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Meeting of the IFLA Standing Committee of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section, April 16 2016 9 am (Panama time)

Participants: Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira, Sigrid Weiss Dutra, Jorge Prado, Sonia Amaya, Jesús Lau, María Angélica Fuentes, Ricardo Rodríguez, Ana María Talavera, Jorge Ruiz, Belén Martínez, Margarita Bellas Vilariño, Bárbara Lazo Rodríguez, Nancy Vanegas, Marisela Castro, Karla Rodríguez Salas, Jaime Ríos Ortega y Luis Pestarini.

Missing members: Hortensia Lobato y Amada Marcos.

Guest: Jaime Ríos

- 1. Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira, Chair of the section, welcomed IFLA LAC members.
- 2. The agenda of the meeting was approved.
- 3. The Chair asked comments abouts the Annual Report 2015, but many members reported that have not read it. The Report can be found in the email sent on April 12 2016 or the link: http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/lac/anualreport2015.pdf.
- 4. The Secretary reported that the Annual Report does not need to be approved by the SC but that suggestions and corrections from the members will be accepted.
- 5. Bárbara Lazo made a proposal on the dissemination of IFLA activities through a bulletin or own news service that should be disseminated throughout the region with the correspondent members. The chair noted that this was not a function of correspondent members since they are engaged in specific actions. In addition, she said that the content of the bulletin basically includes information about Cuba. The chair highlighted the importance of the Ecos newsletter of the IFLA that Barbara has been doing for a long time for her country. Many members agreed with this. But they pointed out that making an Ecos of IFLA for the region is not easy and, in addition, there is already an open list of specific dissemination for that. Jaime Ríos affirmed that it was a

problema to receive little news of the region. That colleagues in the Section do not have training of reporters therefore suggested to hold a workshop on how to make a journalistic note or an interview. The chair indicated that a person is needed to take care of this. So the resulting proposal that could respond to the current need is to have a newsletter containing exclusively IFLA news (which can be taken from the website) and IFLA LAC official events and holdings. She put into consideration a non-public calendar, of interal use of LAC, from where Barbara can take the information about the Section, the members in charge are Jorge and Maria Angelica. In order to finish the topic, it was established that the main objective of the bulletin to be elaborate by Barbara for IFLA LAC will be to increase the main activities of IFLA and of the section LAC, divulging it in the open list of IFLA LAC.

- 6. Jorge Prado developed a brief workshop on news tools for use by the SC team, called "Collaborative Work Tools". He presented the following platforms:
 - -Doodle: it allows meeting schedules to be made. Sets the Schedule automatically according to each time zone. It also allows you to propose different days and times and to vote.
 - -Hangout: is now limited to ten users. Two proposals were made: Skype (25 users but does not allow access from Cuba) and Lice (voice only). The use of Skype will be maintained, proposing that the participants of Cuba accompany by mail.
 - -Google Drive: to share and write documents together. An IFLA LAC folder is already created where all members can upload or download common documents. Jaime Ríos proposes a trial period and set a date with a concrete document to work. It is agreed to continue with the simple and then work at home. There is no administrator on this platform.
 - -Wet transfer. It is a very simple file transfer platform. Stores files only for one week.
 - Whatsapp, where a group was formed with members of the SC. Jorge asks everyone to send their cell pone number to join the group.
 - -Calendar (Calendar.google.com). Its the Gmail calendar. With this application, Jorge and Maria Angelica are creating the Section agenda but, for their use, all members have to send their email addresses to Jorge.
- 7. Next projects from IFLA LAC Action Plan

- Chair talked about the Open Session at WLIC 2016 (August, 16). The event will have 3 hours and will have the participation of assistants from all the countries that are participating in the Project of Copyright coordinated by IFLA LAC. The Session will be open with a conference of Gloria Pérez-Salmerón, following by María Cotera. Then will have the expositions of represetants of the countries. For papers, authors are asked to use the PechaKucha technique, according to which each exponent will have seven minutes to present the results of the study of copyright in their country.
- Financial report: IFLA always allocates €5.000 for Division V sections to cover accomodation and food expenses during the midterm meeting. The chair indicated that the expenses of lodging of the members of the SC for this meeting midterm of Panama were assumed by the Project of the BSLA. Only the expenses of the cuban members invited to participated by the BSLA of Panama were paid by the Section (US\$2,000). The chair proposed that leftlovers be added to what is available for the Open Section LAC at WLIC 2016 and be distributed with an autor from each national association who will present their results of the integrated copyright Project as a way to motivate and guarantee more presence. The support must respect the rules established by IFLA, therefore authors who are also members of the SC, or those who receive support, either from their institution or from any other, will not receive support. In addition, reported that this year support for current expenses such as photocopies or prints, fell to €100. Finalizing the financial report, the chair reported that the midterm meetings of LAC and MLAS, plus the BSLA workshop in two groups (English and Spanish), had a total cost of US\$40,000 and €29,000.
- -Jesús Lau and Belén Martínez spoke about the Satellite Meeting. More tan twenty papers were received, of which ten were selected. While the meeting is on August 11, it is necessary to stay the day before in Columbus. They talked about the proposal to have a registration fee as a US\$40 until June 30 and then US\$45 (including lunch). The cost of the taxi transfer to the OCLC Headquarters is a round US\$30. The program includes a tour and a master lectura by a researcher from the institution. The final program should be available by mid-May. The deadline for submittin posters (15 days for the abstract, another 15 days for the final proposal) was extended and several

SC members undertook to submit proposals. Belén Martínez explained that Amada Marcos informed him that she was processing grant of €1,500 to support the satellite meeting, but that it would require a legal entity to receive the grant. The Chair is verifying that possibility with IFLA HQ directly. With this support, a proposal may be to hire a bus to transfer attendees to the preconference. Members who are going to attend WLIC 2016 are advised not to delay hotel reservations because there is not much availability in the city of Columbus.

- Satellite Meeting 2017: Jesús Lau informed that there is a concrete possibility of doing it in Romania. The proposed theme: Libraries in the Agenda 2030. It was proposed that the satellite meeting last two days. An objection was raised about the distance to be traveled between Breslau and the outskirts of Bucharest, where the satellite meeting would take place, but the Chair indicated that on IFLA's policies is to carry out activities in different countries and satellite meetings less tan two hours of flight. Jesús Lau read an email of the eventual responsable of the organization of the event. There are no other proposals. It was decided to move forward with this proposal unless an overcomer appears.
- **Open Session 2017.** The Chair asked for proposals on topics within the framework of the WLIC agenda. Member's suggestions are expected at the next face-to-face meeting in Columbus.
- Satellite Meeting 2017. Two proposals were presented for the 2017 Midterm Meeting. Elmelinda Lara noted that it could be done in Trinidad and Tobago, that the University of Trinidad and Tobago had a small hotel and a conference center, and that the library could also be used for twenty people, but that it was necessary to get sponsorship. As for transportation, there are flights from Miami and Panama. María Angelica Fuentes informed that the Library of Congress of Chile was offered to organize the meeting. In addition, it would count on the collaboration of the National Library and the college of librarians, assuming the transfers and other logistics, and arranging rooms for the events. As part of discussion, it was proposed that a policy of the Section could be that one year at meeting be held in a country of the South or Spanish speaking and the following year in an English speaking, North or Caribbean country. The proposal of Chile was voted on

and obtained a large majority, and it was decided to consider the possibility of holding the 2018 midterm meeting in Trinidad and Tobago. The date for the 2017 meeting will be coordinating through e-mail.

Action plan 2015-2016: The Chair opened a space for members to comment on their activities regarding the Section's Action Plan. During the discussion the Chair was absent for time for an activity to promote the activities carried out in Panama. Sigrid Weiss proposed that the program "Blue Shield" continue within the pattern of the section. The recent earthquake case in Ecuador was mentioned. Belén Martínez pointed out that the projects prior to the Cape Town meeting were left out of the action plan, that it is unclear how the actions prior to that meeting would fit into the current action plan. It is proposed that the previous activities be inserted into the current action plan, suggesting that those who carry out these activities suggest within which point of the Action Plan they could be contemplated. It is proposed to do this within two weeks.

8. The Secretary calls an intemediate room until 2 pm.

2 pm. Opening of the Afternoon Meeting

As proposed on the agenda and approved by the members, the afternoon part of the meeting of SC of ILA LAC was with the active participation of associations and colleges of librarians from Latin America and the Caribbean, invited to participate in the BSLA in Panama, to know: Marsha Mayor (Bahamas), Dorcas Bowler (Bahamas), Tranquille Taina (Haití), Luc Steve Honoré (Haití), Ion Cacho (Belice), Lilian Maura (Perú), Selwyn Rodulfo (Trinidad y Tobago), Juliet Glen-Callender (Trinidad y Tobago), Dwaimian Brissette (Jamaica), Ingrid Bon (Holanda), Ana Sanllorenti (Argentina), María Ángela Romero (El Salvador), Claudiane Weber (Brasil), Adriana Ferrari (Brasil), José Pablo Eduarte-Salazar (Costa Rica), Jeffrey Roberto Zúñiga (Costa Rica), Adriana Betancourt (Colombia), Sonia Mayer (El Salvador), Miguel Viciedo Valdés (Cuba), Gustavo von Bischoffhausen (Perú), Damaris Tejedor (Panamá), Guadalupe Riviera (Panamá), Eliácer Delcid (Panamá), Viviana García Corrales (Chile), Gabriela Pradenas (Chile), Gabriela Francese (Uruguay), Glenford Barrera (Belice), Marisol Goyeneche (Colombia), Saúl Armendariz (México), Antonio Román (Argentina), Claudia Patricia Cuevas (Chile), David Ramírez Ordoñez (Colombia) Lovania Garmendia-Bonilla (Costa Rica), Minerva Castro (México), Viviene Kerr-Williams (Jamaica), Jonathan Ernesto Menjivar Pleitez (El Salvador) y Jollette Russell (Jamaica).

In addition to the members of the associations, the representatives of IFLA Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, Gerald Leitner and Loida García-Febo.

The chair welcomed the non-members of the Standing Committee. In addition to the members of the Committee, the meeting will be atended by the participants of the Workshop on advocacy to be held on April 21 and 22, all members of the region's library associations.

IFLA LAC Features, Activities and Action Plan

- 1. The Chair made a presentation of the Standing Committee of IFLA LAC, proceeded to describe who are members in the region, how they are elected, what their mandate is, what and who are co-responsible members (for specific projects). She then introduced the members of the SC and their functions within the committee and activities it carries out.
- 2. Proceeded to review the communication channels of the section on the IFLA website, blog, Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, mailing list, Facebook thematic on digital preservation and copyright.
- 3. Described activities (virtual meetings every 2 months), midterm meeting and WLIC.
- 4. IFLA President-elect Glòria Pérez-Salmerón and the new general secretary Gerald Leitner.
- 5. The Chair described the next Open Section in WLIC 2016 on library copyright limitations and exceptions, and the satellite meeting in OCLC, prior to WLIC.
- 6. Detailed public events (scientific seminar, collaborative seminars, conferences in region), online and virtual training activities, construction of working tools (associations directory) and publications (action plan, activity report, minutes of meetings, videos of digital preservation), offering the contact details below.
- Loida García-Febo commented on the webinars produced by IFLA LAC in collaboration with two groups of IFLA (Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning – CPDWL – and the Special Interest

- Group of New Professionals) describing and informing them that they are available in YouTube (Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaBb9eX-9cfLgdwt.smGoZQ).
- 8. Jorge Ruiz and Ricardo Crisafulli Rodríguez, members of the Recruitment Team for the IFLA LAC Section, presented on a flyer to spread the benefits of being part of IFLA. The Chair commented on the scarce and declining membership in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 9. The Chair commented on the integrated draft on copyright. An open section will be made at WLIC 2016 on copyright in Latin America. Sonia Amaya and Margarita Bellas (Organizing Team of the LAC Section at WLIC) discussed the open section and the subject of copyright. The conditions and deadlines were discussed (after the submission of proposals) and presented the technique called PecaKucha (20 slides and 7 minutes of presentation) to be followed by the authors to present their work in the LAC Section of WLIC 2016.
- 10. Gerald Leitner, IFLA General Secretary, took the floor to comment briefly on WLIC 2016 and express its good wishes.
- 11. Jesús Lau, who together with Belén Martínez, are part of the Satellite Meetings Organization Team, developed the characteristics of the satellite event, reiterating to the attendees that they were not in the morning about the characteristics of the event. There are 10 papers and 14 posters. He reiterated the reopening of the deadlines.
- 12. Jesús Lau spoke about the development of a regional directory of associations. It will be divided into three parts, a basic level with the mínimum data, the second with an extensión of the data, and the third with very detailed information. The data can be filed in the wiki base and if not sent in Word format. He proposed a period of 3 months to complete the data by country.
- 13. Loida García-Febo announced that during WLIC 2016 the Reforma institution will offer a reception to the attendees of the LAC Section, after the end of the Open Section of the LAC.
- 14. The president-elect, Glòria Pérez-Salmerón conveyed the greeting of the President, Donna Scheeder, and his. He noted the importance of the IFLA's objectives being aligned with those of IFLA. He reflected on the role of the

- Regional Office. She invited everyone to participate in the Open Section of the president-elect during WLIC 2016.
- 15. The Chair reported that copies of the Section's Action Plan 2015-2017 were distributed, in accordance with key IFLA iniatiatives, with the respective projects. She invited the participants to read the Action Plan and to see the projects in which they could participate. The other document that was submitted is the Annual Report 2015, which reports activities in progress.

Participation of representatives of associations present

From the presentations of the Standing Committee of IFLA LAC, it was proposed that each association present use the microphone to answer these two questions:

- What are suggestions for increased participation of LAC representatives in IFLA and WLIC?
- What would you like the IFLA LAC Section to offer to your association?
- 1. Marisol Goyeneche (Colombia) stated that, in reponse to the first question, his Association ASCOLBI (Colombian Association of Library Sciences) joined forces with Unired, trying to have support from different providers and sponsors to offer scholarships to professionals in their country to participate in the WLIC 2016. So far, they got contributions for six people. It was a successfull initiative and can share the methodology with other stakeholders. Another program they are developing is the search for sponsorship for a colleague from a Nordic country to facilitate the participation of a Latin American in the national congress of our region. For the second question, ASCOLBI hopes that IFLA LAC will help them to strengthen the librarians in their country so that they can truly feel like agents of change, such as the sustainable objectives and the development plans that IFLA LAC supports in these matters. He also made a suggestion that, at national events, they have some IFLA or IFLA LAC person present so that the participants see that the national associations are part of an international community.
- 2. Miguel Viciedo Valdés (Cuba) pointed out that a problema to participate in IFLA is the payment of the membership. Of six organizations that were IFLA members two years ago, there were four. Perhaps together with IFLA LAC

- you can make some suggestions to IFLA to take into account the reality of Latin America. Regarding the second question, he said that it would strengthen the relationship with IFLA LAC that a member could participate in the scientific event that the association performs at the Cuban Book Fair anually in February.
- 3. Ana Sanllorenti (Argentina) said that it would be a good idea if IFLA and IFLA LAC were present at all the anual meetings of librarians in Argentina, or in a specific area of the profession. This could be done through short video explaining what IFLA and IFLA LAC are. But that would be much more relevant if there were the presence of a SC member in the national meetings.
- 4. The Chair made some considerations, praising the work in Colombia. She considered that all SC members could act as representatives in national and regional activities. She also considered the issue of payment of membership important, perhaps some form of facilitating it may be sought for countries in special situations. The idea of the videos was welcomed and will try to do so.
- 5. Antonio Román (Argentina) pointed out that the Civil Association of Legal Librarians considers visibility very important. He believes that IFLA LAC can offer support to build a network of legal libraries.
- 6. Saúl Armendariz (México) indicated that Latin America has an economic crisis that prevents its librarians from attending events. The concern is the personal quota considered very high for Mexicans. To attend IFLA events you can create cooperative projects such as what we are doing about copyright, with real results to open the door to institutions. If you want more associations in IFLA, the annual membership of 480 euros is very high. On the first question, he suggested creating group work projects, with tangible results, and on question 2, to create projects that last longer, not just one or two months. No maintenance and continuity of projects. Finally, he proposed to hold an intermediate meeting in Mexico, probably within the scope of the annual meeting promote by his Association.
- 7. A representative of Costa Rica noted that the members of the board of directors of his institution refused to pay the membership fee because they did not know that IFLA is doing. He said participating in a WLIC is too

- expensive. Greater motivation and visibility is needed. Support for profesional development. Online courses. Regional collaboration. Claim a greater and more direct link. He also shared the idea of colleagues that having IFLA and IFLA LAC members in their meetings can help even more. He even commented on the possibility of partnerships joining to bring IFLA people sharing expenses.
- 8. A representative of Jamaica said that partnerships needed support because they could not afford to attend international meetings. They do not have financial support. They will try to adapt IFLA tools in advocacy. They will have a conference at the beginning of next year and would like to lead the IFLA president but need a sponsorship. Nor do they have to invite speakers. Can you ask IFLA for this type of contribution? They need more collaboration from IFLA LAC, legal guides, they can not pay legal services. Since he arrived in Panama he has learned a lot about advocacy and will adapt some strategies but he needs an international voice to back it up.
- 9. The Chair reflected that one of the results sought is that they have projects with concrete results, in collaboration with IFLALAC. They can be done nationally but also locally. That is why we are working on key initiatives and the IFLA Action Plan. The idea of holding midterm meetings at an annual congress would be very interesting. Midterm meetings are held in February or March.
- 10. The president-elect explained that IFLA is an absolutely inclusive institution, sharing all its material and trying to observe the needs of all. She recalled a proposal that had already been made before: a LAC association could request, through the MLAS Section, that another Association from a developed country sponsor it. In other words, pay them for one or two years their IFLA membership fee. But for that you have to demonstrate why you want to be a member, in which projects you would be interested in participating.
- 11. A representative of the Panamanian Association of Librarians stated that she agreed in many respects with the previous positions. He said that there is a lack of IFLA promotion and suggested a video explaining what they have learned in these meetings. As an institution, its priority now is to obtain legal status; Without that, she can not be a partner. They coincide

- with the issue of quotas for associations, mentioned by colleagues. On the second question, he suggested that there should be more support for national and regional research. That there are professionals who can serve as tutors for students.
- 12. Luc Steve Honoré (Haiti) indicated that he belongs to an association that wishes to expand his professional knowledge. At the national level they can organize their assembly. They have many themes to expose, and stated that they feel a great passion for what they do. They are embedded in the diversity of our specialty and want to present three aspects: time, governance and action itself.
- 13. Adriana Ferrari (Brazil) pointed out that her case was a bit different because they are a federation of fifteen national associations. In order to expand the participation of librarians, in Brazil they work in internal advocacy to raise awareness not only of professionals but also of teachers, researchers and students. They need to expand the number of documents in Portuguese, but can not expand participation. Another problem is the expenses. It is necessary to look for a form of collaboration that IFLA or that look for a different model of congress. Regarding question 2, he suggested gathering information on investments made by Latin American countries, creating an IFLALAC talent pool to exchange experiences and generating a document to improve dialogue with universities, including the proposal to change School curricula, including more current topics such as advocacy and copyright.
- 14. María Ángela Romero (El Salvador) affirmed that this experience of rapprochement should be continued, with quotas according to the economic development of each country. Also know what IFLA does in figures. He also suggested that IFLA greetings be made virtually in the week of the librarian and that they guide the curricula to be updated.
- 15. Lilian Maura (Peru) pointed out that the Peruvian Librarians' Association has always pointed out that IFLA has an important role in Peru and Peru, carrying out advocacy activities on a sustained basis. They have maintained continuity, particularly in the last six years, in the development of the projects of the College, independent of the new members of the Directing Council. With that, they created four chapters (or sections) within the

College, to act more vertically on specific topics, such as the Chapter of School Libraries, the Chapter of Public Libraries, Health Sciences. IFLA could collaborate a lot with the College by offering names of outstanding people from the international librarian world who could assist in the specific chapters. Another contribution that IFLA can offer is the support for the development of projects such as the BSLA. With all that activity, we also started to work on producing two books telling about experience and the results of our projects. Bibliographic production can be a contribution to IFLA.

- 16. The Chair reflected that IFLALAC could compile information on the difficulty of payments, cease payments and send them to IFLA to be informed. Ana Talavera commented that Peru was delayed three or four years but paid a month in WLIC and considered it as a re-registration. The costs of Congress are high but not those of membership. They are 15 or 20 euros per month.
- 17. Glòria Pérez-Salmerón pointed out that without knowledge of what happens, decisions can not be made. If a massive report is received asking for the quota reduction, the answer will be no, but if it is a specific situation you can study. The second issue: there is a lack of knowledge because the bands of values were revised. There are associations that pay 50 euros per year. For example, a library system can pay as one library and not several. Its proposal is that the Associations analyze in more depth the diverse possibilities of membership available.
- 18. A representative of Belize reported that he was rebuilding the library association. He thanked all the experience received and considered it a great contribution to raise the association. They will create a database with different libraries and files. They have to talk to the government to see the copyright situation. Reported that in Belize there is no career, it is learned empirically, there is no professional title. It would be very useful if IFLALAC could collaborate to certify these staff. You have learned a lot from the seminar and will provide a great report when you get home.
- 19. Selwyn Rodulfo (Trinidad and Tobago) thanked the invitation. He expressed his desire to have a more active work and indicated that it is necessary to work together with the small English-speaking communities of

- the Caribbean and proposed an annual meeting with the presence of IFLALAC even if it is virtual. They have the project to digitize local archives and are preparing a project to request funds, for which they would like the assistance of IFLALAC. They are interested in addressing issues of advocacy and the social role of the librarian, not only in relation to libraries but also to society in general.
- 20. Dorcas Bowler (Bahamas) reported that they are in the process of restructuring the library system. He wonders if it is possible to link with the congress in a virtual way. They are interested in restoration and awareness workshops in the old books, and in a program of disaster planning or risk situations as we are in the hurricane belt. They want to preserve their cultural heritage. If you could digitize the rare books would be something extraordinary.
- 21. Gabriela Francese (Chile) concurred with many of her colleagues' statements. For the first question he indicated that the bank charge for the transfer made the membership fee much more expensive and that he wanted to see more documents translated into Spanish. The second question suggested that IFLALAC approach in person or through a video to national activities. He requested more scholarships and more promotion of the IFLA website.
- 22. Viviana García Corrales (Chile) requested that the conference agenda be on the IFLALAC website. He suggested doing a survey of the real partners and evaluating how much IFLA is paid to get some kind of benefit.
- 23. Gabriela Francese Ianes (Uruguay) highlighted the richness of the IFLA website and invited the audience to consult it. He also reported that the expenses of associations were studied to determine the costs of membership.
- 24. The chair informed that the presentations would be available in PDF format in Google Drive. He also commented that the SC agreed to make a calendar in Google Calendar and may open for public information. He asked for special thanks to IFLA for the opportunity to bring representatives from so many countries to Panama. (applause).
- 25. Jesus Lau reminded Danielle Miccio and indicated that the WLIC 2016 satellite event will bear her name and a brief tribute will be made to her.

- 26. Ana Talavera noted the importance of the Blue Shield program for disaster situations and linked it with the recent earthquake in Ecuador.
- 27. Ricardo Crisafulli asked those present to submit country-specific suggestions on how to disseminate the activities of IFLALAC.
- 28. Glòria Pérez-Salmerón recalled that at the WLIC there is a meeting of the Hispanic caucus, inviting them to participate. He also commented that if someone is applying for a position at IFLA, we have to advocate between us to help her be elected.
- 29. The Chair thanked the attendees for their participation and indicated that the members of the associations will continue with a workshop at the National Library on 21 and 22 April.

The guests are withdrawn and the meeting of the Standing Committee continues, with the detailed participation at the beginning of this act.

- The Chair made some reflections on the participation of the representatives
 of the associations and the coincident claims regarding the greater presence
 of IFLA and IFLALAC and the cost of the memberships indicated by the
 representatives of the countries.
- 2. Bárbara Lazo noted that it was necessary to strengthen the translations to avoid the language barrier. The chair indicated that two groups were formed within the Committee to deal with these issues. One is the Content Selection Team of Interest LAC at the IFLA Site, whose proposal is exactly to identify the materials published in IFLA and that we must give greater visibility in our blog because they are topics of interest of our region. And the second is the Translation Support Team, which should aim to identify important materials that are NOT in Spanish and attempt translation with the Regional Office and volunteers.
- 3. Bárbara Lazo also pointed out that countries without representation in the SC have much less information on the activities of IFLALAC. The chair indicated that each SC member had tasks already assigned in our Action Plan and that behind each action there should be a working strategy.
- 4. The chair stated that it was expected for this meeting in Panama that each member would stop to analyze the Section's Action Plan and present its proposed project work. He explained that the presentation of the Section's

Action Plan for 2015-2017 is done on the basis of IFLA guidelines, all projects and issues that were under discussion before the implementation of this Action Plan in the Section continue Being relevant and possible. But these have to be viewed from the perspective of their impact and contribution to IFLA guidelines. He pointed out that it is necessary to find a way to measure the impact of the actions of each member and of the Section in particular.

- 5. Training activities, such as the webinars we did last year in collaboration with Loida or Bethlehem, can and should continue, but for that a member has to take on the task. In the past the chair was in charge of many of these trainings, but now can not assume this task and another member must do so. He commented that there are more training claims and that IFLALAC does recently in this line on the part of some professionals of the region, even as some guests pointed out in the previous meeting. Belén Martínez confirmed that situation, but explained that for this year, the Ministry of Education and Sports, which has always supported us, changed the working rules. He affirmed that the training now has to be done online, will not approve more face-to-face training. Therefore, if we want to continue doing projects with them, we have to look for a distance education platform.
- 6. Jorge Ruiz indicated that the ALP program has videos available on IFLA that could be disseminated. The chair commented that the materials have to be in Spanish and that they should also refer to IFLALAC, so it would be best if we could publish a video, but it is complex to do. Belén Martínez said that he could offer teachers for the contents but not the structure to realize them.
- 7. Jesus Lau stated that priorities should be set, such as the making of a professional video, but it has a high cost. He suggested that, according to the requests of the guests, the LAC Section should consider a proposal to be sent to the associations suggesting that in the national meetings there be a section on IFLA and IFLA LAC.
- 8. The chair asked that at the next virtual meeting, two months later, concrete proposals be made on all these concerns, including with the individual action plan of each Committee member.
- 9. The chair thanked the members of the SC and announced that Jorge will open a proposal in Doodle for the date and time of the next virtual meeting.