of providing preservation, access and dissemination for the entire community.

The creation of FCEN Digital Library is part of the current trend of universities and other academic institutions to set up digital repositories in response to the need to share and communicate scientific information, and the idea that any research totally or partly carried out with public funds must have the outcomes disseminated to the supporting community.

FCEN's Digital Library is also in line with the policies being implemented by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of Argentina as regards the definition of strategies to provide open access to information within the National Science, Technology and Innovation System.

To know about it: <http://digital.bl.fcen.uba.ar>

(Silvia Cecilia Anselmi – CP IFLA/LAC)

8th Workshop on University Digital Library

This is to announce the 8th Workshop on University Digital Library, JBUDU, to be held in Buenos Aires, on 4 and 5 November this year.

The JBUDU2010, under the theme "Social networking and university libraries" is sponsored by the libraries on Amicus Network - Network of Private University Libraries: University of Belgrano; University of Business and Social Sciences, UCES; and Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina, UCA; and the libraries of the School of Natural Sciences, and School of Veterinary Science at the University of Buenos Aires; the Library Information system at the National University of Patagonia, Santa Cruz; and the Central Library of Universidad Nacional de Villa María, Córdoba; with the collaboration of the host entity, the Central Library of the School of Medicine of the University of Buenos Aires.

Registration is free and attendees will receive certificates

Objectives

The following topics of interest will be addressed as main focus: Social networks in interaction with digital library; Open access, repositories and preservation of digital content; Copyright and intellectual property aspects; Digital library user: perceptions, training, accessibility; Social Web, Semantic Web; Progress and updating of current institutional experiences.

Who are we, what do we propose?

We are a group of university library directors from public and private sectors, brought together by a shared interest on the impacts the digital environment has on the university in general and libraries in particular, and because we believe in collaborative work.

Based on this shared interest, we intend to promote a forum for knowledge dissemination and exchange of experiences on all aspects of digital libraries present in the field of higher education; and we also intend to contribute to professional updating and improvement of the academic quality of existing services provided by university libraries.

Thus, in 2003 we delivered the First Workshop on University Digital Library, without knowing that the enthusiasm and interest aroused by the event would commit us to repeat the attempt each year.

The Workshops on University Digital Library, now annual, are intended to the entire community of university libraries and Library Science and Documentation teachers and students, as well as to all professionals working in those libraries of institutions representing scientific and technical work in the country. Our focus is on promoting and supporting the development of digital libraries in the University and other academic areas through these annual meetings, namely the Workshop on University Digital Library.
Source: <http://www.amicus.udesa.edu.ar>
(Silvia Cecilia Anselmi – CP IFLA/LAC)

Treaties Digital Library

In the year when the bicentenary of the Revolution of May is celebrated, Argentina's Foreign Ministry delivers a website with some 10,000 historical documents available to be copied, downloaded, printed or sent via e-mail. Argentina's Chancellery Chief of Staff, Alberto D'Alotto, officially launched the new portal that provides copies of international treaties and national historical documents available to be downloaded by any citizen.

"The oldest of the agreements stored is dated of 1811 (the Peace Treaty between the Honorable Board of Buenos Ayres and His Excellency Mr. Viceroy D. Francisco Javier Elio, 20 October 1811)," said D'Alotto, together with the director of Foreign Treaties, Liliana Roche. To access the web site, please contact: <http://tratados.cancilleria.gob.ar>

"The Digital Library of Treaties took about five years to be gathered. It includes a total of 10,000 documents, including bilateral, multilateral, and inter-institutional agreements, besides historical documents (international and national). Other countries have similar sites, but none of them provides full document for download," said Roche. Many of the documents

were scanned and include the original format with signatures, for example, by Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, Juan Bautista Alberdi, Tomás Guido, Rufino de Elizalde, Carlos Tejedor, Bernardo de Irigoyen and Roque Saenz Peña.

The web site is open to the general public and was designed to be a useful research tool for students and professionals.

To visit the web site: <http://tratados.cancilleria.gob.ar>

Source: <http://portal.educ.ar/noticias/ciberculturas/esta-online-la-biblioteca-digi.php>

(Silvia Cecilia Anselmi – CP IFLA/LAC)

Argentina, with the representation of CAICYT-CONICET, has been chosen to be part of the ISSN system governing body - UNESCO

The 18th General Assembly of ISSN National Directors was held last week of April at the headquarters of the International ISSN Center in the city of Paris. During this meeting, the General Assembly voted the set-up of the new Governing Board of UNESCO's ISSN system, for a two year term. Argentina, represented by the current CAICYT management as ISSN National Center, was chosen, among the 85+ countries that form up the system, to be the new member of this governing body. The country achieves this way an important position within the ISSN system at an international level.

On behalf of our National Center, Jorge L. Atrio - CAICYT director - and ISSN sector coordinator - Ana Maria Flores - attended the meeting. Late in 2009, the CAICYT management submitted his application to participate in the election to choose the new Governing Board. This international system's collegiate governance comprises 10 countries, two representatives of the International Center, and one member representing UNESCO. In the April 28's voting the following countries were selected: Germany, Argentina, Bosnia, China, Croatia, USA, Finland, Romania, UK and Tunisia. On April 27-28, the first meeting of the new Governing Board followed the General Assembly meetings, including a representation from Argentina. As a National Center, CAICYT is also recognized in this area because CAICYT was the eighth country in the world to adhere to this system and the first Spanish speaking country to adhere.

Among the various work topics addressed in meetings prior to the General Assembly, the Spanish translation of the official ISSN system manual, done within CAICYT in partnership with other countries in the region, stands out. In addition, the technical representatives of the International Center were introduced to the main features of the new ISSN information registration system deployed in the CAICYT as of this year. This work, steadily carried out over the recent months, relied on the continued support provided by the International Center over much of that period. Several pieces of information have been successfully exported and automatically incorporated by

the French system. This CAICYT internal reorganization has been very well received by the International Center as a work dynamics that is capable to surmount previous schemes, thereby reaching higher quality information to be recorded and improved transmission processes. It is worth noting in this connection that, in addition to the analysis, design and development carried out by Mr Lautaro Matas regarding the adequacy of the chosen computer application, dedication and commitment of the team of professionals in cataloging the CAICYT's ISSN area, comprising catalogers Silvia Vázquez, Silvia Pérez, Consuelo Viton, and Ariadne Piperissa, proved to be a decisive factor for the success of this phase of the project. All this have doubtlessly contributed to achieve the recognition of our peers in other countries at the time of choosing the new Governing Board. Source: <http://www.caicyt.gov.ar> (Silvia Cecilia Anselmi – CP IFLA/LAC)

Second Latin American Meeting of Scientific Publishers - EIDEC 2010

CAICYT, in partnership with the National Library, will sponsor the Second Latin American Meeting of Scientific Publishers due to take place on November 11-12, 2010 at Jorge Luis Borges Hall in the National Library. The Second Latin American Meeting of Scientific Publishers (EIDEC 2010) will provide different approaches to deal with the issues faced by the scientific publishers in Ibero-America, its standing in the region and its linkage with our science and technology stewarding institutions. This event is part of the R&D supporting activities which, in the form of scientific meetings, are funded by the Argentina's National Council of Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET).

The panels will address the following topics: "Publishing Policies of institutions and publishers," "Impact of regional publications on scientific progress," "Regional initiatives to facilitate open access to Latin American scientific journals," "Open access' based electronic publishing in the scientific and academic institutions," "Copyright, copy, access and availability of scientific and technological information," "Scientific indicators, quotes and tables of contents, its impact in the status of regional publications," and the "Dialog among publishers." You are invited to register and attend this event in order to further discuss what was proposed during the first event in 2005.

For more information: <http://eidec.caicyt.gov.ar>
(Silvia Cecilia Anselmi – CP IFLA/LAC)

BRAZIL

Schools need Libraries

The President of Brazil enacted Law 1244/2010, stipulating that every school must have a collection of books in their

libraries corresponding to at least one title per student registered with the school.

The law, published in the May 25's Official Gazette, also sets up a 10-year timeframe for the schools to build up the facilities intended to receive the books, videographic material, research and reading documents, which are to be administered by qualified staff. [Agência Brasil](#) reports that, according to the 2009 School Census, 28.2% of the public schools have libraries, serving 53% of all students in the fundamental education
(Boletim PNLL 209, 31/05 a 07/06 2010)

The Ministry of Culture launches a bidding process aimed to promoting works produced for visually impaired people

The Ministry of Culture caused the Bidding Process aimed to Promoting the Production, Marketing and Distribution of Books in accessible format, designed to support private non-profit entities, to be published in the Official Gazette (Section 3, pages 9, 10 and 11) on Monday, June 7. Applications deadline is July 22nd and R\$1 million will be invested in projects designed to promote the production, marketing and distribution of books in accessible format aimed to visually impaired people, or books converted by means of specialized adaptation techniques, providing narration or description of the graphical representations present in the work, in such formats as Daisy, Braille, spoken book (human or synthesized voice) or any other format that allow access to book's content for all people, primarily those with visual impairments, except textbooks.

According to the IBGE (2000's Census), Brazil has 2.5 million people who are blind or otherwise severely visually impaired. A recent survey carried out by Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV), commissioned by the Ministry of Culture, showed that only 9% of municipal public libraries provide a Braille section. In addition, the Board of Intellectual Property of the Secretariat of Cultural Policies (SPC / MinC), held last year, together with the Book, Reading and Literature Directorate of the Department of Institutional Articulation (SAI / MinC), a series of meetings with associations representing visually impaired people, as well as organizations engaged in the production of accessible books, and detected the lack of literary works available in formats that are accessible for blind or visually impaired people.

"The democratization of access to books includes providing accessible formats. This is why all books and reading related biddings in the context of the Ministry of Culture require that books produced in these formats be included," says Fabiano dos Santos Piúba, director of Book, Reading and Literature of SAI/MinC, SPC/MinC's Intellectual Property Director, Marcos Alves de Souza, added that "it is not possible to increase

demand without investing also in the structures required to produce and distribute such books, ensuring a decentralized network that takes into account the regional peculiarities."
(Marília Pereira)

Other initiatives to support accessibility

The Ministry of Culture issued the "More Library Support Culture" Bidding. This bidding includes, in addition to the requirement that all categories should include a minimum percentage of accessible books, a specific category for this segment aligned to support accessible libraries. R\$85 thousand will invest in each project, totaling 30 projects. Such amount may be applied to fund the purchase of collections and equipment and furniture for disabled people, staff training designed to improve the management and the care and services provided to users with disabilities; facilities expansion or physical refurbishing, adapting the facilities to such special needs, and the creation of socio-cultural programs.

In partnership with the National Association for the Blind of Rio Grande do Sul (Acergs), MinC has designed a pilot project to provide a National Network for the Production of Accessible Books for visually impaired people. The project includes both the structuring of an accessible book production center and training the staff to work in the production of such books. In partnership with the Brazilian Association for Assistance to the Visually Impaired (Lamara), MinC is currently implementing a project for inclusion in the cultural world through the access to Braille writing and reading, which includes the purchase and adaptation of Braille typewriters and the production of explanatory material to enable some 15,000 blind students to have access to the world of reading through Braille.

In addition, the regulations of the Book Act provides on accessibility by requiring that all work published within the national territory must be made available for sale to any interested consumer by the publishers in accessible format or as a digital file, as well as by requiring the expansion of accessible libraries.

'Da Vinci Huis - IASL Fund' award winner

The "Da Vinci Huis - IASL Fund" award winner is Lilia Virginia Martins Santos, from Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais. Lilia is a Librarian at Municipal School Padre Francisco Carvalho Moreira and she is responsible for additional five libraries connected to the School Libraries Network coordinated by the Municipal Education Secretariat of Belo Horizonte, comprising 181 school libraries in the city. She has demonstrated very diversified and active performance, not only in the context of this network - which she coordinated from 2006 to 2009 - but also in other sectors, working to train the staff assigned to work in school libraries, delivering lectures, teaching courses and participating in events and round tables on this topic. She has a background in Teaching and Library,

plus a Masters in Information Science from the School of Information Science, Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), where she defended her thesis entitled: "Dissemination of literature for children and teenagers: the practice of Minas Gerais publishers". The Blog sponsored by the library coordinated by Lilia disseminates the activities carried out by the library, and is an open invitation for anyone to learn more about the library and the librarian. Lilia has a positive vision regarding the issue of school library in Brazil, and she says: "I believe my experience of being in charge of this hub library and as coordinator in the Library provides a positive example of the work developed in school libraries in Brazil." As she says, this Award will give her an opportunity to learn about the work done by other professionals in several countries, making it possible to acquire the knowledge that will lead to the creation of networks gathering professionals with common interests and strengthening the thematic school library in the librarianship study area. By saying this, Lilia shows to have a global vision for her action and also to possess all that is required to represent Brazil at the 39th Conference of the International Association of School Librarianship - IASL in 2010 in Brisbane, Australia, which will be held under the theme "Diversity, Challenge, Resilience: School Libraries in Action".

FUNDO

Fundo was established in 2009 with the purpose of fostering opportunities for young Brazilian librarians to actively participate in international forums on school libraries, especially the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL). Fundo is an award created to enable young librarians who work and live in Brazil, and who are interested in school libraries and their role in education, to attend the congresses sponsored by the International Association of School Librarianship - IASL. To be eligible the librarian must be 40 years old or younger. Participation will allow this individual to update their knowledge and skills as well as to build a network of people and organizations that are interested in school library.

(Ivone Tálamo)

News from BCCC project 395 IFLA / ALP SIDA 2009 - São Paulo / Brazil

Another Common Base of Citizen Knowledge – BCCC training course has been successfully delivered in partnership with Instituto Pombas Urbanas at Cidade Tiradentes, in São Paulo. The course started on November 17, 2009 and ended on January 29, 2010. Under the guidance of Lucy M. A. Soares, from Audoc.con, the course was led by the Mira Periphéria Cooperative young founders, who had been trained in 2007/2008. The learning about the geoprocessing software was improved, while the communication language for transmission of software content during the meetings was greatly enhanced. The Cidade Tiradentes portion of the BCCC

students is engaged in the theater activities and they make heavy use of the community library to develop their content. The resources from Project 395 IFLA/ALP SIDA 2009 were crucial to consolidate the BCCC multiplication strategy.

10 videos, which are currently available on channel www.youtube.com - were produced at the end - search miraperipharia.

The videos with the lectures, interviews and the conversations, including a balance of the course, are available <http://www.youtube.com/match?v=w4RCwcRn4A7M>. They were produced from the perspective of the youth.

Finally, a partnership was created between Instituto Pombas Urbanas and Mira Peripharia Digital to map, over a two-year timeframe (2010-2011) the national status of community theater groups, thereby establishing a national network and consolidating, through regional meetings, an agenda for national intervention in the cultural policy for this segment. All that was learned during the BCCC is being put into practice by both groups. The youth developed the first national survey questionnaire, which was first applied during the meeting held in Ceará last March, and commenced both the construction of a database and the stratification of the first sampling of the survey, completed in May this year. Besides relying on the partnership entered with the national Community Theater network of Colombia and Argentina, the project is being conducted with funds from the Ministry of Culture - named Pontão de Cultura and designed with the purpose of consolidate the formation of the National Communication Web. Also, the BCCC experience will become part of a publication planned for September 2010 as reported by Luzia Soares.

(Luzia M. A. Soares – BCCC)

FEBAB - Distance Updating Course

The Brazilian Federation of Library Associations, Information Scientists and Institutions - FEBAB delivered a 180h/c distance Updating Course entitled "Program for Improvement in Management & Innovation of Libraries and Academic Information Systems," to 100 professionals from the Universidade Estadual Paulista - Unesp Libraries Network. The course was provided from October 1, 2009 to April 15, 2010, within the scope of the "Program for Improvement in Management & Innovation of Libraries and Academic Information Systems," comprising three modules: "Information Society: Scenarios and challenges for libraries and information systems," "Skills & Technologies in the Digital Age: A differential for the information professionals," and "Networking or Human Relationships Network: a success factor for strategic alliances and opportunities,"

covering 14 courses altogether and involving 10 teachers in a total of 180 hours.

Building on the curriculum of the course, 100 professionals designed 21 projects related to their work realities, which are to be implemented after the Program is completed, including the following: Deployment of Web 2.0 applications: SAU (User Service) and social networks, Accessibility for people with special needs: handicapped people are not different, but special people; Proposal of information architecture on the site Libraries, based on the concepts of the user community, using the methodology of social tagging for digital resources, Restoration, preservation and digitization of rare books in UNESP Network Libraries; Information architecture: analysis of the Athena bibliographic database search website; Welfare, wellbeing: humanization project; Marketing in the university library; Collaborative agenda as a tool for educational communication; Development, implementation and use of tutorial videos on the Athena in the Web environment for user training; Training and education of users by employing the Web tools to solve information problems.

The average grade achieved by the students was 91.58 points, which shows optimum benefit and excellent learning. The program was implemented using the EAD resources, specifically the Moodle Platform.

On a scale from 1 to 5 (minimum and maximum satisfaction levels), students rated the experience of having participated in the program at 4.3, a rate that highlights their achievement positively to the professionals connected to the Unesp Libraries Network as a institutional action designed to enhance the skills of library workers.

The Program for Improvement in Management & Innovation of Libraries and Academic Information Systems delivered by FEBAB was essential to update the teams engaged in the Unesp Libraries Network, seeing that they work with specialized information from a variety of subject areas, where resources and sources are based on cutting-edge technology for management, organization, search, access, mediation, and recovery.

FEBAB is currently negotiating with other universities to deliver this course and will be launching this same program, and other distance programs, in the second half of 2010 open to all interested parties.

(Sigrid Weiss Dutra – President of FEBAB)

IFLA/LAC/ALP enables the implementation of the "New Child Project: expanding horizons"

Thanks to IFLA/LAC/ALP, project No. 705: "New Child Project: expanding horizons" is being implemented at Nova

República Community, in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. Nova República community is located in a region that is known as Northeast Amaralina, in the southern zone of Salvador, capital of Bahia State, Brazil. Northeast Amaralina comprises a 203 hectare (approx. 2 km²) area with a population exceeding 100,000 people. According to IBGE (Souza, 2007), 49% of the population are under 25 and only 9% are above 55 years old. Most of the population is between 10 and 19 years old. 42% of the residents are low-income, and 18.4% are seriously impoverished (UFBA, 2008). Only 38% of the residents go to school, 61% of which have not completed elementary school, and 24% haven't gone beyond the initial grades. Only 39% of the economically active population has a job, with low-wage activities such as building service helpers, maids, and garbage recycling operators. Many of the children engage in begging or in selling candies at the traffic lights in neighboring middle-class areas.

This community is characterized by having low HDI (human development index), high violence rates and high exposure to social risk for children and teenagers.

The New Child Project consists in the implementation and maintenance of a community library at Nova República, which has been set up based on the IFLA-UNESCO Manifesto (1994).

To facilitate the start-up of the project a preliminary survey was performed with the purpose of sampling a universe of 100 residents from all ages and different education levels. This diagnosis pointed to the need for a well organized reading space, provided with a collection, focusing chiefly on books to support teaching activities, children's literature, and classic literature works. The installation of a center for digital inclusion and adult literacy was strongly requested.

The work was initiated with the following actions: Adapting the facilities of Nova República Neighborhood Association to lodge the community library; Procurement of furniture and collection; Hiring two trainees to organize the collection; Establishing partnerships to assist the implementation of the project, including a partnership with the Public Library of the State of Bahia, Fundação Pedro Calmon, and the Institute of Information Science of the Federal University of Bahia (ICI-UFBA), relying on the work done by ICI-UFBA trainee librarianship students, and providing training to trainees and volunteers from the community.

The partnership with the Vicar of the St. Andrew Parish is also to be noted. He has made all efforts to support the procurement of computers by means of donations.

The implementation of the project is expected to be completed by the second half of July 2010.
(Regina Tonini)

Public Library and Society Seminar

Sponsored by the Public Library of the State of Bahia, the seminar was held in Salvador, Bahia, May 12-14, 2010.

The following round tables were delivered: Public Library and Library Sciences, Public Library and partnerships; Library and reading, Library in the social context.

The latter was attended by the President of Pedro Calmon Foundation, which controls the Library, Prof. Ubiratan Castro de Araújo and the Bahia state representatives Lidice da Mata and Alice Portugal, and Elizabet de Carvalho, Manager of IFLA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, who addressed the topic of Advocacy and the IFLA manifestos.

The seminar gathered a significant audience, including many librarians both from Salvador and from other Bahia municipalities. To celebrate the 189th year of the Public Library of the State of Bahia, books were launched and a music show was performed.

Reading Promotion and Library Outreach Council of the Penal System of Rio de Janeiro State - CILBP/RJ

The Council was created in June 2009 to contribute to the development of reading, books, audiovisual materials and libraries aiming the social inclusion of convicts. It works jointly with the Subsecretaria de Trato Penitenciario of Rio de Janeiro State and the Social Inclusion Coordination of the State Secretariat of Prison Administration - SEAP.

The CILBP/RJ is chaired by Dr. Ludmila Popow Mayrink da Costa, member of the IFLA/LAC Standing Committee and has the following members: Elizabeth Maria Ramos de Carvalho – IFLA/LAC Regional Office Manager; Fernanda dos Reis Lopes – Coordinator of Social Inclusion of the Subsecretariat of Prison Management of the State of Rio de Janeiro; Almerinda Cavalcante Stenzel – Director Library and Information Center Goethe-Institut/RJ; Vera Saboya Ribeiro dos Santos – Superintendent of Reading and Knowledge of the Secretariat of Cultura of Rio de Janeiro; Sandra Maria de Mendonça Dominguez - member of the Coordination of the National System of Public Libraries of the National Library Foundation; Elisete de Souza Melo - Accenture de Brasil Consultant, journalist, librarian and expert in Knowledge Management, Advisor of the Librarianship Regional Council of Rio de Janeiro – CRB-7; Celia Regina Costa Domingues – member of the National System of Public Libraries of the National Library Foundation, Collections Coordination; Celia Maria Escobar Araujo – Documentation Assistant of the Attorney General of Rio de Janeiro City, Director of Policy and Legislation GIDJ/RJ.

The Council meetings have place at the Goethe-Institut of Rio de Janeiro to discuss the following issues: promotion of reading in the prisons, improvement of collections and libraries conditions of the prison units that are part of the Prison System of Rio de Janeiro State.

Some activities of the Council members in the period July 2009 - June 2010: Visits to four prisons of the Bangu Complex – three male prisons and one female; Donation of one thousand and eight hundred books (literature and didactics) by the Sao Paulo state Official Press.; Aproval by the Goethe Institut and the German Cultural Institut of Brazil if the donation of materials for some libraries of the Penal System (being processed); Contact with national and foreign libraries for experiences interchange and cooperation – by email; Constant meetings with govrenament officials and private authorities in order to promote reading in the libraries of the prisons. (Elisete Melo)

CHILE

Earthquakes in Chile

I take this opportunity to tell you that you can find information at <http://www.dibam.cl/noticias.asp?id=12249> from a preliminary assessment carried out by the National Monuments Council, including a balance according to which 75 legacy assets were severely damaged; however, "the assessment work is still to be done in the provinces of Arauco and Ñuble, so this preliminary figure (31%) is likely to increase."

I appreciate your endless worry regarding our libraries and the country.
(Claudia Cuevas.)

Director of DIBAM

The new Director of DIBAM is Ms.. Magdalena Krebs Kaulen, phone (56-2) 360 5271, email direccion@dibam.cl.
(Claudia Cuevas)

ECUADOR

Culture and Libraries Act

An intense debate on the Culture Act has taken place in Ecuador over the last six months. The main lines of debate included: Who should promote culture and how? What role should the state play? What cultural responsibility may be suggested or assigned to the private enterprise as a whole? How should the national artistic heritage, religious and secular, ancient and contemporary, be respected?

Specifically, and since the completion of IFLA Seminar in Quito, the libraries topic has occupied a special place in public

and specialized debate: How to create a national library? How to make the bibliographic heritage of libraries become solvent? What should be the degree of participation of national government and regional governments in promoting books and reading? How to implement multicultural libraries in view of the various ancient peoples and languages spoken in Ecuador?

La Posada del Pensamiento Borges has disclosed their position as regards libraries. In addition, they had a part in public forums and interviews, especially in defense of citizen participation through libraries and creating the modern National Library of Ecuador. Cultural debate in the country has been so active that a number of bills have been proposed, to the extent that something unique was requested: a call for a referendum whereby the stakeholders and the citizens would decide and lay down the cornerstones of the National Culture, which ultimately is the very identity and the link with the globalized world.

(Mercedes Falconi – CP IFLA/LAC)

MEXICO

7th Hispanic-Mexican Seminar on Library and Documentation Research

The 7th Hispanic-Mexican Seminar on Library and Documentation Research was held on April 7-9, 2010, at the Center for Library Science Research at UNAM (National Autonomous University of Mexico). The aim of this event was to review the trends and the lines of research in librarianship, the documentation and the information science available in both Spanish and Mexican universities, in order to propose and undertake further research, both individually and collectively, enabling the promotion, the mobility and the exchange of researchers, professors and graduate students between the two countries.

Topics addressed included: Reading; Electronic and printed audiovisual information, Librarianship education; information organization, Information and communication technologies (ICTs), Information, society and culture.

A number of prominent participants from Mexican and Spanish institutions attended the event:

- National Autonomous University of Mexico - UNAM,
- Autonomous University of San Luis Potosí (UASLP), University of Guadalajara (UDG),
- Autonomous University of Chiapas (UNACH),
- National Council for Culture and Arts (CONACULTA), Universidad Complutense Madrid (UCM),
- University of Alcalá (UAH),
- University of Extremadura (UEX) and

- University of Zaragoza (UNIZAR).

This event was sponsored by UNAM's University Center of Librarianship Research and by the Department of Library and Information Science at the Complutense University of Madrid. (Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano – Chair IFLA/LAC Section)

XLI Mexican Library Days

Taking the city of Zacatecas, Zacatecas as framework, the XLI Mexican Library Days were held on May 3-5, 2010 under the theme "The past as prologue: the future as a challenge." During the days of the event, a tribute was paid to Elza Barberena, former president of the Mexican Library Association (AMBAC). Key note speeches were delivered by Roberta A. Stevens, President-elect of the American Library Association, Jaime Ríos Ortega, Director of UNAM's University Librarianship Research Center, and Sergio Amazán Esqueda, Director General of the Mining Chamber of Mexico.

Attendees included renowned Mexican and foreign librarians, including: Estela Morales Campos, Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo, Johann Pirela Morillo, Rosa María Fernández de Zamora, Rubén Urbizagástegui Alvarado, Guadalupe Carrión Rodríguez, Helen Ladrón de Guevara and Elsa Ramírez Leyva.

Throughout the days several topics were addressed, including the promotion of reading, databases, telecommunications, and robotics, among others.
(Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano – Chair IFLA/LAC Section)

Celebration of World Information Society Day

Within the scope of the celebration, on 19 May, of the World Information Day, or the Internet Day, as it is known, Dr. Estela Morales Campos gave the Keynote Address "The Information Society, Plurality, Diversity and Uniformity." This event took place at the University Librarianship Research Center (CUIB) Seminars Unit and was sponsored by UNAM's Graduate Library and Information Studies.

It is noteworthy that the II [World Summit on the Information Society](#), held in [Tunisia](#) in November 2005, agreed to propose to the [UN General Assembly](#) that the 17th of May be proclaimed as the World Information Society Day, which was approved by UN resolution 60/252. The main objective of the day is to raise global awareness of the benefits the Internet and other Information and Communication Technologies can bring to the society and the economy, as well as to find alternatives to reduce the digital divide.

(Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano – Chair IFLA/LAC Section)

International Seminar "Think in Spanish in the U.S."

The international seminar "Think in Spanish in the U.S." was delivered on May 24-26 at the Instituto Cervantes of Chicago, Illinois. Seminar objectives included: To explore the state of Spanish in U. S. in the fields of literature and new information technologies. All this within the scope of a few days of discussion that tried to integrate the Hispanic community around the strategic value of the Spanish language in the USA. This event was sponsored by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and the Department of Culture of the Government of Spain, supported by the General Directorate of Books, Libraries and Archives, and the Cervantes Institute of Spain. Felipe Martínez Arellano delivered a lecture in this event. (Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano – Chair IFLA/LAC Section)

Recognition to Work in School Libraries

Last 18 May in Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, Claudia Gabriela Nájera Trujillo received from State Governor Jose Reyes Baeza the 2010 Educational Merit Medal in recognition to the working report entitled "The School Library: from theory to practice," which was presented under the pen name of "Biblio Mariposa." This honor award was delivered in the premises of the State Legislature, supported by the three branches of the state government, state legislators, awardees relatives and friends, and the media.

It is noteworthy that for the first time a honor award is given in recognition of the work of school librarians in the state of Chihuahua and in Mexico. The awardee was one of the participants in the Second Ibero-American Meeting of School Libraries. "Library School for the 21st Century" is due to take place on July 13-16, 2009, in the city of Santiago de Chile, sponsored by the Regional Center for the Promotion of Books in Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC). Guest participants included the Chair of IFLA/LAC, and Claudia Gabriela Najera shared the excellent work done in her school library. (Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano – Chair IFLA/LAC Section)

Libraries Section at AMBAC's Health Sciences Area

Last May saw the establishment of the Libraries Section in the Health Sciences Area of the Mexican Association of Librarians (AMBAC). Alejandra Martínez del Prado, a worker in the Library System of the Medicine School, National Autonomous University of Mexico, was elected to chair this Section. This section was first designed during the First Seminar on Library and Medical Information held at UNAM in November 2008 and sponsored by IFLA/LAC and FAIFE. (Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano – Chair IFLA/LAC Section)

Humanindex: Information System in Humanities and Social Sciences

The Humanities Department at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), chaired by Dr. Estela Morales Campos, has sponsored the development of Humanindex information system, which comprises the scientific production of researchers in the field of Humanities and Social Sciences at UNAM. Humanindex was created to identify, disseminate and give more visibility, both in Latin America and globally, to the information related to the scientific production of researchers in this area. Currently, records retrievable through Humanindex include approximately 20,000 articles, 12,000 book chapters, 10,000 books, and 5,000 papers. Likewise, links to full text of the articles available in UNAM's electronic journals, in Scielo and in other free access sites are being incorporated into the records. This project is coordinated by Felipe Martínez Arellano. Humanindex is accessible through the following website, <http://www.humanindex.unam.mx> (Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano – Chair IFLA/LAC Section)

PANAMA

Workshop: Librarian role and profile in the information society.

The Workshop Conference *Librarian role and profile in the information society* was delivered on March 17, 2010 at Biblioteca Interamericana Simón Bolívar, (Universidad Nacional de Panama). The workshop was sponsored by the University of Panama Library System (SIBIUP), Library Association of Panama, the Section for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, IFLA, and the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, IFLA/RO, with the purpose of analyzing the new challenge for today's libraries in the globalized society, with the new technological tools that break the boundaries and the geographic limits to the access to information

The opening of the workshop was preceded by a strikingly attractive cultural event considered for inclusion in the Guinness World Records: namely the unveiling of a mural represented by a 24,000-piece puzzle entitled Life as it represents all aspects related to the planet. Professor Adalberto Alguero, assisted by his wife Lourdes, completed the puzzle after eight months of hard work. The puzzle was purchased from the Madrid based Compañía Editorial Española EDUCA, and was built based on thumb pictures reproducing the work of New Zealand artist Royce McClure.

Following, Dr. Gustavo García Paredes, President of the University of Panama, opened the workshop and Dr. Estela Morales Campos, UNAM's Humanities Department (Mexico)

delivered the Keynote Address. *The demands imposed by the knowledge society to the information specialist*

The program included the following speakers:

Elizabet M Ramos de Carvalho, Manager of IFLA/LAC Regional Office, Brazil, addressed the IFLA and the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean;

Dr. Jaime Rios, Director of the University Librarianship Research Center, UNAM (Mexico), *Librarians and societies: adaptation and anticipation of change*;

Dr. Regina Celia Baptista Belluzzo, Paulista State University (Brazil), *The skills of an information professional in contemporary organizations*;

Dr. Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano, University Librarianship Research Center (Mexico); *The school library in the information society*;

Araceli García Martín, *The new roles of the library in the 21st century: taking advantage of synergies*;

Adriana Betancourt, Departamento Bibliotecas COMFENALCO (Colombia), *A profile with the traits of the society we want to build*;

Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora, Knowledge Stations Municipalidad de Santiago del Surco, (Perú), *Access to information: experience with older adults*;

Emilce Noemí Sena Correa. Facultad Politécnica. UNA (Paraguay).

The meetings of the Latin America Standing Committee were held on March 18-19. Discussions included the actions adopted, the status of the projects, and the actions to be taken before the coming Congress due to be held in 2011 in Puerto Rico were planned. The sections were led by Felipe Filiberto Martínez Arellano, Committee chairman, and Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho. Regina Celia Baptista Belluzzo acted as Secretary. Attendees included: Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora; Araceli García Martín, Adriana Betancourt, Emilce Noemí Sena Correa, Olinda Gómez, Estela Morales Campos, Octavio Castillo, Jesús Lau y Stella Maris Fernández, member of the Regional Office.

The organization of the seminar, as well as the organization of the committee were excellent and highlighted both the friendliness of Panama and the condition of the organizer as perfect host.

Speech delivered by the chancellor of the University of Panama

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is no secret that today's world is going through an economic adjustment process which is referred to as "Knowledge economy, or Knowledge-based economy, or the "New Economy." Nor those adjustments are but a response to the technological advances in the fields of information and

communication, which ultimately characterize the globalization process.

In such a way that what defines the knowledge economy is the use of knowledge as key to generate, or rather create, value and wealth by changing knowledge into information. Knowledge is definitely much more than mere information, but the latter is its vehicle for participation in the products and services in whose process of creation or transformation it is involved. In this context, it is easy to see the important role that play the libraries in the knowledge economy. The huge volume of information that is produced in the so-called information society, coupled with the use of new technological tools in the library activities and services, end up breaking the geographic boundaries and limits for the access to information. This is known as globalization.

Thus we have before us a new challenge for librarians, who are forced to review the role they play and readjust their functions according to the needs of the new environment of the society. You cannot ignore that the society's new material base, applied to production, is structured by the electronic-digital computer.

Therefore, the purpose of this meeting is to discuss and outline the role and profile of the professional who will develop and deliver library services in the information society and in the knowledge society, according to the specific needs of different types of libraries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Moreover, we should consider not only the issue of librarian education in relation to the current needs but also the skills that are required so that anyone can successfully work in the information society,

I warmly welcome the distinguished international participants who have joined us, representatives of Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Paraguay, Argentina, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Spain and Brazil. I appreciate your presence at this meeting of the Standing Committee of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Section for Latin America and the Caribbean, which will surely reach well beyond the outlined goals. The issues to be addressed relate to the many activities carried out by the Federation in the regional context to make significant progress in each of the 105 different types of information units providing library services.

The titles of some of the topics featured in the working agenda arouse great interest and show concern for the problems faced in the region. Examples of such topics include "Internet Manifesto in Latin America," "Open access to knowledge - promoting sustainable development" and about the earthquakes in the fraternal countries of Haiti and Chile. We want to express our strong interest in one of the activities announced for 2011, namely "Libraries beyond libraries; integration, innovation and information for everybody."

For the University of Panama, especially for the Library System, this event represents a recognition of the good work done by their staff, so I congratulate them; as well as the furtherance of future actions that will, as always, be supported by our administration, for the benefit of local, national and regional communities.

Thank you.

Dr. Gustavo García de Paredes

Rector de la Universidad de Panamá

PERU

Evaluation and impact of the IFLA/FAIFE workshops as a training tool for trainees within the scope of the IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto Guidelines

Phase III of the workshop was held on October 22-23, 2009, in the city of Cusco. Twelve librarians attended the workshop representing: the Municipality of Santiago de Surco de Lima, Peruvian North American Cultural Center of Arequipa, Catholic University of Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo de Lambayeque, Davy College of Cajamarca, Universidad Privada del Norte de la Libertad, North American Peruvian Cultural Institute of Huancayo, National University of Jorge Basadre of Tacna, Universidad Peruana Unión de Juliaca, Puno, Research Institute of the Peruvian Amazon IAP, Universidad Nacional Daniel Alcides Carrión in Cerro de Pasco, and The National Library System of the National Library.

Attendees of this assessment and impact workshop included Dr Stuart Hamilton, IFLA Senior Advisor; Loida Garcia-Febo, IFLA/FAIFE Secretary; Felipe Martinez, Chair of IFLA/LAC.

Workshop's objective was to examine the effects of the workshops delivered between March and October. Participants reported on the activities carried out in their regions. The assessment was done in the format of personal and group interviews designed to discuss the first steps in the implementation of the manifesto in Peru.

The reports were very good. Each region had a story to share. The Arequipa case was largely commented, for those who worked with Internet cafes, with librarians in the province universities, who met for the first time to discuss the manifesto. The most striking experience was that of the Amazon, who arrived in several villages accompanied by a group of actors who would every morning read the manifestos aloud, prompting the interest of the local media and bringing the Internet to a village for the first time.

(Doris Ivon Samané Alzamora, SC IFLA/LAC)

2nd International Seminar on Librarianship and Information 2010

The North American Peruvian Cultural Institute, through its Department of Library, sponsored the 2nd International Seminar on Library and Information SIBI 2010, entitled: "Libraries, connectivity and free access to knowledge," having as main objective to strengthen the development of our profession and foster a space for reflection and debate about the tasks of librarianship and the challenges that must be taken so that libraries will play an important role and so meet the information needs of the society.

The event brought together top academic professionals from the Information Sciences in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and Peru, who provided lectures, presentations, round tables to discussions addressing issues of vital importance for Librarians, among which: Professional Education in Library Science, Electronic and Paper Books and the Management in Libraries, Open Access and Web 2.0 as tools to disseminate information and knowledge, Library Cooperation, the Information Society, Information Literacy, Education and Libraries.

It is relevant to underline the remarkable participation of our speakers and presenters, namely:

Analia Verónica Fernández, from the National Library of Argentina;
Danielle Ferreira, from the University of Campinas;
Nivaldo Olivera and Vania Natal, from the Federal University of Lavras;
Laureano Gómez Dueñas, from the University of La Salle;
Leonardo Machett's Penagos, from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana;
Humbert Alexander Garrido, from the University of Rosario;
Daniel Moreno Jiménez, from Universidad del Valle of Mexico;
Alonso Estrada, from Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos;
Aurora de la Vega and Ana María Talavera, from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú;
Celso Gonzáles, from the University of the Pacific;
Noemí Medina, from Instituto de Estudios Peruanos;
among other prominent Peruvian professionals.

This academic event gathered over 150 participants, including overseas Librarians such as the Central Bank and the Institute of National Studies of Ecuador, Universidad Católica del Norte de Chile, and Universidad Autónoma de México.

From our corner, participants included delegations from the cities of Abancay, Arequipa, Cuzco, Chimbote, Iquitos, Piura, Puno and Lima.

(Doris Ivon Samané Alzamora, SC IFLA/LAC)

LITERACY WORKSHOPS (ALFIN) for the elderly at the Knowledge Stations in the City of Santiago de Surco

Always somewhat surprised by the massive influx of participants, the Computer Literacy Workshops (ALFIN) for Adults and the Elderly were closed on Friday, May 21, sponsored by the Municipality of Santiago de Surco at the Knowledge Stations and at Parque de la Amistad over the past three months.

Doris Samané, administrator of the Knowledge Stations, advanced a very dear piece of good news during the ceremony: "It is highly rewarding to be working now with 9% of the elderly population of our district, which gives us a great satisfaction because we are sure we have provided the tools that will allow them to engage in the Information Society in which we live today. Two important terms in the Information Society: Access and Training, public libraries, as well as being a meeting point for the community, have now become a meeting point for the whole world thanks to the Network.

In turn, Jorge Bossio Montes de Oca, Coordinator of the Regional Regional Dialog on the Information Society (DIRSI) said: "The most valuable thing in the information society are not computers but people ... the purpose of these courses is to provide the tools so that people can find the way to personal fulfillment. Nearly 9% of the elderly population of Santiago de Surco has been reached, and it is good to know that, but the most important thing is that a human capital is being formed. "

Two of the workshop attendees shared their testimony. In this regard, Danny Denegri said: "... at this stage of our lives we were staying behind in terms of communication, but thanks to the municipal library we managed to take the appropriate path". In turn, Margarita Valero García, representative of the Club de Madres del Comedor María Moreno Salvatierra de Los Viñedos, said: "I remember the first day in the course when I sat in front of the computer, I had a lot of nerves and insecurity but was eager to learn. Over time we saw, not without surprise and joy, what we had learned; we can't say thank enough to mayor Del Mar, his librarians and the teachers of the course for this unforgettable experience. "Santiago de Surco mayor himself said emphatically: "We have more than three thousand people from what I call "the second and the third youth." We hope our programs will encourage not only these people, but also the children of early youth, so that they may grow up more entirely.

(Doris Ivon Samané Alzamora, SC IFLA/LAC)

Building Strong Library Associations - BSLA programme

Peru, through the Colegio de Bibliotecólogos del Perú, has been chosen by IFLA's ALP program to be the Latin America

and the Caribbean host for the Building Strong Library Associations Program (BSLA), comprising several modules that will be delivered in Lima next September. This program aims to add value to the profession, to build strong and sustainable associations and increase the number of members.

For this reason and in order to plan the delivery of this program, Fiona Bradley, coordinator of the ALP Programme, and Filiberto Martínez, Chairman of IFLA Latin America and the Caribbean Committee, members of the Colegio de Bibliotecólogos del Perú, and a number of officials met from 14 to 16 June this year.

(Doris Ivon Samané Alzamora, SC IFLA/LAC)

3rd International congress on librarianship and information: "The Librarian in the Information Society", Lima, September 14-16, 2010

The 3rd International Congress on Librarianship and Information will be held in Lima, Peru, on September 14-16, 2010, sponsored by the Association of Librarians of Peru and supported by domestic and foreign institutions. The objectives of the event include: To provide a needful forum to discuss and rethink the role of the state in the access of the population to basic reading and information services; to identify areas of participation for the librarian in the process of building the Knowledge Society through research, communication and good management practices; and to foster the exchange of experiences among Librarianship and Information professionals.

The academic program of the event includes lectures, conferences, workshops, group work and plenary sessions. In addition, a complementary program will be available, including cultural activities and presentation of publications and new technologies. The themes of the event include: Access and communication of information in the Knowledge Society, Information and Technology Innovation, Information Management in the Knowledge Society; New professional abilities required from the Information professional.

Speakers and lecturers included prestigious national and foreign professionals (from Latin America and Europe). Event's target audience mainly includes researchers, academics and information specialists: Librarians, Documentalists, Archivists, Computer Engineers, undergraduate students of similar majors, and interested public.

Those interested in presenting papers or attending in the event should contact Norma Magán, Dean of the Librarianship School, or Helena Vargas, Assistant Scholar.

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(César Castro Aliaga)

New publication on public libraries

The Public Libraries Chapter of Colegio de Bibliotecólogos del Perú has developed a new manual entitled: "The Public Library in Peru, organization and promotion." A team of professionals with extensive experience in public library management worked on the drafting of this document under the coordination of Librarian Beatriz Prieto, director of Municipal Library Ricardo Palma de Miraflores-Lima.

The main topics addressed in the manual include:

The social role of the Public Library;

Administration;

Location and furniture;

Human Resources;

Collection Development, including a basic collection proposal; and Promotion Services, among others.

Publishing this important and needful work was possible thanks to the Publishing Fund of Ricardo Palma University in Lima, as a contribution to the development of the Public Library.

(César Castro Aliaga)

"Read in green"

Under this suggestive title and coordinated by Librarian Luis Gutierrez, the "First Green Book and Reading Festival" was delivered in Ciudad Iquitos (Loreto, Peru) from 21 to 24 June, 2010. The Festival aims to encourage people from all ages to the reading and information services provided by libraries and documentation centers in the area, while promoting environmental awareness and intercultural dialog in the context of multiple challenges generally faced in the Amazon.

The program of the Festival includes a wide range of activities such as exhibition of books and papers addressing topics related to the Amazon's soil, flora, fauna and natural resources; a green film series, entomological exhibitions in the region, presentation of new books, magazines in various formats, among many other cultural activities, as evidence of the creative and vibrant attitude of the population in the region. Libraries are "painted green" on the occasion of this innovative project which has become part of the traditional activities in Saint John Feast.

Iquitos, located on the banks of the mighty Amazon River, is the Capital of Loreto, which is located northwest of Peru. This is the largest department, where a number of indigenous peoples live and interact with the population of the city, preserving their cultural identity.

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URUGUAY

2nd Uruguayan Congress of Librarianship and Information / Regional Conference of Library and Information (CUBI II / CORBI) - II Workshop of Virtual Health Library (JBVS-II), 5-7 October 2010, Montevideo-Uruguay

Under the theme "Access to Information: Towards Knowledge Society," the Librarians Association of Uruguay (ABU), the Book Chamber, and other related organizations, are pleased to invite you to attend the 2nd Uruguayan Congress of Librarianship and Information (CUBI II) and First Regional Conference of Library and Information (CORBI), which are due to take place in the Municipality of Montevideo (IMM), on October 5-7, 2010, concurrently with the 33rd International Book Fair. Simultaneously, the Second Workshop on Virtual Health Library will be delivered on 7 October 2010, sponsored by the National Committee of Virtual Health Library (VHL), which is formed by leading organizations in the area. Several products and services, exhibitions and training, cultural and social activities will take place during CUBI II/CORBI.

We invite you to participate and present papers in the event.

Key Themes

Within the theme selected: "Access to Information: Towards Knowledge Society," CUBI II / CORBI focused on a very broad topic, which in turn is subdivided into several lines of discussion:

Public Policy Information: (State and scientific, technological and innovation development;

Timbo Plan, Information Policy in the digital environment, electronic governance, intellectual property, protection of personal data, social inclusion, ABU);

Application of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs): (ICTs, open source software);

Information Literacy: (Library as a learning environment, Citizenship, Librarians contribution in Ceibal Plan) Social Networks:

Virtual Communities, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Wiki, Other. Professional Challenges in the Knowledge Society (Teaching and Research in Library and Information Science, Mediation of social responsibility, interlibrary cooperation and libraries evaluation, information quality, Integrated University Libraries System).

CUBI II / CORBI five key themes have the potential to accommodate a large number of subtopics, which may increase the attractiveness of the event. For further information:

<http://cubicorbi.blogspot.com/>

Comisión Acadêmica CUBI/CORBI

(Lic. Esther Pailos Vázquez, Directora Biblioteca y Centro de Documentación Universidad de Montevideo)

GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST TO THE REGION

Digitized bibliography for blind academics

The Information Science School of the National University of Cordoba made available a service for digitizing texts for blind and visually impaired people. The notes and books are scanned, edited by volunteers and then become available on a computer by employing screen reader software. They are also recorded as audio files and published in a virtual library. The initiative aims to reduce the high dropout rates in the educational system by visually disabled young people.

<http://infouniversidades.siu.edu.ar/noticia.php?id=693>

(Lic. Esther Pailos Vázquez, Directora Biblioteca y Centro de Documentación Universidad de Montevideo)

Statement of the Internacional Comité of the Blue Shield (ICBS) on the Haiti earthquake

The Blue Shield expresses its sorrow and solidarity with the population of Haiti for the loss of lives and the destruction caused by the earthquake which occurred on 12th January. Culture is a basic need, and cultural heritage a symbolic necessity that gives meaning to human lives connecting past, present and future. Cultural heritage is a reference full of values helping to restore a sense of normality and enabling people to move forward. Cultural Heritage is fundamental in rebuilding the identity, the dignity and the hope of the communities after a catastrophe.

The Blue Shield Mission is "to work to protect the world's cultural heritage threatened by armed conflict, natural and man-made disasters". While it appreciates that the immediate priority is to find the missing, and to help the injured and homeless, it places the expertise and network of its member organisations at the disposal of their Haitian colleagues to support their work in assessing the damage to the cultural heritage of their countries including libraries, archives, museums and monuments and sites, and subsequent recovery, restoration and repair measures.

The Blue Shield calls on the international community, responsible authorities and local population to give the fullest possible support to the efforts, official and voluntary, underway to protect/rescue the rich and unique heritage of Haiti.

The member organisations of the Blue Shield are currently liaising with Haitian colleagues, to obtain further information on both the situation in the area and on the possible needs and

types of help required so as to mobilise our networks accordingly.

A more complete report on damages, needs and actions will be published subsequently, to facilitate coordination.
(Danielle Mincio. Member of IFLA Governing Board)

New Blue Shield Committee in Haiti

We are very pleased to announce you the official recognition of a new Blue Shield Committee in Haiti. It would be nice if you could help us to relay this information further to your own contacts, listservs, etc.

You'll find the statements (French and English versions) on our website
<http://www.blueshield-international.org/>
(Danielle Mincio. Member of IFLA Governing Board)

Elsevier Foundation Invites 2010 Proposals for Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries Program

September 15th deadline for grants to promote research in the developing world

The Elsevier Foundation is seeking new grant proposals for the 2010 Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries program. Sponsored by Elsevier, a leading global publisher of scientific, technical and medical information, the Innovative Libraries program provides grants to library programs in the developing world for innovative systems and services that improve access to scientific, technical and medical information. The deadline for Innovative Libraries proposals is September 15th 2010. Grants will be awarded in December 2010 and provide one, two and three year awards between US\$5,000 to US\$50,000 per year.

The [Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries](#) program supports the efforts of libraries in developing countries to improve their ability to put scientific, technical and medical information to work for those who need it. Past projects have included: expanding library information resources through digitization and knowledge preservation; training and education programs for librarians and researchers; developed-developing world partnerships to provide longer term technical assistance and training.

“Last year, the number of applications to the Innovative Libraries program rose by more than half--a clear indication of the need for this type of information development,” said David Ruth, Executive Director of the Elsevier Foundation, “We believe strongly in the critical importance of funding proposals that demonstrate the use of information to address diverse

issues of development, including environment, clinical care, emergency management and research skills.”

Active since 2002, the Elsevier Foundation provides grants to institutions around the world, with a focus on supporting the world's libraries and scholars in the early stages of their careers. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than 60 grants worth millions of dollars to non-profit organizations working in these fields. In January 2010, \$600,000 in grants were awarded to 12 organizations selected for their innovation and potential for impact in the developing world and academic workplace.

More information on the program requirements and details of how to submit a 2010 proposal are available below and on [The Elsevier Foundation](#) website. The online Elsevier Foundation application program will accept proposals from August 1st through September 15th on www.elsevierfoundation.com.

INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

2010

AUGUST

10-15

Gothenburg, Sweden - IFLA World and Information Congress: 76th IFLA General Conference and Council. Theme: Open access to knowledge – promoting sustainable progress. More information: IFLA Headquarters, PO Box 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands. Phone. 31 70 314 0884 Fax 31 70 3834827. E-mail: ifla@ifl.org . Sitio web: www.ifla.org

OCTOBER

12-14

Cape Town, South Africa – ICT4D 2010 – Internacional Conference on Information Technology and Communication for Development. More information: conference web site: <http://www.ict4d.org>.

17-22

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – XVI University Libraries National Seminar – II Digital Libraries International Seminar. More information: www.snbu2010.com.br

NOVEMBER

2-5

Heredia, Costa Rica – XII Congreso of the Sociedad Latinoamericana de Estudios sobre América Latina y el Caribe (SOLAR) – Seminar on Information, Librarianship and Society of the CUIB (UNAM). Information and registration: molivam1@hotmail.com . Specific consultations: zea@servidor.unam.mx

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AUGUST

13-18

San Juan, Puerto Rico – IFLA World and Information Congress: 77th IFLA General Conference and Council Theme: Libraries beyond libraries: integration, innovation and information for all. More information: IFLA Headquarters, PO Box 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands. Tel. 31 70 314 0884 Fax 31 70 3834827. E-mail: ifla@ifl.org . Sitio web: www.ifla.org

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AUGUST

11-16

Helsinki, Finland – IFLA World and Information Congress: 78th IFLA General Conference and Council Theme: Libraries now! – Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering. More information: IFLA Headquarters, PO Box 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands. Tel. 31 70 314 0884 Fax 31 70 3834827. E-mail: ifla@ifl.org . Web site: www.ifla.org