

FLA Latin America and the Caribbean Section

Annual Report 2014



March 2013 to March 2014

Activities

Members: The LAC Section currently counts 20 standing committee members and 1 corresponding member. The following nations are represented: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.

Members of the LAC SC for 2013-2015:

Victor Aguirre Negro (Uruguay)

Silvia Cecilia Anselmi (Argentina)

Margarita Bellas Vilariño (Cuba)

Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt (Brazil)

Octavio Castillo Sánchez (Panama)

Marisela Castro Moreno (Mexico)

Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira (Brasil)

Olinda Estela Gómez Moran (El Salvador)

Elmelinda Lara (Trinidad and Tobago)

Jesús Lau (Mexico)

Bárbara Lazo Rodríguez (Cuba)

Hortensia Lobato Reyes (Mexico)

Amada Marcos Blásquez (Spain)

Alejandra Martínez del Prado (Mexico)

Belén Martínez González (Spain)

Silvia Prada Forero (Colombia)

Emilce Noemi Sera Correa (Paraguay)

Ruth Helena Vallejo (Colombia)

Nancy Vanegas Cuevas (Colombia)

Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil)

Karla Rodríguez Salas (Costa Rica) Corresponding member

Jaime Ríos Ortega (Mexico) Ex-officio member

Four members completed their terms 2009-2013 on the Standing Committee in Singapore: Araceli García Martín, Ana María Peruchena, Doris Samanez Alzamora and Felipe Filiberto Martínez Arellano. We thank them for their work and support.

In 2013 elections were held: Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil) served as President and Silvia Cecilia Anselmi (Argentina) served as Secretary and Information Coordinator /Web editor. Both were re-elected for a second term on their posts.

Under the theme "Our Digital Futures", the 2013 Presidential Meeting will be celebrated in Mexico City on March 6 and 7. This conference will have prominent and inspiring speakers to address current issues on access to information for libraries concerning access for research and education, access to enhance reading, access for the cultural memory, and copyright exceptions and limitations for libraries and archives to benefit access. Participants will also contribute to the development of the IFLA Trend Report on access to digital information in the global digital environment and information society in which libraries will operate over the next five years, to be launched at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Singapore 17 - 23 August, 2013. This Conference is organized and sponsored by the IFLA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean and the LAC Section; the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) through the Humanities Research Coordination, the Library Science and Information Research Institute and the General Direction for Libraries; the Mexican Librarians Association (AMBAC), and the National College of Graduate Librarians (CNB).

By request of IFLA Headquarters IFLA LAC prepared a report about copyright and limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives in each country of the LAC region. A compilation was sent and used by the IFLA Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters (CLM)

IFLA LAC supported the International Workshop on Acquisition & Collection Development related topics, in Tijuana and Ensenada, Mexico, June 19-21, 2013 organized by the IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Section.

The Brazilian Federation of Librarians, Scientists of the Information and Institutions - FEBAB, and the Santa Catarina State Association of Librarians - ACB, entity member of FEBAB, had just performed from July 7 to 10 in the city of Florianopolis, in the south of Brazil, the XXV Brazilian Congress of Librarianship, Documentation and Information Science. The general subject of the Congress was "Libraries, Information and Users: Approach of Transformation for Librarianship and Information Science".

One of the highlights of the event was the presence of Mrs. Ingrid Parent, President of IFLA, participating in the Workshop of Advocacy performed for the leaderships of the associative movement in Brazil and delivering the Keynote in the congress opening in the night of July 7.

BSLA Training: The workshop was delivered by our colleague Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho (former Manager of IFLA Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean) on July 7, using the methodology of the program "Building Strong Library Associations" focusing in the question of the communication and leadership. During the workshop, there was the participation of Ingrid Parent that kindly answered to the numerous questions of the participants. It was a special moment that motivated a lot the participants and certainly will contribute for the strengthening of the representative entities of class in Brazil.

Latin America and the Caribbean activities at IFLA World Library and Information Congress: 79th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, 17-23 August 2013, Singapore: LAC Section participated in the following sessions: Caucus: Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean; Caucus Portuguese Speaking Participants; Caucus Spanish Speaking Participants; Division V Leadership Brief; Latin America and the Caribbean Standing Committee I (18 August 2013 13:45 - 15:45); Latin America and the Caribbean Standing Committee II (20 August 2013 08:00 - 09:30)

Our Open Session was dedicated to "Building the future in Latin America and the Caribbean: local priorities and global opportunities / Construyendo el futuro en América Latina y el Caribe: prioridades locales y oportunidades globales" on August 22 with speakers from USA, Chile, Mexico and Brazil:

- Collaboration in support of library training. Lesley Farmer (California State University Long Beach, Los Alamitos, USA)
- Evaluación de Impacto Contenidos para la Inclusión digital en comunidades locales - Programa BiblioRedes. Pablo Andrade Blanco (Dirección de Bibliotecas, Archivos y Museos. Sistema Nacional de Bibliotecas Públicas, Santiago de Chile, Chile)

•Retos y oportunidades en América Latina y el Caribe / Challenges and opportunities in Latin America and the Caribbean. Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira (Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brasil) and Jesús Lau (Universidad Veracruzana, Veracruz, México)

Papers are available on the [IFLA Library](#).

During the Closing Session at IFLA WLIC 2013 Singapore on 22 August, IFLA President Ingrid Parent and IFLA Professional Committee Chair Ann Okerson conferred the award "IFLA Communicator of the Year 2013" to Silvia Cecilia Anselmi, Secretary and Information Coordinator of Latin America and the Caribbean Section.

Satellite meeting 2014: A proposal was successful submitted to host a satellite meeting at the IFLA WLIC 2014 Lyon. Musée archéologique départemental de Saint Romain en Gal-Vienne has agreed to host the satellite meeting at its institution on August 14. This event will be a very successful initiative from LAC Section because will be the first satellite meeting organized outside LAC region. This meeting will be dedicated to "Bibliotecas fuertes para una sociedad fuerte en América Latina y el Caribe - Strong libraries, Strong societies in Latin America and the Caribbean - Des bibliothèques fortes pour des sociétés fortes en l'Amérique latine et les Caraïbes".

At IFLA World Library and Information Congress, 80th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, 16-22 August 2014, Lyon, France, Latin America and the Caribbean Section invites interested professionals to participate to submit proposals for the open session entitled: "Knowledge, information and citizens: the social value of libraries / Conocimiento, información y ciudadanía: el valor social de las bibliotecas / Connaissance, information et citoyenneté: la valeur sociale des bibliothèques". 44 proposals were received.

On March 28th, 2014, FEBAB and the University of São Paulo (Information Science Department of the Faculty of Philosophy, Sciences and Letters of Ribeirão Preto and supported by the Integrated Library System) commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Latin American and Caribbean Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions - IFLA / LAC , with the seminar "Tradition and Innovation Cooperation : New Frontiers of access" which aims to discuss recent trends in management, availability, quality and use of information on investigations carried out in the area of Science, seeking to bring together researchers, managers of educational and research institutions, representatives of funding agencies, evaluators, librarians, ICT specialists and decision makers in different areas.

Two other events was take place in São Paulo, Brazil, in the week preceding the said seminar, they are: - Workshop "Strengthening Library Associations" attending to BSLA Program (Building Strong Library Associations) coordinated by IFLA sponsored by the Melinda Gates Foundation and oriented to managers, class library institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean. It was from March 24th to 27th with Library Associations chairs from: Bolivia, Brazil, El Salvador, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Paraguay and Uruguay.

IFLA LAC midterm SC meeting, from March 26 to 27. We planned, evaluated and gave continuity to the actions proposed by the IFLA LAC Section for and prepare the agenda of the next SC meeting of the section and the Open Section concerning Latin America and the Caribbean at IFLA Conference, both taking place next August. Also SC has prepared and accepted a new action plan for 2014-2015. A Publications work group was created.

Workshops "Libraries in the digital world", as part of the workshop program of application of digital tools for the development of library services, which have already been made successful experiences in Peru, Colombia, Mexico and Guatemala during 2013. Organized by The Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports of Spain, through the General Library Coordination convened in collaboration with IFLA LAC. A new edition will be held from 21 to 25 April 2014 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

IFLA LAC collaborated with translations of IFLA documents into Spanish.

Two issues of the Section Newsletter were published in electronic format (number 62, jan.-jun. 2013 and number 63, jul.-dec. 2013), available at: <http://www.ifla.org/publications/latin-america-and-the-caribbean-section-newsletter>

The LAC Section maintains close contact with other IFLA Sections, Special Activities and Strategic Programmes, to integrate LAC into IFLA and the libraries and information world and libraries associations in the LAC region.

The LAC Section continues to work on social media: <http://www.facebook.com/IFLALAC>; <http://www.twitter.com/iflalac>; <http://www.pinterest.com/iflalac>; and to inform activities of IFLA and IFLA LAC on: <http://www.ifla.org/lac>; <http://blogs.ifla.org/lac> and e-mail lists.

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