



**Minutes of the IFLA Standing Committee of  
Latin American and the Caribbean Section  
(IFLA/LAC) Meetings held in Gothenburg,  
Sweden, August 11<sup>th</sup>. and 15<sup>th</sup>., 2010.**

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**Attendants**

Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano (Mexico), Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho (LAC-RO), Silvia Cecilia Anselmi (Argentina), Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil), Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt (Brazil), Araceli Gómez Martín (Spain), Joan Vacianna (Jamaica), Jaime Ríos Ortega (Mexico), Hortensia Lobato Reyes (Mexico), Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora (Peru).

**Members absent with justification**

Ana Maria Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Regina Celia Baptista Belluzzo (Brazil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Adriana Betancur (Colombia), Olinda Estela Gomez Moran (El Salvador), Estela Morales Campos (Mexico), Noemi Sena Correa Emilce (Paraguay), Octavio Castillo Sanchez (Panama), Victor Federico Torres Ortiz (Puerto Rico), Jennifer Joseph (Trinidad and Tobago), Victor Aguirre Black (Uruguay).

**First Committee Meeting (August 11<sup>th</sup>)**

**1. Call to order and approval of the business agenda.**

The SC Chair, Felipe Martinez Arellano, opened the meeting on 11 August at 12:45 hrs. welcoming SC members and guests that attended. Due to the absence of Regina Celia Baptista Belluzzo (Brasil), he asked to Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brasil) to be Secretary for these meetings. After that, he reported that as of August 2010, the IFLA Latin America and the Caribbean Section (IFLA/LAC) had 113 members from several countries of the Region, in its diverse membership categories: two international associations, sixteen national associations, sixty seven institutions, twenty six personal members and two students. Reported that during this period, The Section continued working closely with the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, the ALP Programme (Action for Development through Libraries), FAIFE, as well as with library associations from diverse countries in the region.

**2. Minutes Approval of the Standing Committee Mid-Term Meeting held in Panamá City, Panamá, March, 2010.**

The SC Chair submitted the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held in Panama City (Panamá) in March, 2010, to the participants' consideration and approval. Silvia Cecilia Anselmi (Argentina) suggested the minutes were distributed to SC members before their publication. After taking into account her suggestion, the minutes were approved.

### **3. Reports**

#### **3.1 Report of the Regional Office Manager**

Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho, Manager of the LAC Regional Office, presented her report stating that her outreach work had continued. The IFLA/LAC Newsletter, no.56, June 2010 was published. She also stressed the importance of IFLA-LAC list as an excellent means of communication. She also mentioned that at IFLA General Conferences, always it has been made a disclosure of the Regional Office activities. She also pointed out the problem of a lack of news from the region, inviting the audience to contribute with them. She also noted that requests of information about IFLA/LAC, its activities and the Regional Office have been increased. Requests are sent by IFLA/LAC members, IFLA Divisions, as well as LIS researchers and professors, and librarians worldwide.

Another important point of her report was her participation in the poster sessions in Milan and Gothenburg. She also reported on the voluntary Portuguese translation of the IFLA document, "Libraries for the Blind in the Information Age: Guidelines for Development" by Dr. Mary of Cleophas Faggion Alencar. This document was published by the Imprensa Oficial del Estado (Sao Paulo).

She also reported the divulgation in the IFLA website about the celebration of the 35th IFLA/LAC (1974-2009) anniversary and the 30th Regional Office anniversary, on March 24, 2009, in Lima, Peru. They were organized by the Peru National Library and the Librarians Association of Peru [Colegio de Bibliotecólogos del Perú]. On that occasion, it was paid tribute to all who have participated in the ALP program with 85 projects in the region. She also noted that in 2009 ALP annual report were included activities and projects implemented in the last year in the region. ALP report is available on the website <http://www.ifla.org/files/alp/alp-annual09.pdf>

She also reported that was present at FAIFE meetings, especially in the meeting approaching the topic of genealogy, as well as in meetings of Committees leaders, in which she highlighted the difficulties of many participants from Latin America and the Caribbean due to the use of English. She also gave a brief account of her participation in meetings with the IFLA President and General Secretary, with Stuart Hamilton, IFLA Senior Policy Advisor, managers of the other Regional Offices, and coordinators of IFLA activities, and her participation in the two meetings of the IFLA/LAC Standing Committee.

She also mentioned that during the Section open session, held at the Milano Congress, on Monday, August 24, the Regional Office and the Section for Latin America and the Caribbean made a recognition to Brigitta Sandell and Gunilla Natvig, ALP Program past Officers for their work and support to projects developed in the region, as well as for their contribution to the librarianship and libraries development. They were awarded certificates of recognition for their work.

She noted that jointly with the Section Chair organized the academic meeting on the Librarian Profile and Role in the Information Society, held at the University of Panama, on March 17, 2010, before the SC meeting. These meeting was supported by Octavio Castillo Sánchez, corresponding member of the Standing Committee and President of the Panama Librarians Association.

She also reported about her participation as IFLA representative in the following events:

- Public Libraries Seminar on the theme: "France: A Mutation System," sponsored by the Ministry of Culture do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Embassy of France, Conselho Regional Library (CRB7-RJ) and IFLA LAC Regional Office. This was held on October 19, 2009, at the Fundación Casa de Ruy Barbosa. At that time, she coordinated the conference: "Public Library System in France" by Daniel Le Goff, Director of the Francophone Multimedia Library of Limoges.
- Forum on Archives and Public Libraries of the Bahia State on the theme "Archives and libraries: spaces of memory, information and guarantee of rights", on October 6, 7 and 8 in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. This event included the participation of public managers, archivists, librarians and other professionals working in public libraries and archives from diverse municipalities in the Bahia State. This meeting, sponsored by the Ministry of Culture of the Bahia State through the Pedro Calmon Foundation, included 300 participants. At this meeting she delivered the lecture "IFLA activities in Latin America and the Caribbean and Libraries on the Agenda."
- International Congress and VII National Congress of Librarians, Document professionals and Archivists in Paraguay on the theme: "Conservation Organization and Access to Documentary Heritage," held from October 15 to 17, 2009, which had over 200 participants. There were analyzed and discussed topics on the documentary heritage and development of national policies for its conservation and how to value documentary heritage as a source for the historical memory of a country. Local and foreign experts shared their experiences, among them, Emir Suaiden, Director of the Brazilian Institute of Scientific and Technological Research (IBICT). The meeting was sponsored by the Paraguay Association of Graduate Librarians (ABIGRAP). During the meeting, foreign participants had the opportunity to exchange experiences with Dr. Alejandra Pena Gill, General Director of Archives, Libraries and Museums and Dr. Zaira Rodriguez Caballero, Director of the Paraguay National Library. In this meeting also was celebrated the Paraguay Librarian Day.
- International Seminar on Public and Community Libraries and the Second Forum on Pleasures of Reading - São Paulo, carried out between November 12 and 14 2009, which was attended by 477 participants. In three days of intense debate, there were discussed public policy for promoting reading and libraries, development of innovative services in public and community libraries, accessibility to these libraries, leadership profile for managing library and reading spaces, and strengthening of librarians and professionals who work in libraries/reading areas. The meeting generated sharing of opinions about books, reading and libraries with renowned Brazilian writers such as Moacyr Scliar and Heloisa Buarque de Holanda. Several national and international experts also shared their experiences, including Aldo Pirola, Director of the Public Library of Milan (Italy), Camila A. Alire, President of the American Library Association (ALA) of the United States and Professor Yicel Nayrobis Giraldo from the Interamerican School of Library Science, Colombia. The meeting was sponsored by the Ministry of Culture of São Paulo and had as co-organizers the IFLA/LAC

Regional Office, FEBAB, the Federal Council of Librarianship, the Official Press and UNESCO, among other institutions.

- VI Senabril - Braille Libraries National Seminar, held between November 20 and 23, 2009, at the Federal University of Paraíba, in João Pessoa (Brazil). There were discussions on the topic "Overview of digital accessibility in Latin America and the Caribbean", as well as exchanges of experiences between national and international speakers from diverse Latin America countries to strengthen library services for the visually impaired. She pointed out that Felipe Martinez was invited as an international observer for this event. Likewise, that in this event there was the roundtable: "Brazil's public-access policy for the blind and low vision," in which representatives from the Directorate for Books, Reading and Literature of the Ministry of Culture, and from the Department of Continuing Education, Literacy and Diversity of the Ministry of Education. The meeting was promoted and organized by FEBAB/Brazilian Commission for Information Access to Handicapped, the NGO BB&C (Braille Libraries and Communities Building Citizenship) and sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and by IFLA/ALP.

- Latin American and the Caribbean Seminar on Library Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, held at the VI SENABRILLE at the Federal University of Paraíba in Joao Pessoa City, Brazil. This event was carried out under the sponsorship of ALP/IFLA, the Brazilian Committee for Information Access to Handicapped of FEBAB, the Ministry of Culture, UFFB (Federal University of Paraíba), and other organizations. During November 20 to November, 2009, representatives from diverse Latin American and Caribbean institutions met to learn about the situation and to exchange experiences on library services for visually impaired people in the region. There were representatives from Cuba, Peru, Colombia, Chile, Mexico, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil. They offered statistics on the number of people with visual impairments in their respective countries. There was also an overview of library services to people with visual disabilities.

- IV Latin American Symposium on Public Libraries and XVI National Meeting of the Public Library System, developed from December 1 to 3, 2009, in Rio de Janeiro, with the theme "Challenges of New Technologies in Public Libraries" This meeting was organized by the Public Libraries National System of the National Library Foundation/Ministry of Culture (MINC), bringing together more than 200 librarians and coordinators from state systems of public libraries. This event was attended by the Director of the Book, Reading and Literature MINC and the Executive Secretary of the Book and Reading National Plan, as well as foreign lecturers included the Professor Gonzalo Oyarzun, Director of the Santiago de Chile the Public Library and Professor Yicel Nayobis Giraldo from the Interamerican School of Library Science, Medellin, Colombia.

She also reported on her participation in other events, such as:

- meetings held at the National Library Foundation in Rio de Janeiro, with the Executive Director and Coordinator of the Public Libraries National System to consider dissemination of the IFLA / UNESCO Public Library Manifesto and

the IFLA Manifesto on Transparency, as well as training of public libraries personnel .

- Librarian Day Celebration, sponsored by the Conselho Regional do Rio de Janeiro Librarianship (CRB-7), on March 12, 2010, at the National Library Foundation.
- "The Role of Libraries in the Digital Life: prospects and challenges, taking as example the Bavarian State Library," sponsored by the Goethe Institute in Rio de Janeiro (May 2010). In this event, she was represented by Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca.
- International Symposium on Public Policies for Digital Holdings, São Paulo, carried out by the Ministry of Culture of Brazil and the University of São Paulo-Project Brasiliana, from April 29 to 30, 2010. In this event she was represented by Ivone Talamo.
- Seminar "Public Library and Society," celebrated in Salvador, Bahia, May 12 to 14, 2010.
- Meeting of the Board for Encouraging and Revitalizing Reading and Libraries in the State Prison System of Rio de Janeiro - CILBPIRJ (May 2010).
- Course in Library Science at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Inaugural Conference (July 2010).

Elizabet de Carvalho also reported about resources received from IFLA/HQ, mentioning that in February 2009, presented the 2008 financial balance to the Coordinator of Professional Activities. She also mentioned that in February 2010, presented the 2009 financial balance to the ALP Coordinator. He also pointed out that part of the funds for 2010 were not received in November 2009, but of until June 2010. The Standing Committee budget given by IFLA/HQ was for a total of EUR 5000 to support participation of the SC members in its 2010 meetings. Resources were used by agreement with the Section Chair, for lodging, dining and local transportation for SC members during the four day meeting in Panama, as well as for partial support to travel expenses of some SC members. There was also a partial support for lodging expenses for some SC members in the Gothenburg meeting.

The Manager of the Regional Office also reported that she continued in communication with associations, institutions and individuals, inviting them to join IFLA and pointed out that IFLA should develop a marketing plan to get more members and retain members and affiliates. She mentioned that it is important to have membership forms and instructions to fill out them in Spanish, and to have an easy access to them and immediate response to all the questions about membership.

She noted that the IFLA/LAC SC list improved communication among SC members. Communication with SC members also occurs through other means such as email, fax, and telephone. She also mentioned the "Clearinghouse" service distributed about 500 copies of documents. The Regional Office also released news of interest in the region through the Section list and through other library association's media in the region.

Likewise, she emphasized the Regional Office works closely with the Chair and Secretary of the Section and the Standing Committee members of IFLA/LAC. She noted that the Regional Office maintained close contact with library institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean, inviting them to join IFLA, stressing that idea in all her presentations. She has also been in close communication with the IFLA Membership Office to establish communication with institutions previously contacted as potential members. She asked SC committee members to campaign in their countries to join IFLA.

Finally, Elizabet de Carvalho thanked to meeting attendees and all the institutions that support the organization of events for the Section in Latin America and the Caribbean countries. She gave special thanks to the support of Stella Maris Fernández, Special Advisor of the Regional Office, for the news and other documents translations prepared by the Office. Likewise, she thanked the collaboration of Katia Pereira de Oliveira, Clearinghouse Secretary, Marly Soler, OR Secretary and Elisete Melo, always willing to collaborate, even on weekends if necessary. Special thanks were also given to the current Chair, Felipe Martinez, and reaffirmed the excellence demonstrated by the professionals who make up the SC of the Section for Latin America and the Caribbean, who are well renowned professionals in their respective countries, having also leadership positions.

### **3.2 Report of the Section Chair**

Felipe Martinez Arellano, Standing Committee Chair (2009-2011), presented his report for the period August 2009 - August 2010. He mentioned that during this period the Section continued working closely with the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, the ALP Programme (Action for Development through Libraries), as well as with FAIFE and library associations from different countries in the region.

He presented a brief summary of his activities, most of them reported in the Panama meeting, included also in the minutes published on the Section website. Among the highlighted aspects were the following:

In his capacity as Chairman of the Section for Latin America and the Caribbean he attended the following meetings:

Leadership Forum of the Division V, on August 23, 2009, during the IFLA General Conference in Milan, Italy. In that meeting, he was elected as Secretary of the Division V (Regional Activities).

Meeting "Internet and Libraries in the Information and Knowledge Society of the Twenty-first Century", held in Lima, Peru on October 20, 2009.

Second Latin American and the Caribbean Seminar on Library Services for the Blind and Vision Impaired, held in the city of Joao Pessoa, Paraiba in Brazil, from 20 to 23 November.

Participation in the Workshop "IFLA Workshop of Experts on Library Statistics," in the Hague on December 8-10, 2009, whose objective was to prepare the program and work materials for a workshop on the role of statistics as element for library "advocacy. This

is part of the workshops for the Program "Building Strong Library Associations, BSLA."

Participation, jointly with Ana Maria Talavera (Peru), in the "BLSA Meeting Trainers Workshop", celebrated in the IFLA Headquarters (the Hague) from July 13 to 16, 2010. The objective of this workshop was to analyze the BSLA (Building Strong Library Associations) modules to identify those that would be included in the training program for the College of Librarianship Peru.

### **3.2.2 Activities with FAIFE**

He also cited the work being carried out closely with FAIFE. There were organized diverse workshops and activities such as:

Phase Three of the IFLA/FAIFE Workshop on Instructors Training for the IFLA/UNESCO Manifesto, held in Cuzco, Peru, from October 19 to 25, 2009. Its objective was to make an assessment of the impact workshops carried out in different regions of Peru.

In collaboration with the Mexican Association of Librarians (AMBAC), organization and delivery of a workshop on Information Resource for the Prevention of AIDS, during the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup>. Mexican Librarians Annual Meeting, September 2009, Acapulco, Guerrero.

Publication of the First Latin American Meeting on Libraries and Medical Information Proceedings, which was held in November 2008 in the Medicine School of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

### **3.2.3 Meetings Organization**

Organization and coordination of the Latin America and the Caribbean Internship Program on Library Technologies, which took place from September 17 to October 16, 2009. In this participated 15 librarians from the following countries: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Mexico.

Jointly with Fiona Bradley, Program Coordinator ALP / IFLA and Ana Maria Talavera (Peru), meeting in Lima, Peru, 14 to June 16, 2010, with the College of Librarians of Peru and a group of leading librarians of the country. The aim was to develop the work plan for the BSLA program in Peru during the period 2010-2011.

In collaboration with REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking in the United States of America, organization of the Program: "Library Services in Latin America/Servicios Bibliotecarios en América Latina," which took place during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference, June 24-29, 2010 in Washington, DC.

Elaboration and dissemination of the Call for Participation in the IFLA/LAC program for Gothenburg. There were received 10 paper proposals, which were evaluated by SC members, selecting two of them, which together with the invited papers formed the Section program for the IFLA Conference.

### **3.2.4 Other activities**

Dissemination of the Call for Participation “IFLA Award to the Best LIS Student Paper 2010,” sponsored by the Standing Committee of the IFLA Education and Training Section and the EKZ Company. He pointed out that two Latin American students received the second and third place, respectively. David Ricardo Ramírez Ordoñez (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Bogotá, Colombia), second place with the paper. "Multimedia production in Columbian public libraries: using Creative Commons in public libraries to enrich free multimedia content", and Jonathan Hernandez Perez (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico), third place with the work "The Interactions between Google and librarianship : the experience of Mexico ".

### **4. Section Activities at WLIC 2010 "Open access to knowledge - promoting sustainable development."**

Felipe Martinez reported the Section program will take place on Friday 13, 16:00 to 18:00 hrs. and it will include the following papers: “Science visualization in Latin America: the challenge for Library and Information Science in the region during 35 years,” Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo (Mexico); “Open access to cultural heritage in Latin America,” Emir José Suaiden (Brazil); “Information systems and models to assemble— actions within an underprivileged district in Lima, Peru,” Guillermo García Capcha (Peru); “Copyright exceptions benefitting libraries: the situation in Latin America and the Caribbean,” Juan Carlos Fernández Molina (Spain) and José Augusto Chavez Guimares (Brazil).

He also mentioned the Section will be included in the session “SIDA Projects and BSLA Presentations,” on Thursday 12 from 13.45 - 15.45 hrs. At that session, Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora and Luis Gutierrez (Peru), will present a report, “The impact of an Internet Manifesto workshop in a Peru community”.

He also announced that in the closing ceremony. Elizabeth de Carvalho IFLA will receive the IFLA Merit Medal for services rendered to it and its contribution to the development of libraries and librarianship in our region.

He invited all present to be present in these activities and closed the meeting, calling to continue it on August 15 at 8:00 a. m. to approach the remaining agenda points.

### **Second Standing Committee Meeting (August 15<sup>th</sup>)**

On August 15 at 8:00 a. m. the SC meeting was held, and there were included the following points:

### **5. Actions for Haiti**

Felipe Martinez reported that a session on the earthquake damage in Haiti took place on Friday 13. It was presented a video captured by the security cameras of the National Library of Haiti, which recorded the damage. Ellen Tise also mentioned that she and Ingrid Parent had visited Haiti and they were impressed of the damage. Françoise Thybulle, Director of the National Library and Elisabeth Pierre-Louis, Library Director FOKAL described the situation. Also, it was presented a project called Ark by Danielle Mincio (IFLA) and Christophe Jacob (ICA), which aims to support the treatment of

damaged documents and to train Haiti librarians on how to do these tasks. He also reported that the Ministry of Culture of Haiti, Blue Shield, and Blue Shield Haiti Section signed an agreement to create a center for the rescue and treatment of books and archives material to coordinate this project. Danielle Mincio also invited to those present in the reported meeting, to join in diverse ways to this project. Further information is included at: <http://haitireliefinfo.blogspot.com/2010/08/haiti-update-session-at-ifla.html>

## **6. IFLA Strategic Plan 2010-2015**

Felipe Martinez reported the IFLA Strategic Plan for 2010-2015 had been drafted and it contains four strategic lines: 1 - Strengthening of libraries to allow the user community have access to information; 2 – To develop and strengthen IFLA strategic capacity, 3 – To change the profile and status of the professional and the profession, and 4 – To represent interests of members and users worldwide. He also reported the IFLA Strategic Plan had been circulated to all divisions and sections. In the case of IFLA/LAC, it was distributed to all SC members. For our section, it were outlined three strategic areas for development in our region: 1. To develop strong library associations in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2. To motivate and support associations and institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean to apply for short projects related to: information literacy, improving access to information, promotion of libraries in society and continuous professional education, and 3. Search for partnerships to raise additional funds for smaller projects in addition to those granted by ALP. However, he said there is a need to work with the objectives and specific actions of each of these strategic lines and invited SC members to submit proposals for their inclusion in the document that had to be sent to the Division V on 15 October, 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Projects**

ALP Program Coordinator, Fiona Bradley, was present in this part of the meeting. She mentioned the BLSA program aims at strengthening partnerships through training workshops and tutorials. She made the announcement that six countries were selected to participate in this program and that for Latin America and the Caribbean had been selected el Colegio de Bibliotecólogos de Perú.

She also mentioned that it had been developed a series of workshop materials to support the program and they were on the IFLA website. Countries that in this time are not participating in this program may be used them according to their needs. She affirmatively answered to a question from Elizabeth de Carvalho about the materials translation. She mentioned the creation of an e-learning classroom for the program. She also mentioned there is an IFLA interest to create a database on experiences of different countries participating in this program. She mentioned a meeting on this program to be held in Panama prior to the Puerto Rico Conference, where diverse countries of the region would participate. Finally she mentioned that applications to support projects by ALP were open and Felipe Martinez pointed out the importance that various countries of the region would to participate by submitting project proposals.

Attendees to this meeting expressed to Fiona Bradley two concerns, so she would communicate to IFLA HQ. First, registration cost for the Conference in Puerto Rico, which is high for librarians from Latin America and the Caribbean. Elizabeth de Carvalho mentioned the possibility of offering different prices to librarians from the region, as happened in the Congress of Argentina in 2004. The second issue was

procedure for obtaining the E. U. visa, which sometimes takes large time and has high costs, so it was sought to inform U. S. embassies on the IFLA Conference in Puerto Rico in order to facilitate visa procedures. In this regard, Fiona Bradley mentioned that she will send these concerns to the appropriate IFLA responsible.

After Fiona participation in this part of the meeting, Elizabet de Carvalho gave a brief presentation on the status of projects previously approved by ALP and funded by SIDA, that were completed in 2009 and about the new ones under development.

- Training of librarians in Colombia. Third version of internships, now with the participation of Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras and two Caribbean countries. Project carried out in November 2009. Reports submitted.
- Project 395. "Common Base for Citizen Knowledge" (BCCC) - training of young people 14-24 years of age, residents at Tiradentes, District of São Paulo" (Brazil). Project that is a replica of other project successfully developed in Sao Paulo (2009). Developed from December 2009 to April 2010. Reports submitted.
- Project 396 "Internships on information technology for librarians from Latin America and the Caribbean." (Mexico) Its purpose was to train librarians in the application of technologies in library activities and services. Carried out in November 2009. Reports submitted.
- Project 398 "Book Stand at the Cajamarca Market" (Peru). Project started in March 2010.
- Project 399 "Book Stand at Central Market in San Salvador" (El Salvador). Approved in 2009 (instead of Honduras). It was carried out in San Miguelito Market and Antigua Cusca Market. Carried out in November 2009. Reports submitted.
- Project 701 "Workshop for the promotion of reading and extension activities in public libraries in the Spanish Caribbean". (Puerto Rico). Project carried out in November 2009.
- Project 702. "Seminar on IFLA / UNESCO Internet Manifesto, Public Libraries Manifesto, and School Libraries Manifesto. (Paraguay). Project undertaken in 2009. Reports submitted.
- Project 704 "Book Stand at the Central Market and Duefias de Santa Tecla Market." Project carried out in December 2009. Reports submitted.
- Project 705 "Nova criança-expanding horizon", developed at the Community Nova Republica, Salvador, Bahia. Brazil. Project undertaken in 2009. Reports submitted.
- New projects for 2010 "Systematization of experiences on library services for indigenous peoples of Latin America" (Mexico). In development by the University Center for Library Science Research CUIB.

**8. Section activities at WLIC 2011 "Libraries beyond libraries: Integration, Innovation and information for all", San Juan, Puerto Rico.**

Felipe Martinez reported that taking into account the “2011 IFLA Conference” will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, spread the call to propose satellite meetings. It were received four proposals for satellite meetings, which were endorsed by IFLA/LAC and sent to the IFLA Professional Committee to be analyzed. It was accepted only a proposed satellite meeting on art libraries, sent in collaboration with Art Section of the Mexican Librarians Association, and endorsed by the IFLA Art Libraries Section, which will have place on August 20 and 21, 2011, in Mexico City. Also, it was received an invitation from the IFLA Academic and Research Libraries Section to collaborate with the organization of the preconference “Cooperation among multiple types of libraries and affiliated information services of archives and museums toward meeting common goals of sharing” will be celebrated from August 11 to 12, 2011, in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Likewise, LAC Section will collaborate with the Special Interest Group on LIS Education in Developing Countries in the organization of the Preconference "Towards an Optimum Curriculum for Developing Countries: Prospects and Challenges", which will be held on August 11 and 12, 2011 in San Juan de Puerto Rico. Likewise, supported by the ALP Program, LAC will organize a pre-conference in Panama, Panama on BLSA for library associations in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held on August 10- 12, 2011.

Finally, Felipe Martinez talked about the development of the call for participation to the Section program in San Juan de Puerto Rico, asking SC members to submit themes for it.

## **9. General Affairs**

### **9.1 Vacancy of the Regional Office**

He informed all the meeting participants that Elizabet de Carvalho will remain as IFLA/LAC Regional Office manager only until December 2010. Therefore, IFLA Secretary will issue an open call for all the LAC countries to nominate candidates supported by LAC institutions. This support includes OR salaries and basic infrastructure. Proposals will be evaluated by a Special Committee of the Governing Board, together with LAC Section and IFLA HQ. It was mentioned this process is complicated due to the requirements of institutional support and because the new OR manager should be a good negotiator, to have skills for diplomatic relations with all the countries and to speak all the languages of the region. Felipe Martinez also mentioned that Elizabet de Carvalho will continue as SC advisor. Elizabet de Carvalho thanked all those who worked with her and expressed her willingness to work and to support IFLA/LAC as necessary.

### **9.2 Elections**

Felipe Martinez mentioned that in October 2010 will begin the election process for many IFLA positions. It will be elected its new Vice-President, who also will serve as President for the period 2013-2015. He informed that the Division V requested support for the candidacy of Jesus Lau. He also mentioned that will be elected new Governing Board members and informed the Division V has a representative on that body, as well as that he would be proposed to such position by the Sections of Africa, and Asia and Oceania. Likewise, that it will have to be elected or re-elected 10 SC members for replacing those who conclude their term in August 2011 and that it will be elected a new President and Secretary for the SC. He invited SC members to participate in this election process.

### **9.3 New Standing Committee Meeting**

Felipe Martinez proposed the next meeting would be in Mexico, since the National Autonomous University of Mexico, through the General Directorate of Libraries and the University Center for Library Science Research had offered its support to carry it. The proposed theme will be "Open access in academic libraries." This proposal was approved. Finally, the Chair thanked all the SC members for their participation, and the meeting was concluded.