



Latin American and Caribbean Session
ANNUAL REPORT
2018-2019

Introduction

Professional Units must prepare an Annual Report each year. It has been agreed by the Governing Board that this can cover the period September 2018 – August 2019 to correspond to the terms of the Standing Committee. The purpose is to inform the Professional Committee, the Section’s Standing Committee, members of the Section and the profession around the world about achievements over the year. The Annual Report refers to the activities identified in the Unit’s [Action Plan](#) and reports on the progress of these activities, the activities that have been completed and their impact.

The Annual Reports of all IFLA Sections provide important input to the fulfilment of IFLA’s Professional Programme, Strategic Plan and Key Initiatives, and also contribute to IFLA’s Annual Report.

The Officers of the Section should return this form to the Division Chair and Professional Support Officer no later than 31 October 2019.

A summary should be provided to the membership of the Professional Unit.

Further guidance on Annual Reports can be found in the Officers corner: <http://www.ifla.org/officers-corner/annual-reports>

Report on progress and activities

Objectives <i>Identified in the Unit's Action Plan</i>	Project or activity <i>Identified in the Unit's Action Plan</i>	Progress <i>Please give brief details, including status (not started, in progress, near completion, completed)</i>	Risks <i>Please identify any problems or concerns (e.g. missed deadlines, lack of resource) and how you would propose to address them</i>
1. Promote a campaign in favor of the Agenda 2030 and the role of libraries, within the frame of the Global Vision program to gain visibility, as topic for our Mid Term Meeting, held in Brasilia, Brazil.	1.1 Mid Term Session had focused on "Libraries and change or innovations to Support the Agenda 2030 and the IFLA Global Vision". Both, during the previous one-day Seminar and the two-days SC meetings.	Completed. 18 Members (permanent and correspondents) from the IFLA LAC SC participated. Besides, the one-day Seminar took place the day before. The Organizing Committee from the IBICT (Brazilian Institute for Science and Technology), and some SC members presented papers on the topic and on the LIS professional, as part of celebration of the "Librarians' Day in Brazil.	No risks in terms of the activity. There is a need for economic support to the SC Members, in order to attend the Mid Term. This time just one member from Cuba was supported.
2. Disseminate the Santiago Declaration 2018 within the region.	Declaration disseminated during the Mid Term meeting.	Done. All LAC countries compromised themselves to publicize the document and involve their Governments on it.	Should be more publicity at IFLA's Web site, to make it more visible.
3. Compile the specific processes carried out in the LAC region associated with goal 16 related to libraries for peace, transparency and social inclusion in order to have more visibility. Make those experiences publicly available.	2.1 Make SC members and Library Association members to report in written short stories related to SDG16: Libraries for peace, transparency and social inclusion.	Partial advance. A specific form was devised, and a number of contributions received (ca. 16), although not all countries submitted them. Right now the contributions are being revised and processing.	Have IFLA to publish new leaflet with SDG stories, particularly include LAC stories supporting Goal 16.
4. Prepare an internship program for LAC Association Members by a capacity-building program to increase LAC membership and	Short periods of internship for the Members of the LAC Associations, in order to learn good practices from other Associations and gain visibility	Partial advance. Program is prepared, letters have been sent to LAC Library Associations to disseminate the program among the	The proposal couldn't be implemented in full because there is a need for Logistics issues (letters, following up, database maintenance,

visibility		LIS institutions in their own countries. In total 28 letters were sent to North, Central, South America and the Caribbean. From them 12 responses were received, from both, those offering internships programs, as well as those whose members could be potential candidates.	and the like), and particularly to Fundraising, in order to support the beneficiaries).
5. Design and carry out two Webinars each semester, with topics related to the interests of the LAC professionals and IFLA work, in coordination and cooperation with the CPDWL and New Professionals IFLA Sections.	Capacity building through different Webinars to benefit professionals from the region and develop closer relationships with CPDWL Section and New Professionals SIG.	Completed. LIS professionals in a previous online survey selected the topics. During 2018-2019, three Webinars have taken place, the topics were: Leadership and Advocacy named "Bibliotecarios al Senado", "Tratado de Marrakech", "Tu Historia, Bibliotecas & ODS 16.1"	Very active and enthusiastic participation in each of the Webinars. Though devised in Spanish, people from different parts of the world participated. Videos available through YouTube.
6. Division V -Satellite Meeting, as co-organizer and presenters	"Leadership roles in international librarianship: how can information professionals from Africa, Asia & Oceania, Latin America & the Caribbean be part of it?"	Completed. Participation of near 50 members of the three regions, 12 of them from the LAC region.	
7. IFLA LAC Open Session in WLIC 2019 in Athens "Innovation in Changing Times".	Discuss projects, programs, plans that aim to include innovation and continuous improvement in libraries to respond to universal changes in the sector and the UN 2030 Agenda.	Completed. The Open Session had around 65 attendants.	IFLA President participated, and seven papers were delivered. The Session was live streamed.

Results

Please provide further information about the activities that were completed during the year. Ensure that details or a full report can be found online, the main outcomes have been shared with a wider audience and the impact of the work can be demonstrated.

Completed project or activity <i>Please list those projects/activities identified as completed in the table above</i>	Output <i>Please state what the output of the project/activity was (e.g. Report, Standard, Workshop etc) and provide a URL to it</i>	Communications <i>Please state how the output and outcomes of the project/activity have been communicated to the Unit, IFLA members and the wider profession</i>	Impact of the completed project or activity <i>Through the Measures of Success identified in your Action Plan, describe what difference the project or activity has made to the Unit, IFLA members, the wider profession or society at large</i>
1. Innovation and change in LAC libraries as a support of the SDGs.	MidTerm Acts and Minutes. IFLA Website https://www.ifla.org/node/91906 . Noticias en el Boletín de la Asociación Argentina de Información (SAI): https://www.sai.com.ar/bibliotecologia/boletin/bie157.htm	IFLA Website and all members informed through the Minutes of the event. All available at the LAC Website	LAC professionals aware of the importance of innovations and changes needed in order to encompass changes in the professional and IFLA's Global Vision. The activity gave visibility to LAC professionals, and improved their professional competencies. Important impact is the increase on participation of LAC members in different IFLA sections, and the number of SC candidates in the last

2.-Santiago Declaration disseminated	The Declaration was publically available all over the world, and was signed by 162 institutions. See https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/81792	The Declaration available, it is a support to LIS professionals in order to approach their Governments and Officials to support libraries, and the SDGs in Latin America. Booklet with experiences published in Chile, and different meetings and Workshops in different countries, particularly Central America	election. Better understanding of what LAC libraries are doing to support SDGs. Closer communications with UN Officers and support to developing programs within each country.
3. Webinars during 2018-2019	During 2018-2019, three Webinars have taken place: - “Bibliotecarios al Senado” July 3 rd . 2018: 364 views, 65 min., 2 speakers from Colombia. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoB5Whdgo_s - “Tu Historia, Bibliotecas & ODS 16.1”, June 27 th . 2019: 343 views, 53 min., one speaker from Chile. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JW5tdZoGME - “Tratado de Marrakech”, August 16 th , 2019: 557 views, 72 min., 2 speakers from Argentina. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z00t4qVAPCQ	Completed. All Webinars well structured, relevant topics, important speakers, and particularly good participation from different parts of the world, as well as views after the event.	Very active and enthusiastic participation of professionals in each of the Webinars. Though devised in Spanish, people from different parts of the Word participated. Videos available through YouTube.
4. Division V Satellite Meeting “Leadership roles in international librarianship: how can information professionals from Africa, Asia & Oceania, Latin America & the	Completed. Participation of 50 members from the three regions, 12 people from the LAC region. https://www.bibalex.org/ifla-division-v/en/home/home.aspx Videos with presentations: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K87Bcohs64&t=52s https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K87Bcohs64 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYI9L49QR0Q	Successful meeting where experiences of leadership were discussed and participants gave insights on the topic. An “Alexandria Declaration” was issued by all participants.	LIS Professionals were eager to participate more in IFLA’s decision levels, and more committed to work on the new structure and visibility of Libraries and librarians around the world.

Caribbean be part of it?"			
5. IFLA LAC Open Session in WLIC 2019 in Athens "Innovation in Changing Times".	Around 65 participants attended the Session. IFLA President participated, reviewing the importance of the Forum of Ministries and Secretaries of Culture from LAC, where was issued "The Buenos Aires Declaration" a commitment to develop libraries and put them on the national plans of LAC countries, in support to SDGs. Seven other papers were delivered. The Keynote speaker was Lynn Connaway from OCLC, who addressed the topic of new needs of our library users. The Session was live streamed. See the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZs9pfLvEDk	Great experiences and innovations that inspire participants were presented. LAC members are really committed with the development of the LIS field, in support of the SDGs	LIS professionals from different parts of the world met and shared experiences with their LAC counterparts particularly with the presenters, as there was a great opportunity to watch and ask questions live!

Standing Committee membership

Please provide further information about members of the Standing Committee and their contribution to the work of the Professional Unit.

Standing Committee members' names	Role on the Standing Committee (if any) and contribution made to the work of the Professional Unit over the year <i>For example, Chair, Information Coordinator, Project Leader</i>	Comments on position <i>For example, resigned, co-opted to fill a casual vacancy, etc.</i>
1. Ana Maria Talavera Ibarra	Chair (Since January 2018), before Secretary (August 2017-December 2017)	Appointed as Chair, due to Chair illness, worked as Secretary from August to December 2017. In charge to supervise all LAC activities, particularly Mid Term and WLIC Open Session, and the Action Plan for 2017-2019. Member of the Internship project.
2. Alejandra Vélez Martin	Secretary appointed since April 2018, ratified at WLIC in Kuala Lumpur, August 2018	Fill the position of the interim Secretary, Belen Martínez. Began as Secretary in May 2018. Co-organizer of online Webinars and Mid Term
3. Jorge Kroll do Prado	Information Officer	Continues as Information Officer since 2015. In charge of the

		LAC webpages, also other social network means of communication for IFLA LAC (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
4. Belén Martínez González	Member	Organizer and directly involved in the Project of Internships for the LAC region. Acting Secretary from January to April 2018.
5. Jesús Lau	Member	Support as Advisor for the Mid Term and the Open Session. Continues updating of the LAC Directory of Library Associations.
6. Karla Rodríguez Salas	Member	Updating of the LAC LIS Schools directory.
7. Amada Marcos	Member	Collaboration in the Project of Internships in the LAC region, contact with potential Financial supporters for the Project.
8. Luciana Grings	Member	Continues collecting information for the Project of LAC Legislation in LIS areas. Review possibilities for hosting.
9. Sueli Ferreira	Past-Chair, now Chair of Division V	Support in LAC SC decisions, relationships with all regions of Division V. Organized a joint Division V Satellite in 2019, in Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt.
10. Sonia Amaya León	Member	Provide technical assistance for all Webinars and Virtual sessions, selecting dates, Zoom schedule, contents, etc.
11. Ricardo Crisafulli Rodrigues	Member	Organizer and link with the IBICT as host and sponsor of the Mid Term 2019 in Brasilia, 11-14 March 2019
12. Miguel Vicedo	Member	Support LAC Projects, active in providing SDG examples on the Goal 16
13. Luis Pestarini	Member	Support to the SC activities. In charge of collecting information on the SDG 16 and how LAC libraries contribute to it. Review of the stories, still working on that.
14. Marisela Castro Moreno	Member	Support to the SC activities. Collaboration in collecting information for the Internship Project
15. Georgina Torres	Member	Search funding for publishing an e-book with the stories of the SDG 16, Goal 16
16. Elmelinda Lara	Member	Liaison with the Central America region. Do not participate actively due to illness.

17. Adriana Betancur Betancur	Member, License	Do not participate actively due to illness, asked for a License.
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Names of any other reporting persons	Role <i>For example, Corresponding Members</i>	Comments on position <i>For example, resigned, co-opted to fill a casual vacancy, etc.</i>
1. Juanita Jara de Súmar	Corresponding Member	Translation of different documents, Translation of Global Vision reports. Link with the CPDWL Section
2. Carmen Castrillón	Corresponding Member	Co organizer of the Webinars. Collaboration in collecting information for the Internship Project
3. María Angélica Fuentes	Corresponding Member	Co organizer Division V Satellite and Global Vision meetings in Chile. Collaboration in collecting information for the Internship Project. Now new Chair of the Section.
4. Jonathan Pleitez	Corresponding Member	Actively participate in the organizations of Webinars, supporting the contents and technical issues. Now new member and Information Officer, continue supporting the Webinars.
5. Claudiane Weber	Corresponding Member	Support SC Activities. Helping on Internship project. Now new member in CPDWL section.

Professional Unit meetings or conference calls

Please show how the Standing Committee has conducted its business over the year.

Date <i>When the meeting was held</i>	Location or type of meeting <i>Physical or virtual meeting (telephone, skype etc)</i>	Main outcomes <i>Briefly summarise the main outcomes of the meeting and how these were communicated to the membership of the Professional Unit</i>
1. WLIC 2018 – SC Meetings, 26 th and 29 th August 2018.	In person, Kuala Lumpur. SC attendants: 6	All members involved in the setting of the Agenda, and then in the development of the Strategic Plan for 2018-2019. The Chair and Secretary were ratified and officially appointed.

2. Mid Term – 13-14 March 2019	In person, Brasilia. SC attendants: 16	SC meetings and Seminar on the topic of changes in libraries and the librarian profession.
3. WLIC 2019 – 25 th and 28 th August, 2019	In person and online via Zoom: SC attendants: 8, online 5 SC members.	Work performed during August 2018-August 2019. New members appointed (9 new), new officers appointed: Chair: Angélica Fuentes, Secretary: Alejandra Vélez, Information Officer: Jonathan Pleitez.
4. SC regular sessions 2018-2019	8 virtual, every two months (or less)	Decisions on programs and projects, state the working groups for each of the actions on the Action Plan, and particularly setting the agenda and topics for the MidTerm and Open Sessions.

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Chair 2018-2019
Lima, October 30th 2019

Please return this form to the Division Chair and Professional Support Officer (professionalsupport@ifla.org) no later than 31 October 2019.

Please also make a summary of this form available to the IFLA Members registered with the Professional Unit, removing any sensitive information such as risks, individuals' contributions, etc.

(Officers can obtain a list of their IFLA Members from membership@ifla.org).

When making the Annual Report public, please remove any information you think should not be shared. A web page template has been shared with Information Coordinators which you might use for this purpose: <https://codex.ifla.org/node/12489> [access with Codex log-in].