

**Meeting Records of the Standing Committee, Latin America and Caribbean  
Section, held in Mexico City  
April 7 and 8 – 2011.**

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**Participants**

Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano (Mexico), Elizabet María Ramos de Carvalho (LAC-RO), Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Silvia Cecilia Anselmi (Argentina), Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil), Margarita Bellas (Cuba), Olinda Estela Gómez Moran (El Salvador), Araceli Gómez Martín (España), Hortensia Lobato Reyes (México), Estela Morales Campos (Mexico), Jaime Ríos Ortega (Mexico), Emilce Noemí Sena Correa (Paraguay), Octavio Castillo Sánchez (Panamá), Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora (Perú) Víctor Federico Torres Ortiz (Puerto Rico),

**Members with justified absence**

Regina Celia Baptista Belluzzo (Brasil), Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt (Brasil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Adriana Betancur (Colombia), Joan Vacianna (Jamaica), Jennifer Joseph (Trinidad y Tobago), Víctor Aguirre Negro (Uruguay).

**1. Opening and Approval of the Meeting Agenda**

The meeting was launched and directed by the President of the Standing Committee, Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano. It was preceded by the meeting of the Standing Committee (PC), the participation of their members in the event “Colloquium Open Access to the Information in the Academic Libraries of Latin America and the Caribbean held on 4 and 6 April in the Auditorium of the Coordination of Humanities of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). The President has welcomed all the members of the PC and manifested his satisfaction to have them in the Centro Universitario de Investigaciones Bibliotecológicas of the UNAM for so important meeting. He pointed out proudly the presence and participation of the Elected President of IFLA, Ingrid Parent, in this meeting of the PC. Because of the absence of Regina Celia Baptista Belluzzo (Brazil), he has requested to Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil), to act as Secretary of this meeting of the PC to elaborate the corresponding records.

**2. Approval of Meeting Records of the Standing Committee held in Gothenburg, on August 2010.**

The President has submitted to the consideration of the members of the PC the approval of the agenda of the meeting, which were approved by all and then the works begun. The following point of the agenda was the approval of the records of the previous meeting of the PC, held in Gothenburg, during the realization of the Annual Conference of the IFLA. The records were approved;

**3. Reports**

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

Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho has explained about the report of the Regional Office, pointing out the following points: the publication of the Bulletin of News (Newsletter) no. 57, in December of 2010, produced in English and Spanish in electronic and printed mode. This last was sent to IFLA/HQ, the affiliated to IFLA/LAC, the affiliates of IFLA, the Clearinghouses de IFLA and important institutions of the region; collaboration with the Standing Committee IFLA/LAC to draft the record of Gothenburg meeting and of the meeting Agenda in Mexico; distribution of the manifests of IFLA on Public Libraries, School, Internet and Transparency and Good Government; presentation of the poster of the Section in Gothenburg; diffusion of news for the members of the PC and of the Section through the list; diffusion of news on Latin America and Caribbean through IFLANET; systematic attention of the applications of information on the IFLA and diffusion on the membership to the IFLA between the institutions of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Elizabet has also emphasized, her participation as Manager of the Regional Office in meetings and events of the IFLA, such as the meetings of the Division V, the Caucus of the Division V, coordination of the Caucus of Portuguese Tongue, Open Forum of the Section; participation in meetings of the PC of the following sections of IFLA: Administration of Associations, FAIFE and Libraries of Art. She has also participated in meetings with the General Office and the President of IFLA, with Stuart Hamilton, Coordinator of Professional Activities of IFLA and with the Managers of the Regional Offices and Coordinators of Activities of IFLA. She has also stressed her participation in the session of the planning of the President of IFLA, in Gothenburg, as well as in the meeting of the PC. Elizabet has described with emotion, when she got the Medal of IFLA during the session of closure of the WLIC 2010 by her significant contribution to IFLA and for promoting it in the region of Latin America and Caribbean.

After that, she has described the activities of representation as Manager of the Regional Office in which she participated: Second Uruguayan Congress of Librarianship and Information (CUBI II), from 4 to 8 October 2010, with diverse parallel events, between them the 33<sup>a</sup>. International Book Fair organized by The Uruguayan Camera of the Book; the I Latin American Colloquium on Services Librarians for the Native Communities, in the National Library of Rio de Janeiro; the XVII National Meeting of Public Libraries and V Latin Symposium American of Public Libraries, from 9th to 12th November in the National Library of Brazil in Rio de Janeiro; II Seminar on Information in Internet and III International Conference on Digital and Social Inclusion, from 16th to 19th November in the Palace Itamaraty, Brasilia; XVI National Seminar of University Libraries and II International Seminar of Digital Libraries, from 17th to 22th October in Rio de Janeiro; participation in diverse meetings of the Council of Incentive to the Reading and Motivation of the Libraries of the Prison System of the State of Rio de Janeiro, with the coordinator Ludmila Mayrink, who is proposing in front of the PC the creation of a Group Ad hoc on Prison Libraries. Elizabet retook the subject of the creation of ad hoc groups in the Section to continue having the collaboration of people that have belonged to the Committee (for example, parliamentary Libraries, Public Libraries, University Libraries, Digital Libraries, among other), which could be elements of link with the others sections of IFLA.

Also they were pointed out the administrative activities, such as the systematic communication with the focal point IFLA/HQ; broadcast of reports for IFLA on

regional workshops; attention of queries on the activities of the Section from different person and institutions, in addition to the realization of routine activities.

She has also commented the ALP projects, the situation of the projects approved and the program BSLA. Also she has mentioned the activities planned for the realization of the project "Systematization of experiences on librarian's services for native villages in Latin America" (Mexico). In regard to the new projects, she commented the "Workshop on the Manifest of Internet (Uruguay), as well as the candidatures of Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica to participate in the program BSLA.

Finally she informed about the financial matters, mentioning that the financial balance of the year 2010 was sent to IFLA/HQ. She informed that they still had not received of IFLA the budget to support the development of the administrative activities of the Office and the ones of representation. Also she informed that they received 5,000 Euros to support the meetings of the Committee in 2011 and that in agreement with the President of the Section were allocated to support part of the meals and tickets of some of the members of the PC: El Salvador (Olinda Gomes), Argentina (Silvia Anselmi), Peru (Doris Samanez), Panama (Octavio Castillo), Brazil (Sigrid Dutra) and Cuba (Margarita Bellas). The few remaining resources will be used to support part of the accommodation of the members of the SC that do not have the support of their institutions.

In her final considerations, Elizabet pointed out the strengthening of the communication between the members of the PC, through the discussion list, in addition to other available media; the closed work with the Presidency and Office of the PC, developed with a lot of ethical and team spirit; and the contact with the librarian institutions of the region looking for their affiliation to IFLA. She expressed her gratitude to the supports received from Stella Maris Fernández, Katia Pereira de Oliveira, Marly Soler and Elisete Melo, those who collaborated acutely with the Regional Office in its activities. She appreciated especially the presidents and secretaries of the Section with whom she had the satisfaction to work during the last 20 years and mentioned the excellence showed by all the professionals of the Section of all the countries, those who enthusiasm and interest contributed to the development of the profession in the region.

### **3.2 Report of the President**

Felipe Martínez Arellano, President of the Standing Committee of the Section (2009-2011), presented his corresponding report to the period of August 2009 – August 2010. He mentioned that during this period he continued working closely with the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, with the Program ALP (Program of Actions for the Development through the Libraries), as well as with FAIFE and the associations of librarians of the countries of the Region.

He has presented a brief report of his activities and subjects of the Section since his discussion was included in the agenda of the meeting. He informed on the process of elections for diverse positions at IFLA, which were still under development. The process of elections included, President elected, Presidents of the Divisions, President of the Professional Committee, Board of Government and members of the Standing Committee of the Section.

He has also mentioned that during this period, the greater part of the work of the Section

focused to the collaboration with other sections of IFLA for the organization of previous satellite meetings to the WLIC 2011 in San Juan-Puerto Rico, as well as to the program preparation of the Section and of conjoint programs with other sections, on which informed widely when covering this point in the agenda.

Likewise, Felipe Martínez informed on the participation of the Section in the program BSLA, standing out the following: the development of the Program BSLA in Peru; the announcement BSLA 2011; The Workshop BSLA in Panama previously to the WLIC 2011, in Puerto Rico. On the others projects sponsored by ALP, he mentioned the project approved on 2011, presented by Uruguay, “Workshop of Training of Instructors on the Self-evident IFLA/UNESCO on Internet”

#### **4. Intervention of Ingrid Parent, Elected President of IFLA**

Ingrid Parent, current elected president of IFLA, manifested her joy for being participating of the meeting of the PC and have the opportunity to know more about the context of Latin America and Caribbean, in addition to share with the members of the PC during these days. She has presented an advance of her platform of government, that will tackle the subject “Convergence: guarantee the access and the diversity for a shared future”, in which it will be included the libraries as essential to guarantee the development of the Society of Knowledge, promoting the right of the citizens to have access to the resources of information. The IFLA has to perform an increasing paper of leadership in pro of the libraries to international level, national and local, to confront its challenges. Ingrid Parent mentioned that in her vision, the IFLA will have to look for visibility and act as a whole and the libraries to local level. She pointed out that her program will have as focus the convergence to guarantee the access to the information and the diversity, the construction of strategic alliances with colleagues and agencies of finance; boost the leaderships for the defense of the libraries and the associations of librarians, taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the digital technologies. Besides, promote an approach multicultural and multilingual, strengthening the defense of the access information. To make an IFLA increasingly inclusive, answering to the needs of the countries members and developing programs and notable activities. Together with the countries members, transform to the IFLA in a global organization, which defends and supports to the libraries around the world, looking for offer innovative and sustainable services for all the people. Also she has remarked that she feels honored in front of the commitment that she assumes.

#### **5. Process of Elections**

Felipe Martínez informed on the process of elections for diverse positions of IFLA, which are under way. He mentioned that for the Presidency the candidates are: Sinikka Sipilä (Finland) and Jesús Laú (Mexico), requesting the support for the candidature of this last. Also he mentioned that the process to choose Presidents of the Divisions had concluded, having been elect: Division 1, Lynne Rudasill; Division 2, vacancy; Division 3, Tone Moseid; Division 4, Anna-Maria Tammaro; Division 5, Felipe Martínez. Likewise, as President of the Professional Committee result elected Anne Okerson. These colleagues will make a part of the Board of Government 2011-2013 of the IFLA. With regard to the elections of members of the Board of Government, Felipe Martínez informed that they proposed 15 candidates of which would have to choose 10. After that he raised the subject of the elections for members of the Committee IFLA/LAC, in where they will have 12 vacancies when concluding the same number of members his period in August of 2011. To occupy these vacancies they were proposed

15 candidates, so it would be send the ballot papers of corresponding vote to all the associations and institutions that are members of the Section. For the first time in the history of the Section it exist a greater number of proposals than of vacancies in the PC.

The names of the candidates received by the IFLA were: Simone Bastos Vieira, Brazil; Adriana Cybele Ferrari, Brazil; Elmelinda Lara, Trinidad and Tobago; Jesus Lau, Mexico; Barbara Lazo Rodriguez, Cuba; Belén Martínez González, Spain; Silvia Prada Forero, Colombia; Jaime Rios Ortega, Mexico; Marcia Rosetto, Brazil; Sueli Mara Suenes Pinto Ferreira, Brazil; Ruth Helena Vallejo, Colombia; Olinda Estela Gomez Moran, El Salvador; Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt, Brazil; Victor Aguirre Negro, Uruguay; Emilce Noemi Sena Correa, Paraguay. The 12 candidates that receive the greater number of votes of the associations and institutions will make part of the Standing Committee.

## **6. Organization of activities of the Section for the WLIC 2011 \\'The Libraries further of the libraries: Integration, Innovation and information for all\", San Juan, Puerto Rico**

As it was mentioned by Felipe Martínez in his report, the big part of the work of the Section was focused to the collaboration with other sections of IFLA for the organization of satellite meetings of the WLIC 2011 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as well as to the preparation of the program of the Section and the sessions of conjoint programs with other sections, being these:

Satellite Meetings “Towards an Optimum Curriculum for Developing Countries: Prospects and Challenges”, organized jointly with the Division V, Regions and the Special Groups of Interest of Librarianship Education in the developing Countries. It will be hold from 11 to 12 August in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The program of this meeting was integrated only with invited speakers, proposing as speakers of the region to Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo (Mexico) and Felipe Martínez Arellano.

Satellite Meetings “Cooperation between multiple types of libraries and services of affine information of the archives and museums to achieve common aims, “organized jointly with the Section of Academic Libraries and of Investigation. It will be hold from 10 to 11 August in the City of Guatemala, Guatemala. There was a participation in the preparation of the program, and in collaboration with Olinda Gomes, member of the Committee of El Salvador who will be the Section representative in this event and they were proposed speakers of Central America.

Satellite Meetings “Bibliography and information on art in Latin America and the Caribbean: a recent perspective (the visual arts, included the fine arts, the arts applied, the design and the architecture) “, organized jointly with the Section of Libraries of Art and the Section of Art of the Mexican Association of Librarians (AMBAC). For the organization of this satellite meeting, there was the support and collaboration of Hortensia Lobato Reyes (Mexico), member of the Committee, as well as of the President and Vice-president of the AMBAC, Jesús Lau and Oscar Saavedra, the President of the Section of Libraries of Art of THE AMBAC, Elsa Barberena, and diverse members of the direction of AMBAC.

Program of the Section IFLA/LAC “Integration, innovation and information for all in the libraries of Latin America and the Caribbean”. It will take place on Monday August

15<sup>th</sup>, in the WLIC 2011. It was elaborated and diffused the corresponding notification, in English and Spanish, and there was the collaboration of the members of the PC for the selection of the speeches.

Program “The special and rare collections depend on the history: Latin America and the Caribbean”, organized jointly with the Section of Rare Books and Manuscripts. It will take place on Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> in the WLIC 2011. There was a collaboration to prepare and diffuse the corresponding notification, in English and Spanish, as well as with the opinion on the works selected by the members of the PC of the said Section.

Program “Education in Librarianship and Information Science n Latin America and the Caribbean: opportunities and challenges”, organized jointly with the Group of Interest in Librarianship Education in the developing Countries. It will take place on Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> in the WLIC 2011. There was a collaboration to prepare and diffuse of the corresponding notification, in English and Spanish, as well as with the opinion on the works presented, which was requested to professors of the degree and of the postgraduate in Librarianship and Information Studies of the UNAM.

### **7. Scholarships for the WLIC 2011**

Concluded the information on the satellite meetings and meetings that will take place during the WLIC, in San Juan Puerto Rico, Felipe Martínez tackled the subject of the Scholarships of the Section for the WLIC. It was mentioned that in this occasion will award roughly 12 scholarships by means of the donation of the Foundation Stichting of 1.000 Euros for the delegates of Latin America and the Caribbean, with the aim to support the payment of their registration and accommodation in the IFLA of Puerto Rico. It was spread the respective announcement and besides, to application of IFLA, the OR and the Secretary proposed to Felipe Martínez to make a part of the Committee of Evaluation; however, it was never received an answer to such proposal and to the date there is no information on the applicants neither on the selected.

### **8. Program BSLA and ALP projects**

On the participation of the Section in the BSLA program they were raised the following points:

Program BSLA in Peru, developed by the School of Librarians of Peru (CBP). It has like aims the coordination of the activities of the CBP with other associations, including “advocacy” for the profession, to incentive the workers of the library to look for formal training, promote their professional value; increase the adhesion of members, pushing new professional and young to adhere to the CBP. Doris Samanez (Peru) has presented an account of the development of the project until the present moment. There was the first workshop on January 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of this year and it is planned to carry out the second one by May.

There was the diffusion of the BSLA 2011 Announcement, to select the countries that will participate in this project to be executed in two years, looking for strengthen to the national associations. A country in each one of the three regional sections will be selected. ALP has received six applications from the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Nicaragua El Salvador, Costa Rica; as well as another of an inter-American organization. On request of ALP, they were sent an opinion on each one of the applications, which will be analyzed by the ALP Adviser Committee.

BSLA Workshop in Panama previously to the WLIC 2011. Felipe spoke about the announcement that will issue for the realization of a training program to prepare Latin America trainers to give workshops and other activities inside the program BSLA. The participants will need to have experience on national librarians associations and the skills to transform this knowledge in practical activities during the training. IFLA will accredit to the trainers to give BSLA workshops. The trainers will have to organize workshops in the communities of librarians of their countries and also will be able to be required by IFLA to give workshops in other countries. IFLA will provide training and support to the trainers that will be selected. The workshop will be carrying out on August 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2011 in the City of Panama and the date of closing of the announcement will be on June 6.

On other projects sponsored by ALP, he pointed the project approved for 2011, presented by Uruguay, "Workshop of Training of Instructors on the IFLA/UNESCO Manifest about Internet". Likewise, he said that this was the only project presented by the Section in the announcement of 2011, inviting to the presents to spread the announcement for 2012, which will open next May, with date of closing in September.

### **9. General subjects**

It was approached the subject of the Regional Office. As far as Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho, after 20 years of permanence in the OR would not continue at its head, IFLA issued an announcement so that the institutions of the countries of the Latin America and the Caribbean, interested to propose someone, no candidates were presented. It was presented and discussed the proposal that the University Centre of Librarianship Investigations of the UNAM could be candidate, because its historical support to IFLA/LAC, its role of leadership in the region and the infrastructure it has. This institution showed interested since the originally posed conditions by IFLA in the original announcement, which were excessive were modified. The CUIB announced that it would present the application to sponsor the OR and after this was discussed and approved by the Board of Government in Puerto Rico, would propose to the person that would occupy the Regional Management. Since the OR would be situated in Mexico it was discussed and approved the recommendation that the next Presidency of the Section should be in a different country. Likewise, it was requested to the CUIB the preparation of the corresponding Bulletin to the period January-July 2011, which was accepted by Jaime Rios, Director of the CUIB and member of the PC.

Another subject approached in this point, was the meeting of the Committee in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to be hold on August 14<sup>th</sup> from 13.45 to 15.45 hours. It was mentioned that in this meeting it would be elected the new President and Secretary of the PC and will take office of his charge the new members of the PC. Victor Torres (Puerto Rico) provided to the present information about the WLIC 2011, including indications on alternative hotels and transport for those who will participate in the event in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In the afternoon of the second day of the meeting, Jesús Lau has participated, candidate to the Presidency of IFLA and to the Committee IFLA/LAC, requesting support for his candidature to these positions.

Before concluding the meeting, there was homage to Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho by

her excellent performance at the head of the Regional Office in the last 20 years. Estela Morales, Coordinator of Humanities of the UNAM and member of the PC delivered her the memorial medal of the 100 years of the UNAM. It was a moment of a lot of emotion. Likewise, the Regional Office surrendered homage (in absence) to Stella Maris Fernández of Argentina by her support to the OR. As she could not assist, Ana María Peruchena and Silvia Anselmi of Argentina were charged to deliver her a diploma of recognition.

Finally, Felipe Martínez has thanked to all members of the PC for their participation, as well as the determination of all in contributing to the activities realized by the Committee.