Governing Board Elections 2009-2011

Statement of Candidacy

**For the postition of Governing Board Member
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My involvement with IFLA started in 1991 when I was one of the organizers of the Workshop on retrospective conversion within IFLA 1991 program. I have since been a supervisor of the Parliamentary Libraries Standing Committee (1991 – 1993), a member of the Information Technology Standing Committee (1993 – 2001), UBCIM PUC (1993 – 1999), Statistics Standing Committee (2001 – 2005) and CLM (2007 – present). In 1992 I was the first recipient of Hans-Peter Geh Grant. I believe I have a substantial working experience with IFLA. I have studied well the activities of core programs, divisions and sections and developed a number of projects.

I have worked in the Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology for 30 years and during that time I have studied thoroughly the problems of librarianship and library technologies. I am the Chair of the Organizing Committee of a renowned "Crimea" conference held under the auspices of IFLA, and the Chair of the Organizing Committee of another large-scale library conference, LIBCOM. I believe my professional and organizational experience will benefit the Governing Board and serve the world library community.

My principal attitudes to developing the following initiatives under the auspices of IFLA are:

- To ensure the development of open access and open information archives in libraries.

- To promote awareness of the coexistence of newest and traditional library technologies.

- To highlight the permanent goal of protecting copyright without impairing open access to information.

- To improve the concept of library education, especially in developing countries, guiding it towards broader introduction of digital technology.

- To determine IFLA's critical role in coordinating major library projects, in particular, related to multilingual nature of the Internet, preservation of digital heritage, depositories of Internet sources for libraries.