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Basic Facts

Individual Members	2*
Institutional Members	59*
Standing Committee Members	22
Chair / Treasurer	Jesus Lau, México (México)
Secretary	Sylvie Chevillotte (France)
Information Officer	Eva Tolonen (Finland)
Program Convener	Linda Goff

*2006 data

The aim of this report is to inform about the main activities carried out by the members of the Information Literacy Section (InfoLit) during the year, September 2006 – August 2007.

- 1. InfoLit Section is four years old.** Durban marks the fourth anniversary of the InfoLit Section, but it dates back to 1990, when the Round Table on User Education was created. The first Standing Committee and Executive Committee period concludes in August 2007; therefore, new SC members were appointed by their associations without need for elections, because numbers were within the limits of IFLA policies. For the first time, the Section Committee will be full, with 22 members. New EC officers will be elected in Durban. The call for elections was sent by email to old and new SC members, and it will take place during the first business meeting.
- 2. Durban Program.** We will have two programs this year. One of them is entitled *Conduits for transformation: incorporating multimodal instruction and learning into information literacy*, seven speakers were selected for it after an international paper call: Sonja Hierl (Switzerland), Betty Braaksma (Canada), Bernadette Swanson (USA), Helen Partridge

(Australia), Susie Andreotta (UK), Regina Roberts (USA), and Ida Fajar Priyanto (Indonesia). The convener of this joint program with the University Libraries Section is Linda Goff (USA). The other program will be on the *Visibility for Information Literacy Work: The International IFLA/UNESCO IL Resources Directory and the IL International State of the Art Report*, the session will be facilitated by Jesus Lau (Mexico), Sylvie Chevillotte (France) and Linda Goff (USA). The aim of the session is to get feedback from the audience to improve the coverage of the Directory and the Report.

3. **Book - *International Information Literacy Experiences*.** The editing of this book has been done by Jesus Lau with the help of several referees, some of them members of the InfoLit Standing Committee. The monograph will be published by the official Association printing house K G. Saur Verlag, based in Munich. The book includes some of the best information literacy papers delivered at the last IFLA conferences.
4. **International Information Literacy Resources Directory.** The second release of the Directory, now named "Infolit Global" was in April of this year. The new version now includes an enhanced and easier to access database, with a more attractive web design and certainly ????. Records are more than double from last Summer, above 1,000 resources to date. This repertory has been fully funded by UNESCO. The directory is the result of five Standing Committee Members' work, plus 20 country contacts from different countries. The site is quickly getting a higher number of hits from users all over the world. We still need volunteers to be country contacts for several places that need more representation at the directory. The invitation to submit records is open to the education, library and information community. The new address is: www.infolitglobal.info
5. **International Information Literacy State-of-the-Art Report.** The Report is in the second draft stage. Old sections were reviewed and new ones were included this year —the Russian Federation, Spain, and South Africa. The document can be viewed online or downloaded at the main page of the Directory website www.infolitglobal.info. The goal of the study is to identify information literacy trends around the world in five broad categories: resources for user education; publications devoted to the subject; organizations, such as associations and other professional groups; training programs for IL facilitators; and communication events, such as conferences and meetings. Anyone who wishes to cover the Far East, Southern Asia, the Middle East, Mediterranean countries, Eastern Europe and Northern Africa is invited to participate. We need to cover these regions to complete this IL world report. Please get in touch with Jesus Lau, jlau@uv.mx.
6. **IL International Logo.** On behalf of UNESCO, the Information Literacy Section of IFLA has reviewed the proposal and submitted a funding request to UNESCO; very positive response has been delivered by this UN body, which will contribute with US\$4,000. The aim of creating this Logo is to make communication easier between those who carry out information literacy projects and their communities/society in general. The Logo will

be promoted as an international symbol of information literacy around the world. The aim is to make it available free of charge. We invite library and information institutions to endorse the call once it is announced. So far, some associations have expressed early support (from Argentina, France, Ghana, Spain and Mexico). Check the Logo Call at www.infolitglobal.info

- 7. Listserv.** The listserv has increased to more than 100 members from different parts of the world. However, discussion has been scarce, and we still need more activity and content for discussion. Be part of this community and participate, you can register at: <http://infoserv.inist.fr/wwsympa.fcgi/info/infolit-l>
- 8. Botswana Satellite Workshop.** A UNESCO-IFLA workshop to train trainers in information literacy, using the IFLA IL Guidelines, has been organized for Sub-Saharan Africa as a pre-conference event. It will take place in Gaborone, August 13-15, 2007, at the University of Botswana Libraries, and the local convener is Babakisi Fidzani with the help of the former IFLA president, Kay Raseroka. The workshop facilitator is Jesus Lau with the assistance of Christine Tovote and Lena Olsson. Special thanks are given to UNESCO who gave the grant to cover the main expenses of the workshop.
- 9. Annual Newsletter.** The annual bulletin of the Section was compiled by Sylvie Chevillotte, Secretary of the Section, and Eva Tolonen, our Information Officer. The printed version will be distributed as usual at the Durban IFLA Conference. The electronic version will be posted after the conference at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s42/index.htm>. Check the Newsletter for details of our Durban program and Business meetings.
- 10. Thanks to our outgoing SC/EC Members.** We would like to thank our outgoing Standing Committee Members and Executive Officers whose term ends in Durban. A special recognition to the members who attended the business meetings and the Conferences in Buenos Aires, Oslo, Seoul, and Durban – A four year IFLA cycle. Additional thanks to those who also did accomplish all the assigned SC tasks: Linda Goff, Sylvie Chevillotte, Eva Tolonen, and Christina Tovote. Please, see attendance details in the following list.

<u>SC Members</u>	<u>Conferences</u>
Borg Pedersen, Viggo Gabriel Mr (Norway)	2
Chevillotte, Sylvie Ms (France)	4
Goff, Linda Mss (USA)	4
Hansson, Birgitta Ms (Sweden)	3
Lamouroux, Mireille Ms (France)	2
Lau, Jesus Mr (Mexico)	4
Stec, Eileen Ms (USA)	0
Tolonen, Eva Ms (Finland)	4
Torras i Calvo, Maria-Carme (Norway)	1
Tovoté, Christina Ms (Sweden)	3

- 11. Abdelaziz Abid, farewell.** Aziz, who worked at UNESCO Division de la Société de l'information, retired on August 1, 2007, after a

lifetime of work for libraries and information. On behalf of the Information Literacy Section, we would like to thank him for his support to our IL activities as well as his long standing for IFLA work. As far as I recall, I met him year after year during the last two decades of attending IFLA conferences. The best times were those during the pre-conference seminars for developing countries that IFLA and UNESCO used to organize and sponsor several years ago. Those seminars were a week or so long, so time and small groups would allow ample time for talking, networking and making friends, such as Aziz. May we wish him a happy, well-deserved retirement.

12. Translation of Guidelines. The *Guidelines on Information Literacy for Lifelong Learning* that were released last year (August 2006) have been translated to four languages so far: Korean, Melayu, Spanish by Miguel Ríos, and Russian.

- **Bahasa** - *Fuziah M. Nadzar* (Mrs) Associate Professor, Faculty of Information Management; and *Feridah M. Nadzar*, (Dr/Mrs) Associate Professor, Faculty of Office Management and Technology; both from Universiti Teknologi MARA, Shah Alam, Malaysia
- **Korean** - *JungYeoun Lee*, Researcher, KRF-Korea Research Foundation, Seoul, Korea
- **Russian** - *Alexander Fedorov* (Dr.), President of Russian Association for Film & Media Education, Moscow, Russia / National Training Foundation
- **Spanish** - Miguel Ríos, (Mr), Academic Assistant, USBI VER Library, Universidad Veracruzana, Boca del Río, Veracruz, Mexico

Translations in progress are: Portuguese by Marcia Rosetto (FEBAB, Brazil), Polish by Margarita Lisowska (Colombia) and French by Sylvie Chevillotte (France). We would like to invite professionals from the different linguistic regions or countries to help us to translate the Guidelines. We offer full recognition to their translation work, by including a preliminary page in the document to list the translator or translators' names. Please, visit the IFLA website for the *Guidelines* text and send us a notice of your interest to keep record of the effort and avoid duplications: www.ifla.org/VII/s42/pub/IL-Guidelines2006.pdf.

13. Conclusion / Thanks. My appreciation to all those who contributed to the 2006-07 work of the Information Literacy Section: to the Officers, **Sylvie Chevillotte** (Secretary), **Eva Tolonen** (Information Officer), and **Linda Goff** (Program Convener); the active Standing Committee Members and the authors and professionals from other organizations who volunteered in doing different tasks in the InfoLit projects. Our special thanks to UNESCO for trusting us and providing funds to pursue our InfoLit work. It has been another good year in terms of results that now benefit the information literacy community, not only for those affiliated to IFLA but also from the rest of the world.

14. Farewell. My term as president comes to an end with great sense of accomplishment for all the Section work that we did as a team. **It was a pleasure to chair this section!**