



MEETINGS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STANDING COMMITTEE HELD IN QUEBEC CITY, CANADA, AUGUST 10 TO 15, 2008.

First Meeting held on August 10, 2008 from 13:45 to 15: 45.

1. Attendants

1.1. Members of the Stand Committee and the Regional Office

Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano (Mexico), María Isabel Cabral da Franca (Brazil), Elizabet M. Ramos de Carvalho (LAC- RO), Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Angela Bettencourt (Brazil), Araceli Gómez Martín (Spain), Joan Vaciana (Jamaica), Jennifer Joseph (Trinidad and Tobago), Victor Torres (Puerto Rico), Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva (Mexico).

1.2 Corresponding Members

César Castro (Peru)

1.3 ALP Program

The meeting also enjoyed the presence of Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer of the ALP Program.

1.4 Other attendants

Also in attendance were Bárbara Jones, Secretary of the FAIFE Committee, as well as thirty-five librarians from diverse Latin American and Caribbean countries and elsewhere, among them Ana María Talavera Ibarra, Katharina Berg, Hortensia Lobato Reyes, Marisela Castro Moreno, Alejandra Martínez del Prado, Carmen Barvo, Silvia Prada, Bárbara Lazo, Michael Kreyche, Susan Laura Lugo, Stanislav Orlov, Rosidalia García, Nítida Carranza, Elsa Barber, Celia Mata, Clemencia Montalvo, Elizabeth A. Dudziak, Marie Françoise Bernabé, Christine Sánchez, Diomedes Nuñez Polanco, Alfonso Quintero, Allen Lanham, Bretoux Pierre Richard, Jesús Lau, Yuka Sagimoto, Hyronimus Amekae, Luzia Monteiro Araujo and Elisete de Sousa Melo.

2. Members absent with justification

2.1. Members of the Standing Committee

Ana María Peruchena Zimmerman (Argentina), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Regina Celia Baptista (Brazil), Adriana Betancourt (Colombia), Mercedes Falconi (Ecuador), Doris Samané (Bolivia), Olinda Gómez (El Salvador), Emile Noemí Sena Correa (Paraguay), Victor Aguirre (Uruguay).

2.2 Corresponding Members

Ivone Tálamo (Brazil), María Elena Zapata (Venezuela), Estela Morales (Mexico), Octavio Castillo (Panama)

3. Call to order and approval of the business agenda.

Standing Committee Chair, Felipe Martínez, welcomed the attendees and, because of the absence of the SC Secretary, he asked for and received authorization to have María Isabel Cabral da Franca serve as Secretary. Additionally, he mentioned the absence of colleagues from Colombia and Cuba to whom were not granted the necessary visas. I was resolved to request IFLA to take care of this matter and asked that in the future, the General Conference Organizing Committees should take pertinent measures to avoid repeating this situation.

4. Minutes Approval of the Standing Committee Mid-Term Meeting held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, March, 2008

The SC Chair submitted the minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, March, 2008, to the participants' consideration and approval. The minutes were approved.

5. Reports

5.1. Chair Report

Standing Committee Chair, Felipe Martínez, presented his annual report for the period 2007-2008. He mentioned the Section had worked in close collaboration with the Regional Office, other IFLA sections and the Core Activities, especially with ALP— Action for Development through the Library Programs—as well as with library associations and institutions in the region.

His report included information about the SC mid-term meeting held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, which was sponsored by the FEBAB and the Latin America

Memorial. Prior to this meeting, a seminar sponsored by the ALP on Library Services for Indigenous Communities was held.

Moreover, his report mentioned attendance to the Division VII Meeting called by ALP (Action for Development through Libraries Program Core Activity), at the University of Uppsala, Sweden (October, 2007). In addition to show the results for the projects carried out in the regions, another relevant issues were approached, among them, the announcement that SIDA support for ALP projects will end in 2009; then, other financing sources for regional projects must be sought.

Again emphasizing the teamwork and communication role with the Regional Office, Felipe Martínez provided a run down of the meetings and workshops organized and held by the IFLA/LAC Section in the region during this period. The following were some of the most relevant events:

The participation of Danielle Mincio in the IFLA/UNESCO Manifestos Seminar, held in Ecuador. Ms. Mincio presented a report on the IFLA/LAC Section work before the IFLA Governing Board and the Information Society Work Group. This meeting was a success, since it was able for the first time to convoke librarians from Ecuador to discuss professional issues. An overview of this seminar has been published in the Section Newsletter.

In conjunction with FAIFE, a set of workshops was organized around the IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto. These workshops have been held in Mexico, Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Panama and Honduras, the last one organized by regional members trained as trainers.

The results of the Reading Seminar held at UNAM last July were satisfactory. In addition to present the results of the Latin America and Caribbean Reading Survey leaded by Elsa Ramirez, diverse issues and topics related to the seminar central theme were discussed. There are plans for the UNAM to institutionalize this seminar and hold it annually. The results of this seminar shall be presented by Elsa Ramirez as part of the Reading Section session in the Quebec Conference.

In collaboration with FAIFE, the Section is currently planning a Seminar on access to information for the HIV/AIDS prevention, whose objective shall be to train trainers of medical and public libraries from Latin America and the

Caribbean, who in turn shall serve as multipliers, leading this seminar among their colleagues in their respective countries.

The Section shall also support the creation of an ad-hoc team on Administration of Library Associations. In this regard, the CABALC Group (Colegios y Asociaciones de Bibliotecarios de América Latina y el Caribe [Colleges and Library Associations of Latin America and the Caribbean] was established to address these issues.

The SC Chair also pointed out that communication among regional members is on the rise, propitiated by the creation of two discussion lists, a list only for committee members and another open list used to provide information to all members and people interested in Latin America and the Caribbean library issues .

Likewise, a mention was made of the speakers and members from Latin American and the Caribbean who participated in the Section program on “Cultural Identity and Technology in Libraries of Latin America and the Caribbean,” during the IFLA’s 74th General Conference. Participants who presented papers were Luzia Monteiro Soares, The experience of the Common Base of Citizen Knowledge - CBCK (BCCC); Flor Janeth Ardila Reyes and María Mercedes Villamizar Caycedo (Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogota), Palabra viva: un rescate del patrimonio cultural colombiano (The living word: recovering Columbian cultural heritage); Jennifer M. Joseph (The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago) and Joan Vacianna (The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica), Resources on Caribbean cultural identity: documentation, preservation and access; Ana María Pino Yañez, Promoviendo la inclusión tecnológica: experiencia entre una biblioteca parlamentaria y un centro de educación técnica en Chile (Promoting technology use: a case study of a parliamentary library and a vocational school in Chile). Similarly, mention was made of participants in other sections programs. Among them were mentioned Nítida Carranza and Olinda Gómez in the Management of Library Associations Section; Elsa Ramírez in the Reading Section; Simone Bastos in the World Digital Library Group. Finally, Felipe Martínez urged members to attend the corresponding sessions, as well as the Division VIII Regional Activities session, and the Latin America and Caribbean session to be held during the Quebec Conference.

Finally, he mentioned the new IFLA statutes have been discussed and they will be approved in the General Meeting at the end of this conference. These statutes include the reorganization of the Sections and Divisions consolidating the latter from eight to five in which the Sections shall be regrouped. Similarly, the Division Chairs shall be elected from the outgoing Section Chairs.

5.2. Report of the Regional Office Manager

Elizabeth M. Ramos de Carvalho presented the Regional Office Report for the period August 2007-August 2008. She mentioned that a greater part of the Regional Office efforts were focused on participation in the IFLA General Conferences, in the IFLA-LAC Standing Committee meetings, and in diverse professional meetings held in the Region. She provided detailed information on these events, which included the following:

Seminario Nacional de Bibliotecas Braille (National Seminar on Braille Libraries) – SENABRAILE – held in Florianopolis, SC, Brazil (November 2007).

Talleres sobre el Manifiesto de Internet (Internet Manifiesto Workshops), promoted by FAIFE and held in three countries of the Region: Ecuador, Brazil and Colombia.

Seminario sobre Servicios Bibliotecarios para Comunidades Indígenas (Seminar on Library Services for Indigenous Communities) held in Sao Paulo with special assistance of the de Latin America Memorial and FEBAB (March 2008).

Seminar on Management of Library Associations in Latin America and the Caribbean held in Colombia (April 2008).

Seminar on Library Science Education in Central America, held in Panama (July 2008).

Likewise, a mention was made of her participation in several events held in Brazil, including the following:

Under the auspices of the IBICT, a meeting of Portuguese speaking countries to promote open access to scientific information and to the Internet, as well as to governmental information.

In conjunction with CERLALC and the National Library Foundation, a meeting on the ISBN in the Region countries.

ABINIA meeting and the Digital library Colloquium held in Rio de Janeiro, sponsored by the French government and the Goethe Institute.

Another important point in this report was the mention of the IFLA/LAC Newsletter publication for the number 51 (December 2007) and the number 52 (June 2008), both in English and Spanish. These were sent out to the members of the Latin America and Caribbean Section. Similarly, a mention was made of the Regional Clearinghouse activities, which distributed 1000 copies.

Important administrative and financial matters were also touched upon in the report, as well as the situation of ALP approved projects in the region.

Likewise, it was pointed out the improvement in the communication among section members by means of fax, telephone and e-mail. Additionally, a mention was made of the attempts of some library associations and institutions in the region to affiliate with IFLA, but communication with the IFLA Headquarters has not been effective.

6. Information of interest

The Chair invited attendees to share information of interest to the region and the Section

Alfonso Quintero, member of ABINIA (Asociación de Bibliotecas Nacionales Ibero-americanas [Association of Ibero-American National Libraries] and of the Venezuela National Library, mentioned that ABINIA is made up of representatives of country members and that is an international organization that makes decisions at the governmental level to develop and improve the libraries of their respective countries. It also constitutes an important forum for establishing alliances in favor of library development in the region.

7. Conclusion of the meeting

César Castro presented a proposal to host the next Standing Committee meeting slated for march 2009, in conjunction with a Seminar on Public Libraries in the Information Society: challenges and proposals, as well as a

workshop on Internet Manifesto. The meeting was adjourned at 15:45 with the agreement to proceed with the remaining points on the business agenda in a second meeting.

Second Meeting held on August 15 2008 from de 11:00 a 13:50 hrs.

1. Attendants

1.1. Members of the Standing Committee and the Regional Office

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1.2 ALP Program

Also attending this second meeting was Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer of the ALP Program.

1.3 Other attendants

Also in attendance were Ingrid Bon, Chair of the Children and Youth Library Section. Additionally, several librarians from Latin America and the Caribbean and other countries participated, including the following persons: Miguel Vicedo, Margarita Bellas, Marcela Corvo de Armas, Elsa Barber, Analia, Cavibano, Marie Françoise Bernabé, Flor Janeth Ardila Reyes, Jesús Laú, Federico Hernández Pacheco, Manuel Delgado Pérez and Bárbara Lazo Rodríguez.

2. Members absent with justification

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3. Call to Order

The Standing Committee Chair, Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano, offered a brief welcome to the attendees and introduced the IFLA elected President Ellen Tise, who invited those in attendance to participate in her activities program. Thereafter, he moved to continue with unfinished business on the business agenda approved in the August 10, 2008, meeting, inviting anyone with information of interest to the Section and the Region to share it.

4. Information of interest

Angela Bettencourt commented on the importance of the formation of a Latin American Digital Libraries Group for integrating with the IFLA project on this topic, since all the other regions are represented in it. Similarly, she mentioned her participation in the CNDL and ICAD meetings, and pointed out the importance of having presence in these groups. With regard to this point, Felipe Martinez mentioned that Simone Bastos Vieira was participating in the IFLA Digital Libraries Group.

Jesús Lau announced that he will run for the IFLA Presidency in the next election cycle and requested support for his candidacy. He added that he will develop a web site regarding his candidacy and provided the address: jesuslau.com. Felipe Martínez reported that in addition to the election of the Chair, seats on the Governing Board and in the Standing Committee shall also be up for election. He invited all those interested in participating to notify their interest to the Section membership. The election period shall begin on October 1 and end during the first days of February 2009.

Víctor Torres asked Jesus Lau, in his role as a member of the Governing Board, to address the question of a reduction in membership dues for institutions and individuals in the Region, arguing that these are inordinately high.

Felipe Martínez asked Jesus Lau to report to the Governing Board the often expressed request by Section members that meetings of the Caucus of Division VIII would be held at times that do not conflict with the Spanish and Portuguese Caucus meetings. Elizabet de Carvalho suggested that it would be

beneficial to their fortification to fuse the Spanish and Portuguese Caucus into a single “Ibero-American” Caucus.

Elizabet de Carvalho also asked Jesús Lau to inform the Governing Board the need to streamline both membership procedures and quota payment for new members, suggesting that existing resources on the IFLA web site be used, but with improvements and simplification in access to make it more direct.

Elsa Ramírez commented on the results of the Reading Seminar held at UNAM/Mexico with the support of the ALP, through Project 377, as well as the CUIB, the IFLA Reading Section and the IFLA/LAC participation. She mentioned that participation of the vast majority of countries in the Region has been secured and that the results obtained have generated ideas and the basis on which to continue working in the future.

Marcia Rosetto mentioned that attempted to have the Brazil participation, but this was not possible because data collection systems in Brazil differ. In this regard, she mentioned the need for adjusting data collection formats in order to ensure the participation of all countries.

Felipe Martínez emphasized the importance of continuing with this survey and through this means providing greater visibility to the region, promising to seek support from the CUIB and the National Public Library Network of Mexico to carry out the Second Latin American Reading Seminar. Elizabet de Carvalho promised to open contacts with the Brazilian Public Library System to secure their participation in this survey.

FEBAB Chair, Marcia Rosetto (Brazil) reported on the 23rd Brazilian Congress of Library Science and Documentation, CBBDD, held in Mato Grosso do Sul in July 2009, in which various members of the Standing Committee would participate. There are also plans to hold a Pre-conference on cataloguing in Sao Paulo. This would provide continuity to the Cataloging Conferences held previously in Lima, Peru, Mexico City, Buenos Aires and Bogotá, Colombia.

5. Current Status of ALP approved projects and new proposals

5.1. Approved Projects

Felipe Martínez and Gunilla Natvig reported on the status of projects approved by the IFLA/LAC and ALP, which are currently running or have been satisfactorily concluded:

- **Project 377** "Project 377" *International Conference on Reading in the Latin-American and Caribbean Region*" (Mexico).
The results of the survey reading were presented in the International Seminar held in Mexico City in June 2008. The final report is being prepared
- **Project 386** "*Fourth Meeting of National Library Associations in Latin America and the Caribbean*" (Colombia).
It was held in Bogota, Colombia in April 2008. During this meeting a workshop on the Internet manifesto was carried out with support from FAIFE. The final report is pending.
- **Project 387** "*Bookstand for the Santiago del Surco Market*" (Perú).
This project is currently in progress. User needs are being identified and a methodology defined.
- **Project 388** "*Design and implementation of an international curriculum in Library Science and Documentation with an emphasis on informational literacy for Central America*" (Costa Rica).
Work continues on the project formulation. Felipe Martínez mentioned the possibility of including a meeting about school libraries from Central American in this project.
- **Project 389** "*Workshop-seminar on the role of library services in Central-America*" (Panama).
It was carried out on June. Representatives from university, public, and school libraries, as well as LIS schools of Central American were in attendance. During this seminar, a workshop on the Internet Manifesto was offered with the support of FAIFE. After this event another workshop was held in Tegucigalpa Honduras. The final report of this project is pending.
- **Project 393** – "*Internships in public libraries services for Latin American librarians*"(Colombia).

Third version of public librarians internships, participating on this occasion Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras and two Caribbean countries. This project shall be held next year. Víctor Torres asked about the call for papers. He was informed that it will be disseminated through the library associations.

- **Project 395** “*Common Base of Citizen Knowledge BCCC*”; - training youth 14-24 years of age, residents of the communities of the *Cidade Tiradentes District*” (Brazil).

This project replicates the project successfully developed in Sao Paulo. The project’s methodology is currently under development.

- **Project 396** “*Internships in information technologies for Latin American librarians*” (Mexico).

This project shall be held next year in the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) with the objective of training librarians on technology application in library activities and services.

- **Project 397** “*Otavalo: Common Base of Citizen Knowledge BCCC*”; - training youth 14-24 years of age in urban and rural settings” (Ecuador).

This project replicates one carried out in Sao Paulo. It shall be held next year.

- **Project 398** “*Bookstand for the Cajamarca Market*” (Peru). This project is planned for next year.

5.2 New projects proposals

Gunilla Natvig, ALP Administrative Officer, reported on the proposals for new projects submitted for consideration and approval. These proposals are as follows:

- **Project 394** “*Intercultural Library for the Development of the Andean and Amazon Regions*” (Peru). Cesar Castro and Felipe Martínez shall continue working on the reformulation of this project because it includes several aspects that cannot be approved. César Castro shall contact the CILA in order to better formulate it.

- **Project 399** “*Bookstand for the Central Market in San Salvador*” (El Salvador).

Project approved

- **Project 701** “*Workshop to promote reading and outreach activities in the Spanish Caribbean*) (Puerto Rico). Project approved. The project responsible, Victor Torres, shall include the participation of experts and SC members such as María Elena Zapata, Adriana Betancur and Doris Samanez in order to disseminate throughout the Caribbean their experiences in the region projects.
- **Project 702** “*Seminar on IFLA/UNESCO Internet, Public libraries and School libraries Manifestos*) (Paraguay)
Project approved. The project shall request support from the FAIFE for the Workshop on the Internet Manifesto.
- **Project 703** “*Fifth Meeting of Latin American and Caribbean Library Associations*) (El Salvador).
The option of holding this event in Mexico was considered. This possibility shall be analyzed.
- **Project 704** “*Bookstand for the Parochia Market and surrounds in Guatemala City*) (Guatemala)
Project approved.
- **Project 705** “*Implementation of a community library in Nova Republica, Salvador, Brazil*) (Brazil).
Project approved.

Finally, Felipe Martinez stressed the importance of presenting projects in order to continue securing financing, since as it has been mentioned, 2009 shall see the end of SIDA as a financing source.

6. Activities of the Section for the WLIC 2009 in Milan - Italy.

The following theme was proposed for the Section Open Forum for the IFLA Conference in Milan, Italy: “Preservation and conservation of the Latin American and Caribbean cultural heritage”. The main topic, sub-topics and call for papers shall be defined by the SC in the coming months.

7. Mid-term Meeting of the Standing Committee in 2009

Cesar Castro proposal presented in the first meeting to hold the Mid-term Meeting of the Standing Committee for 2009 in Lima, Peru, in conjunction

with a meeting on public libraries and a Seminar on the Internet Manifesto was reiterated. The local organizers shall support this effort by covering the committee members stay expenses. Organizers were requested to send this proposal in writing so that it can be analyzed and a final decision taken.

8. Adjournment

Felipe Martinez concluded the meeting by commenting on the Elizabet de Carvalho participation and his own in the session on Advocacy organized by the IFLA President, Claudia Lux, in which the section activities were highlighted. The meeting was adjourned at 13:50 on August 15, 2008.