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Rules of Procedure regarding PC (Chair) [October 2008]

R15.2 The Professional Committee

- R15.2.1 oversees the professional program of IFLA and may recommend to the Governing Board the creation, name, and terms of reference, or abolition, of organizational units such as Divisions, Sections, Special Interest Groups, Committees, Core Activities etc., to carry out the professional programme as developed by the Governing Board;
- R15.2.2 establishes procedures for organizing the professional content of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress programme, including all of its satellite conferences;
- R15.2.3 oversees the publications programme of IFLA and makes recommendations as appropriate to the Governing Board;
- R15.2.4 reviews the status and programmes of organizational units from time to time, to ensure they continue to support the mission and goals of IFLA.

Election of Professional Committee Chair [Art. 13.3.3]

- R15.3 The Secretary General shall call for nominations for the post of Chair in October of the year before elections are due to take place. The term of office for the Chair shall be two years, non-renewable.
- R15.4 Chairs and secretaries of Sections (Section Officers) may nominate. Candidates may nominate themselves.
- R15.5 Nominees for the post of Chair shall be the outgoing chairs **and secretaries (see Art. 13.3.3.1)** of the Divisions whose terms expire at the end of the Congress following the election.
- R15.6 Nominations shall be submitted by the same closing date established by the Secretary General for all other nominations. No nominations shall be accepted after the closing date.
- R15.7 The Secretary General will obtain for each valid nomination the information required in terms of Rule 11.7.

- R15.8 The Secretary General shall prepare a postal ballot containing the names of the nominees in the same manner as the ballots referred to in Rule 11.9.
- R15.9 The Secretary General shall send the ballot to all Section Officers following the same schedule as that applying to the postal ballots referred to in Rule 11.10.
- R15.10 The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If two or more candidates receive the highest number of votes, the outgoing Chair casts the deciding vote.