



**Information Literacy Section**  
**Annual Report 2010-2011**  
(September 2010-August 2011)

**A. Scope**

**Mission**

The primary purpose of the Information Literacy Section is to foster international cooperation and to promote information literacy in all types of libraries, as well as to lead the information world in promoting information literacy as it relates to the three IFLA Pillars: Society, Membership, and the Profession.

**Goals, Priorities, and Actions**

1. Advocate for information literacy in society and increase partnership within IFLA and with other organizations or institutions (e.g., UNESCO).
2. Support information professionals and other relevant partners in the provision of information literacy education in different types of libraries and information institutions, for all social sectors and in all geographic areas.
3. Improve communication within the section by creating and using a standing committee blog and a wiki which is open to the public.
4. Develop information literacy as a multi-cultural, multifaceted concept, of relevance to the global society by exploiting the collective, international experience of the Section.

**B. Membership** (August 2011)

Membership: 94 members

Standing Committee: 20 members

Corresponding members: 4 members

The following countries are represented: Bangladesh, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Ivory Coast, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom, United States.

**C. Officers**

*Chair*

**Maria-Carme Torras i Calvo**

Library Director

Bergen University College

Bergen, Norway

First term: 2005-2009

Second term: 2009-2013

Chair: First term, 2009-2011; Second term, 2011-2013)

*Secretary-Treasurer*

Antonio Calderón Rehecho

Chief of Information and Teaching/Research Support Service

Biblioteca de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Madrid, Spain

First term: 2007-2011

Second term: 2011-2015

Secretary: First term, 2007-2009; Second term, 2009-2011

*Secretary-Treasurer*

**Sharon Mader**

Dean of Library Services

University of New Orleans

New Orleans, Louisiana, United States

First term: 2009-2013

Secretary: First term, 2011-2013

*Information Coordinator*

Albert K. Boekhorst

Visiting Professor

University of Amsterdam; University of Pretoria

Jacuma-Conde, PB

Brasil

First term: 2007-2011

Second term: 2011-2015

**D. Standing Committee Meetings at WLIC 2011**

Two SC meetings were held in at WLIC in Puerto Rico (13 and 17 August, 2011). The minutes of all SC meetings are available at <http://www.ifla.org/en/information-literacy/minutes>.

Maria Carme Torras was re-elected as chair and Sharon Mader was elected as secretary for 2011-2013. Albert K. Boekhorst will continue as Information Coordinator.

In 2011, four SC members ended their terms (Nancy Dickenson, Alison Ernst, Gary Gorman, and Dalia Naujokaitis). Four members started their first terms (Dilara Begum, Antonin Benoit Diouf, Lisa Hinchliffe, Zuzanna Wiorogórska). In addition, four corresponding members were confirmed (two for first term: Cécile Coulibaly and Dalia Naujokaitis, and two for second term: Sean Cordes and Stefania Puccini).

## **E. Conference Programs WLIC 2011 Puerto Rico**

1. Conference programme (94): *The importance of information literacy for multicultural populations: needs, strategies, programs, and the role of libraries* (15 August).  
Presented jointly with Library Services to Multicultural Populations and the Special Interest Group on Indigenous Matters. Included eight presentations, with attendance of approximately 115.
2. IFLA Off-site Session – Information Literacy Section / UNESCO IFAP  
A successful off-site session with UNESCO IFAP was held on 11 August at the Universidad Politécnica de Puerto Rico to discuss the MIL indicators and to draft the IFLA MIL recommendations. See <http://www.ifla.org/en/events/ifla-off-site-session-information-literacy-section-unesco-ifap>
3. Joint satellite meeting with the Information and Libraries Special Interest Group on the theme of “Information Literacy and Its Impact on Women” had to be cancelled.

## **F. Projects, Publications, and Activities in 2011**

1. MIL recommendations based on the work at the UNESCO off-site meeting will be drafted by a subgroup of the SC, with the intent of sending to the IFLA Governing Board for the December 2011 meeting, with hopes for endorsement in April.
2. The German *IL State of the Art Report* has been updated and will be translated into English.
3. The *Information Literacy Logo: A Marketing Manual* has now been translated into four languages.
4. The *Information Literacy Guidelines* have been translated into more languages, with Chinese, Italian, and Polish now completed.
5. A multi-year project to develop guidelines on the profile of the IL practitioner/educator has been initiated, with the first phase being to identify and gather documents from around the world which will be used to develop profiles.
6. The SC members agreed to replace the Section newsletter with a blog to facilitate communication.
7. Relevant section documents, such as conference planning materials, will be stored on the wiki to be more readily available to SC members.

## **G. Future actions: Conference programmes and other events**

1. WLIC Helsinki 2012

- a. Joint Conference programme with elearning SIG. Theme: *Information literacy meets E-learning: Let's talk about interconnections and outcomes.*
  - b. Joint Satellite meeting with Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section, 8-10 August, Tampere, Finland. Theme: *The Road to Information Literacy: Librarians as Facilitators of Learning.*
  - c. Joint Satellite meeting with ATINA SIG and Africa Section, 8-10 August, Riga, Latvia. Theme: *Information for Civic Literacy*
2. In collaboration with UNESCO/IFAP:
    - a. Organizing an international conference for 2012 to promote MIL worldwide.
    - b. Working with IFAP and UNESCO colleagues for UNESCO endorsement of MIL recommendations.
  3. Turning the *State of the Art* report into a wiki.
4. WLIC Singapore 2013
    - a. Preliminary discussion of possible joint conference programme with Education and Training Section
    - b. Preliminary discussion of possible joint conference programme with School Libraries and Resource Centers Section and Literacy and Reading Section
    - c. Preliminary proposal for a "train the trainers" event in Taipei in conjunction with the 2013 WLIC, with support and funding from the Taiwanese government.

*Prepared by Sharon Mader, Secretary*