

Minute of the Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section, held in the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico, August 14-16, 2011

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Attendees

Silvia Cecilia Anselmi (Argentina), Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira (Brazil), Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil), Silvia Prada Forero (Colombia), Ruth Helena Vallejo (Colombia), Margarita Bellas Vilariño (Cuba), Bárbara Lazo Rodríguez (Cuba), Olinda Estela Gómez Moran (El Salvador), Jesus Lau (Mexico), Hortensia Lobato Reyes (Mexico), Filiberto Felipe Martínez-Arellano (Mexico), Jaime Ríos Ortega (Mexico), Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora (Peru), Emilce Noemi Sena Correa (Paraguay), Araceli García Martín (Spain), Belén Martínez González (Spain), Elmelinda Lara (Trinidad and Tobago), Victor Aguirre Negro (Uruguay), Octavio Castillo Sánchez (Panama), Adriana Betancur (Colombia).

Members with justified absence

Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Angela María Monteiro Bettencourt (Brazil), Mercedes Falconi (Uruguay).

1. Opening and approval of the agenda of the meeting

The President, Felipe Martínez Arellano, began the meeting by welcoming members of the Standing Committee (SC). He reported that until August 2011, the Latin America and the Caribbean Section (IFLA/LAC) had 124 members of the various countries of the region, in their various categories of partners and affiliates: two international associations, eighteen national associations, seventy-two institutions, twenty-seven personal partners and five students. He reported that during this period work is continued closely with the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, with the ALP Program (Actions for Development Through Libraries Program), as with FAIFE and associations of librarians in different countries of the region. During this period, the greater part of the work of the Section focused on collaboration with other sections of IFLA for the organization of the meetings prior to the WLIC 2011 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Committee in Mexico City, April 2011

The President put for consideration of attendees the approval of the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee, held on April 7-8, 2011 in Mexico City. The minutes were approved.

3. Reports

3.1. Report of the Regional Office Manager

Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho immediately had the floor to submit the report of the Regional Office (RO). Elizabet de Carvalho reported that, after 20 years as the Manager of the Regional Office, would leave the charge. She expressed her appreciation for the support received, especially to Presidents and Secretaries of the Section with who she had the satisfaction to work during those years and mentioned the excellence demonstrated by all the professionals of the Section of all countries, who with enthusiasm and interest contribute to the development of the profession in the region.

3.2 Report of the President

Felipe Martínez-Arellano, President of the Standing Committee of the Section (2009-2011), presented his report for the period August 2010-August 2011. Activities highlighted include the following:

In his capacity as President of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section participated in the First Symposium "Public Library-School Library Articulation," held in the city of Bogotá, Colombia, on May 9-10, 2011. There he presented the paper "The role of the public library and school library in the society of information."

He also mentioned that during this period, the greater part of the work of the Section focused on collaboration with other sections of IFLA for the organization of satellite meetings prior to the WLIC 2011 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as well as in the elaboration of the program of the Section and joint programs with other sections, about which it was widely reported in the covering of this point on the agenda.

Felipe Martínez also reported on the participation of the Section in the BSLA Program, highlighting the following: the development of the BSLA Program in Peru; the 2011 BSLA official announcement; the BSLA Workshop in Panama prior to the WLIC 2011, in Puerto Rico. As well as the workshop to train coaches of the BSLA Program aimed at the Caribbean, in which he collaborated directly with ALP. On the other projects sponsored by ALP, he made mention of the project approved for 2011, presented by Uruguay, "Instructors' Preparation Workshop on the IFLA/UNESCO Manifesto on Internet."

3.2.1 Activities with FAIFE

Felipe Martínez reported that he has worked together with FAIFE in the organization of a Workshop on the Manifesto of Transparency and Good Government, which aims to build and strengthen the awareness among librarians of the important role that libraries have in matters of transparency and anti-corruption practices. This event will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on September 28, 2011, "Access to Information Day," serving as instructor Paul Sturges, former President of the Committee of FAIFE.

3.2.2 Budget of the Section

The Section was assigned for 2011 a budget of 700 euros for the support of its activities. With this budget supported the request of the Peruvian Amazon Research Institute for the publication of the program and posters for the II Green Reading and Book Festival, held in Iquitos, Peru, on June 20-24. This support amounted to EUR 230, leaving pending exercise of 470 euros during the year.

3.2.3 Scholarships for WLIC 2011

For WLIC 2011 in Puerto Rico notification was made for granting 12 scholarships to participants from Latin America and the Caribbean, through the donation of Stichting Foundation. Official announcement concerning was realized and at the request of IFLA, the RO and the Secretary of IFLA/LAC proposed Felipe Martínez to be part of the Evaluation Committee; however, no reply to such a proposal was received and we have no information about applicants or those who were selected.

On the other hand, for this unique occasion, and since the WLIC was being celebrated in our region, support fellowships were awarded to the three speakers whose works were selected to form part of the program.

4. Elections

During this period, the process of elections for various charges of IFLA was carried out. For the Presidency were nominated Sinikka Sipilä (Finland) and Jesus Lau (Mexico). Although the support for the candidature of the latter was requested, Sinikka Sipilä was elected as President. Similarly, the process to elect Presidents of the Divisions took place, being elected: Division 1, Lynne Rudasill; Division 2, vacant; Division 3, Tone Moseid; Division 4, Anna-María Tammaro; Division 5, Felipe Martínez. Anne Okerson was elected also as President of the Professional Committee. These colleagues became part of the Government Board 2011-2013 of IFLA. With regard to the election of other members of the Board, there were proposed 15 candidates of whom 10 were chosen, whose names are found in the IFLA website.

Regarding to the process of election of the IFLA/LAC Committee, twelve of the members of the PC concluded their term in August 2011, so 15 candidates were proposed to fill these vacancies. After the vote, the Standing Committee of IFLA/LAC was composed of the following members:

Silvia Cecilia Anselmi (Argentina); Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina); Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt (Brazil); Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira (Brazil); Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil); Silvia Prada Forero (Colombia); Ruth Helena Vallejo (Colombia); Margarita Bellas Vilariño (Cuba); Bárbara Lazo Rodríguez (Cuba); Olinda Estela Gómez Moran (El Salvador); Jesus Lau (Mexico); Hortensia Lobato Reyes (Mexico); Filiberto Felipe Martínez-Arellano (Mexico); Jaime Ríos Ortega (Mexico); Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora (Peru); Emilce Noemi Seine Correa (Paraguay); Araceli García Martín (Spain); Belén Martínez González (Spain); Elmelinda Lara (Trinidad and Tobago); Víctor Aguirre Negro (Uruguay).

It was informed that must be elected or re-elected five correspondent members to be integrated to the new Standing Committee IFLA/LAC. It was agreed to receive proposals from the members of the PC via email.

On the other hand, based on the regulations of IFLA, the call was issued for the twenty members of the new PC to propose candidates to occupy the Presidency and Secretariat of IFLA for the period 2011-2013. Closed the period for nominations were received 12 proposals for Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil) as President and Jaime Ríos Ortega (Mexico) as Secretary of the PC. Not having other nominations, they took possession of their charges in this Meeting of the Committee in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

5. Organization of the Section activities for the WLIC 2011 “Libraries Beyond Libraries: Integration, Innovation and Information for All,” in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

As it was mentioned by Felipe Martinez, there was collaboration in the organization of the following satellite meetings for the WLIC 2011 in San Juan, Puerto Rico:

Satellite Meeting “Towards an Optimum Curriculum for Developing Countries: Prospects and Challenges,” organized jointly with the Division V, Regions and the Special Group of Interest of Library Education in Developing Countries. This meeting was held on August 11-12 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Satellite Meeting “Cooperation among Multiple Types of Libraries and Related Information Services of Archives and Museums to Achieve Common Goals,” organized jointly with the Academic and Research Libraries Section. This meeting was held on August 10-11 in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Satellite Meeting “Bibliography and Information on Art in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Recent Perspective (Visual Arts, including the Fine Arts, Applied Arts, Design and Architecture),” jointly organized with the IFLA Art Libraries Section and the Art Libraries Section of the Mexican Association of Librarians (AMBAC). This meeting will be held on August 20-21 in Mexico City.

Also, there was collaboration in the organization of the following activities for WLIC 2011 in San Juan, Puerto Rico:

Section IFLA/LAC Program “Integration, Innovation and Information for All in Latin America and the Caribbean Libraries.” The corresponding call was developed and disseminated. Thirty-seven proposals, which were evaluated by the members of the IFLA/LAC Standing Committee, were received. Given the time granted to the Section Program, only three proposals had to be selected. This event will take place on Monday, August 15 in the WLIC 2011.

“Special and Rare Collections Depend on History: Latin America and the Caribbean” Program, jointly organized with the Rare Book and Manuscripts Section. There was collaboration in the elaboration of the call and its dissemination. Twelve proposals were received, which were evaluated by the Selection Committee of the Rare Book and Manuscripts Section, requesting the opinion of IFLA/LAC on the finalist presentations, being selected seven papers for the program. This event will take place Tuesday, August 16 in the WLIC 2011.

“Education in Library Science and Information Science in Latin America and the Caribbean: Opportunities and Challenges” Program, organized jointly with the Group of Interest in Library Education in Developing Countries. There was collaboration in the elaboration of the call and its dissemination. Twenty-three proposals for papers were received, which were evaluated by the Selection Committee composed of members of the Group of Interest in Library Education in Developing Countries and IFLA/LAC. This event will take place on Tuesday, August 16, in the WLIC 2011.

6. BSLA Program and ALP projects

Work continued on the BSLA Program in Peru. This program is coordinated by the Association of Librarians of the Peru (CBP), through its Dean Ana María Talavera and Doris Samanez as representative of the IFLA/LAC Committee. The first workshop of the BSLA Program was held on January 27-29, 2011. Felipe Martínez participated as a facilitator, together with Ana María Talavera. The modules covered were: a) Associations of Librarians in the Society, b) Construction of an Association of Librarians, and c) Development of Strategic Relations. The second workshop of the BSLA Program took place on June 16-18, 2011. As in the first workshop, Felipe Martínez participated together with Ana María Talavera as a facilitator. On this occasion the module "Development of Strategic Relations" was continued and the module "Libraries on the Agenda" was dealt with. The next step is that the participants replicate this workshop in their institutions and places of origin.

Work began in the selection of the country to develop the BSLA Program in 2011-2012. The announcement was disseminated to select the countries that would participate in this project. ALP received six requests from the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica; as well as another of an inter-American organization. At the request of ALP, an opinion was sent on each of the requests, which were analyzed by the Advisory Committee of ALP that selected Argentina to develop the next BSLA Program, through the Association of Graduate Librarians of Argentina (ABGRA). On June 29-30, 2011, a meeting was carried out with directives from ABGRA, Fiona Bradley of ALP and Elizabet de Carvalho as representative of IFLA/LAC to outline the objectives and activities of this Program in Argentina.

Also, we worked together with ALP in the organization of the BSLA Workshop in Panama, prior to WLIC 2011. The announcement was developed and disseminated to participate in a training program with the purpose of preparing coaches from Latin America to head workshops and other activities within this program. Twenty-five applications were received to participate in this workshop from the following countries: Argentina (1), Brazil (1), Bolivia (2), Chile (1), Colombia (1), Costa Rica (5), El Salvador (6), Guatemala (1), Honduras (1) Mexico (3), Nicaragua (2) and Uruguay (1). The workshop was held on August 10-12 in Panama City with the support of Octavio Castillo, member of the Standing Committee, as well as of the Association of Librarians of Panama and the Library System of the University of Panama.

Another workshop to train coaches of the BSLA Program in which we worked together with ALP was destined to the Caribbean, developing and disseminating the respective announcement. Hetty London (Guyana), Lianne Leonora (Curaçao), Elmelinda Lara (Trinidad and Tobago), Margot Thomas (St Lucia), Luisa Vigo-Cepeda (Puerto Rico), Chihfeng Lin (Taiwan) and Wanda Cortes (Puerto Rico) participated in it. This workshop was held on August 10-12 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, it was taught in English and John W. Berry and Alice Calabrese participated as facilitators.

Regarding to other projects sponsored by ALP, it is important to make mention of the only project submitted by the region, which was approved for 2011: "Instructors' Preparing Workshop on the IFLA/UNESCO Manifesto on Internet." This project, presented by the Association of Librarians of Uruguay was carried out in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay, on July 28-29, 2011.

7. Section Activities for the WLIC 2012 “Libraries Now!–Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering,” Helsinki

It was referred the need to elaborate the announcement for the IFLA/LAC Session in the World Libraries and Information Congress 2012. It was agreed that members of the PC would send by email proposals for the theme of this session and suggestions for the development of the announcement.

8. Dissemination of the Section

For the dissemination of the activities of the Section and the IFLA, lists of interest for IFLA-LAC (open) and IFLA-LAC-SC (members of the Standing Committee) email have been administered and were created profiles of the Section on social networks as Facebook,

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/IFLA-LAC/155183447878708> and Flickr,

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/iflalac/>

9. New Meeting of the Standing Committee

The Committee agreed that the next Meeting will be held in the city of Medellin, Colombia. Finally, the outgoing President and the incoming President thanked all the members of the Committee their participation, concluding the Meeting.