



LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN SECTION

Minutes of the IFLA Latin America and the Caribbean Section, Standing Committee Meetings, held in Durban, South Africa, on August 19 and 24, 2007.

1st. Meeting held on August 19, 07, from 13:45 to 15: 45 hrs.

Audience

1.1. Members of the Standing Committee and the Regional Office

María Isabel Cabral da Franca (Brazil, Chair), Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano (Mexico, Secretary), Elizabet M. Ramos de Carvalho (LAC-RO, Ex-officio), Regina Célia Baptista Belluzzo (Brazil), Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Araceli García Martin (Spain), Joan Vacianna (Jamaica), Marie-Françoise Bernabé (Martinique), Jennifer Joseph (Trinidad and Tobago).

1.2. ALP Program

Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla, ALP Programme Director and Administrative Officer, also attended the meeting.

1.3. Other attendants

Aminta Freschi (Argentina), Alicia Salmerón (Argentina), Silvia Prada Forero (Colombia), Ana Cecilia Torres (Costa Rica), Maria Elena Dorta Duque (Cuba), Bárbara Lazo Rodríguez (Cuba), Yarda Rodríguez Luis (Cuba), Marta Terry (Cuba), María Eugenia Blanco (Chile), Rigoberto Zamora Charuc (Guatemala), Marisela Castro Moreno (Mexico), Helen Ladrón de Guevara (Mexico), Hortensia Lobato Reyes (Mexico), Octavio Castillo Sánchez (Panama), César Castro Aliaga (Peru).

1.4 Members with justified absence

1.4.1. Standing Committee members

Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Mercedes Falconi (Ecuador), Olinda Estela Gomez Moran (El Salvador), Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva (Mexico), Emile Noemi Sena Correa (Paraguay), Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora (Peru), Victor Federico Torres Ortiz (Puerto Rico).

1.4.2. Corresponding members

Ivone Tálamo (Brazil), Adriana Betancur (Colombia), Estela Morales (Mexico), Doris Samanez (Perú), María Elena Zapata (Venezuela).

1.5. Members of the Standing Committee without justified absence

Jeanne dos Reis Passos (Brazil), Victor Aguirre Negro (Uruguay).

2. Opening and approval of the meeting agenda

The Standing Committee Chair, Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca, welcomed those in attendance and submitted the agenda for approval, which was subsequently approved.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee Midterm Meeting, held in San José, Costa Rica, on March, 07.

The Chair submitted for approval the meeting minutes of the Standing Committee mid-term meeting, held in San José, Costa Rica, on March, 2007. The meeting minutes were approved.

4. Members of the Standing Committee

Filiberto Martínez, the Standing Committee Secretary, reported about the members that end up their period and those who form the Standing Committee.

Standing Committee Members (03-07) that end up their period:

Marie-Françoise Bernabé (Martinique), Loly Hernandez d'Elia (Venezuela), Blanca Hodge (St. Maarten), Alice Miranda Arguedas (Costa Rica), Alicia Ocaso Ferreira (Uruguay), Elizabeth Watson (Barbados).

Members (05-09) that continue at the Committee:

Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil), María Isabel Cabral da Franca (Brazil), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Jeane dos Reis Passos (Brazil), Mercedes Falconi (Ecuador), Araceli García Martín (Spain), Filiberto Felipe Martínez-Arellano (Mexico), Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva (Mexico), Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora (Peru).

Members (07-11) that join the Committee:

Regina Célia Baptista Belluzzo (Brazil), Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Olinda Estela Gomez Moran (El Salvador), Joan Vacianna (Jamaica), Emile Noemi Sena Correa (Paraguay), Victor Federico Torres Ortiz (Puerto Rico), Jennifer Joseph (Trinidad and Tobago), Victor Aguirre Negro (Uruguay).

Ex-officio

Elizabet M. Ramos de Carvalho.

Corresponding members

Estela Morales (Mexico), Ivone Tálamo (Brazil), Maria Elena Zapata (Venezuela), Adriana Betancur (Colombia).

4. Reports

4.1. Chair's Report

The Standing Committee Chair, Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca, presented her Annual Report for the period 06-07. She mentioned the close work with ALP throughout diverse

projects, the joint programs with the PAC program and other IFLA Sections such as the Reading Section (International Reading Survey), the Statistics and Evaluation Section (data gathering in the Region), Management of Library Associations Section and the IFLA Regional Office to consolidate and to improve library associations. Her report also included her participation as Division VIII Chair. Some of the most relevant points were: The close work with the FAIFE Committee to promote Public Libraries, School Libraries, and the Internet Manifestos, through workshops held in the Region, pointing out the one celebrated at San José, Costa Rica, on March, 07.

The organization of the Section Open Forums at Seoul, Korea and Durban. The first one under the theme “Information Literacy Dynamics in Latin America and the Caribbean,” and the second one on “Digital libraries development in Latin America and the Caribbean”. Likewise, organization of the Division VII Open Forums on Seoul and Durban, the first of them on information literacy and the second one on ALP programs outcomes.

Likewise, she mentioned the Discussion Group on Library Science Education in Developing Countries approval and the recognition of Chinese and Arabic as IFLA official languages.

5.2. Secretary Report

Filiberto Felipe Martínez, Standing Committee Secretary, reported about the activities during the period 06-07, which were focused on providing support to the Chair for report elaboration, SC meeting agendas and minutes, as well as the communication among SC members. He also mentioned his participation at the workshop organized by FAIFE on “Elaboration of learning materials for the Internet Manifesto,” held on Dubai, from July 23 to 27, 2007.

5.3. Regional Office Manager Report

Elizabeth M. Ramos de Carvalho presented her Activities Report for the period August 06 – August 07. She pointed out the Regional Office works closely to the Section Chair and Secretary, and to the IFLA/LAC SC members. Likewise, she mentioned the Regional Office Manager presence at the IFLA General Conferences, the Standing Committee meetings and at representative activities, letting know the tasks that has been achieved on the Region.

Among the most important issues of her report, it was mentioned:

Participation at the CB meetings of the Division VIII and at the SC meetings of the following IFLA Sections and Core activities: Reading; Management of Library Associations; Information Technology; Libraries Serving Disadvantaged Persons; FAIFE. Meetings with IFLA Regional Managers, Core Activities Chairs, the General Secretary and the Professional Activities Coordinator.

Presentation of a Poster about IFLA/LAC at Seoul (06) and other one at Durban (07).

Participation in many academic events and conferences in the Region as representative of the Regional Office and the IFLA/LAC.

The visit of Claudia Lux, the IFLA President, to the IFLA/LAC Regional Office at Rio de Janeiro on July 10, 07 with the presence of the Rio de Janeiro State Public Library Director and the Rio de Janeiro Public Libraries System Director. Likewise, the Rio de Janeiro Goethe Institute Librarian. Ludmila Mayrink, who is also a SC member, attended the meeting.

Participation at the workshop organized by FAIFE and supported by SIDA about “Learning materials”, in Dubai from July 23 to 27, 2007. The workshop was coordinated by Paul Sturges, FAIFE Chair. Kendra Albright (UK) coordinated the theme “Information Access on HIV/AIDS” and Barbara Jones (USA) the theme “Internet Manifesto Guidelines”.

Maintenance of the Secretariat ordinary activities, such as the file update, the mailing list, correspondence delivering, and address update of the SC/IFLA-LAC members.

The Regional Office continued promoting the Clearinghouse, through the Newsletter, publishing in it news on publications received in order to motivate their use.

Publication of the Library Associations and other Institutions Directory from Latin America and the Caribbean in electronic format at the IFLA website (IFLANET).

Publication of the Newsletters, IFLA/LAC N° 49, December 06 and the No. 50, June 07, submitting them to IFLA/HQ, ALP and to the IFLA/LAC members (in English and Spanish), to IFLA Clearinghouses, and to important institutions of the region

6. Information of interest

The Chair invited the meeting attendants to provide information of interest for the Section and the Region.

Marcia Rosetto mentioned Claudia Lux participation at the XXII Brazilian Congress of Librarianship, Documentation and Information Sciences held on July 8 to 11 at Brasilia. There, Barbara Tillet and Loida García also participated, as well as other librarians from Germany, Spain and the United States.

Simone Bastos announced that she participated in a IFLA meeting celebrated at Washington, where the Digital Libraries Guidelines were presented and discussed.

Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca invited the participants to attend the Section Open Forum, on the theme “Digital Libraries Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,” on August 23 from 8:30 to 10:30. Additionally, she encourage to attend the Division VIII Open Forum, organized joint with IFLA/ALP on the theme “Libraries at the forefront of grassroots development,” the same day from 10:45 to 12:45 hrs. Likewise, she gave gratefulness certificates on behalf of IFLA to SC members that finished their period on 07.

7. Chair and Secretary Election

Standing Committe Chair, Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca, informed that some SC members had sent nominations for Felipe Martínez to hold the SC Chair position and for Ana

María Peruchena to hold the Secretary position. Not having other nominations, it was decided in unanimous way they could hold such positions for the period 07-09.

8. End of the meeting

The meeting was finished at 5: 45 hrs. SC members agreed to continue the remaining points of the agenda at the second SC meeting.

2nd Meeting held on August 25, 07 from 11:00 to 13:50 hrs.

Audience

1.1. Members of the Standing Committee and the Regional Office

Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano (Mexico, Chair), Elizabet M. Ramos de Carvalho (LAC-RO, Ex-officio), María Isabel Cabral da Franca (Brazil), Araceli García Martin (Spain), Joan Vacianna (Jamaica), Jennifer Joseph (Trinidad and Tobago).

1.2. ALP Program

Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla, ALP Programme Director and Administrative Officer, also attended the meeting.

1.3. Others attendants

Ana Cecilia Torres (Costa Rica), Ma. Elena Dorta Duque (Cuba), Marta Terry (Cuba), Pedro Hipola (Spain), Bárbara Flores (Spain), Sinikka Sipita (Finland), Jesús Lau (Mexico), Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo (Mexico), Octavio Castillo Sánchez (Panama), César Castro Aliaga (Peru), Barbara Ford (U.S.A.), Barbara Jones (U.S.A.).

1.4. Members with justified absence

1.4.1. Members of the Standing Committee

Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Regina Célia Baptista Belluzzo (Brazil), Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil), Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Mercedes Falconi (Ecuador), Olinda Estela Gomez Moran (El Salvador), Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva (Mexico), Emile Noemi Sena Correa (Paraguay), Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora (Peru), Victor Federico Torres Ortiz (Puerto Rico).

1.4.2. Corresponding members

Doris Samarez (Bolivia), Ivone Tálamo (Brazil), Adriana Betancur (Colombia), Estela Morales (Mexico), María Elena Zapata (Venezuela).

1.5. Members of the Standing Committee without justified absence

Jeane dos Reis Passos (Brazil), Victor Aguirre Negro (Uruguay).

2. Opening of the meeting

Standing Committee Chair, Felipe Martínez, welcomed those in attendance and asked María Isabel Cabral to be Acting Secretary in this session and to continue with points of the approved agenda at the meeting held on August 19, 2007.

3. Issues of interest

Miguel Ángel Esteban Navarro, President of the Federación Española de Sociedades de Archivística, Biblioteconomía, Documentación y Museística, proposed the celebration of a joint program for the Milan Conference on 09. At Québec, this program would be discussed.

Sinikka Sipilä, the new Chair of the Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS) expressed the intention of this section to work jointly with IFLA/LAC. She mentioned the participation of two members from the Region, Alicia Ocaso Ferreira and Emilce Noemi Sena Correa, as members of the MLAS Standing Committee.

Barbara Jones, from FAIFE Committee, provided information about the Costa Rica Seminar and the other one celebrated on Dubai. She mentioned that programs and materials were elaborated at this last one to support workshops on the Internet Manifesto. Likewise, informed that IFLA/LAC and FAIFE will give two workshops, one in México in November, 07 and other one in Quito, Ecuador, in February, 08.

Elizabeth de Carvalho mentioned the joint work the Section and the Regional Office are doing with FAIFE and with other IFLA sections.

Felipe Martínez pointed out the importance for public libraries of the Mexico workshop, since this will be the starting point to replicate others in various states of that country.

Barbara Ford informed she was elected as member of the Governing Board for the period 07-09 and of her intention to be a communication link between this body and IFLA/LAC. Likewise, she exposed the convenience to search scholarships for attendants from Latin America and the Caribbean to the Quebec Conference.

Ana Cecilia Torres mentioned she will ask the Canada Libraries Association Chair, facilities for lodging of Latin America attendants.

Marta Terry pointed out the need of greater participation in other IFLA Standing Committees.

4. Situation of ALP approved projects and new proposals

The situation of the IFLA/LAC approved projects was reported. They continue developing or have concluded in a satisfactory way.

- Project 363 “*Quechua rural libraries network: an information access service*” (Peru).
The Peru Librarians College will be asked to conclude the project.
- Project 371 “*Latin America and the Caribbean Associations Seminar*” (Argentina).
The final report will be required through Ana María Peruchena.

- Project 373 “*Common base of citizenship knowledge (BCCC) for training youth*” (Brazil).
- Project 377 “*International Conference on Reading in Latin America and the Caribbean*” (Mexico).
Information about participating countries will be required.
- Project 379 “*Internships in public libraries services for Latin American librarians*” (Colombia).
- Project 382 “*Amazon Region Conference for the dissemination and promotion of the Manifestos on School and Public libraries, on the Internet and on the Information Society in action*” (Ecuador).
- Project 383 “*Workshop on elaboration of illustrated books in indigenous languages*” (Venezuela).
- Project 384 “*Central America Seminar on Unesco/IFLA Manifestos and Guidelines for public libraries, school libraries and Internet*” (Costa Rica).
It was successfully celebrated on March 06.
- Project 385 “*International Meeting on Library Services for Indigenous People of Latin America*” (Brazil).
It will be celebrated on March 26 to 28, 08.

Presentation of new projects proposals:

“Third Meeting of National Library Associations in Latin America and the Caribbean” (Colombia).

It was approved, recommending the inclusion of participants from ALA, CILIP, FESABID and IFLA Governing Board.

“Book house for the Santiago de Sucre Community” (Peru).

It was approved, recommending the inclusion of library services for multicultural communities.

“Seminar-workshop on the role of library services in Central America” (Panama).

It was as approved, recommending the revision of the topics that were included in program.

The following projects have to be restructured and grounded, and they must to be sent for their discussion and analysis at the Standing Committee on March, 08.

“Book house in Central America countries” (Honduras).

“International curriculum on librarianship and documentation with information literacy emphasis for Latin America” (Costa Rica).

“Latin American and the Caribbean Seminar on library services for people with visual disabilities in developing countries” (Brazil).

Replication of the Project *“Common base of citizen knowledge (BCCC)”* in another city (Brazil).

“Regional workshop on the public libraries role as complement in the literacy and reading advocacy process” (Cuba).

“International Seminar: Development of Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean: advances and perspectives” (Cuba).

“Internships in technology issues for Latin America and the Caribbean librarians” (México).

It was announced that SIDA will fund projects to be held until December of 09, therefore they could be presented during 08. It is suggested to send them for discussion at the Standing Committee Meeting on March 08.

5. Section Activities for the WLIC 08 on Quebec, Canada.

It was proposed as theme for the Section Open Forum at the IFLA Conference in Québec, Canadá: *“Cultural Identity and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean Libraries”*

6. Standing Committee Mid-term Meeting on 08

The place and dates for the 08 Mid-term Meeting was reiterated. It will be celebrated on March 29 and 30, after the *“International Meeting on library services in Latin America indigenous communities”*, that will take place on March 25 to 28, 08.

7. End of the Meeting

The meeting finished at 13:50 hrs on August 24, 2007.