



## **IFLA Latin America and Caribbean Section**

### **Annual Report 2005 - 2006**

**Scope statement:** The main objectives of the Section, as the other two Sections of Division VIII are to initiate, promote and facilitate the development of library and information services and the library profession within the three sub-regions: South America, Central America and Caribe. The Section works in cooperation with Regional Office, other IFLA's Sections, Core Activities, especially the ALP - Action for Development through Libraries Programmes and Library Associations and Institutions in the Region.

**Membership:** 151 members in 36 countries (as of Sept. 2005)

#### **Standing Committee Members 2005-2007 and 2009:**

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Alice Miranda ( Costa Rica -2007 )  
Ana Maria Peruchena ( Argentina )  
Blanca Hodge ( St. Maarten-2007 )  
Celia Ribeiro Zaher ( Brasil-2007 )  
Elizabeth Watson ( Barbados - 2007 )  
Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva ( Mexico )  
Filiberto Felipe Martínez-Arellano ( Mexico )  
Gonzalo Oyarzún ( Chile )  
Jeane dos Reis Passos ( Brasil- )  
Loly Hernandez d'Elia ( Venezuela-2007 )  
Ludmila Mayrink da Costa ( Brasil - 2007 )  
Marcia Rosetto ( Brasil )  
Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca ( Brasil )  
Maria Araceli Garcia Martin ( Espanha )  
Marie-Françoise Bernabé ( Martinique - 2007 )  
Mercedes Falconi ( Equador )  
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**Meetings:** The Standing Committee held one mid-term year meeting for the period under report:

Mid-term year Meeting, Fortaleza City, Ceará, Brazil 24-25 March 2006

The mid-term year meeting was hosted by the State Public Library Governador Menezes Pimentel from Ceara State in Fortaleza city / Brazil. It would include also: a SIDA Workshop on *Logical Frame Analysis sponsored by ALP and* a Workshop for the local professionals presenting the Standing Committee Members experience in Latin America and Caribe countries and was attended by the following members and representatives:

Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca (Chair, Brazil), Filiberto Felipe Martínez-Arellano (Secretary /Mexico), Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho (RO Manager and Information Coordinator,), Marly Soler ( RO Secretary, Brazil ), Stela Maris Fernandez (RO Assessor, Argentina), Gunilla Natvig (ALP Programme,Sweden), Blanca Hodge ( St. Maarten ),Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva (Mexico), Gloria Maria Rodriguez ( Colombia), Marcia Rosetto ( Brazil ), Simone Bastos Vieira ( Brazil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher ( Brazil), Ludmila Mayrink (

Brazil), Ana Maria Perucchena ( Argentina), Mercedes Falconi (Ecuador), Loly D'Elia ( Venezuela), Maria Elena Zapata ( Venezuela), Cesar Castro ( Peru), Doris Samanez ( Peru), Marie-Françoise Bernabé ( Martinique), Elizabeth Watson ( Barbados) , Olinda Gomez ( El Salvador) and Araceli Garcia ( España )

The week days meetings were very productive. Policy issues were discussed. These included IFLA involvement in WSIS, Advocacy and future directions for the IFLA, IFLA's Sections Review, Strategic Plan, the nomination of Standing Committee members for 2005-2009, fundseeking within the region to support projects and promotion of IFLA activities and membership in the region.

Latin American Memorial Meeting (Sao Paulo, Brazil, March 17th, 2006)

Elizabet Carvalho commented that since most of the SC members from Latin America would have a layover in Sao Paulo on their way to Fortaleza, Brazil, together with the Latin American Memorial President, invited to those members to attend the Memorial meeting, offering to cover local transport, hotel and board expenses as well as to arrange a visit to the International Book Biennale Fair that had place in Sao Paulo in those days.

Maria Elena Zapata spoke on the Latin American Memorial Meeting, reporting that during the meeting a cooperative program for establishing a Reference Center on Latin American publications was proposed. Moreover, the Latin American Memorial could be used to train librarians in the organization and systematization of library collections. This institution also nominated itself to be host of the Third Seminar on Libraries Services for Indigenous People. The application shall be elaborated by Cesar Castro y Celia Zaher with the help of FEBAB.

Representing FEBAB and SENAC, Marcia Rosetto and Jeane dos Reis Passos, offered a social diner for the members of the PC who was in Sao Paulo for the Memorial Meeting.

Seminar on the Logical Framework Analysis (LFA)

Zapata also reported on the Logical Framework Analysis – LFA Seminar held previously to the SC meeting. She mentioned the seminar provided the participants needed elements in order to work with this tool, which will contribute to improve the justification and elaboration of better projects.

After Maria Elena's report on the Logical Framework Seminar, Gunilla Natvig y Elizabet Carvalho suggested that some recommendations based on this methodology would be made in the formats for project presentation to ALP. To this end, a Task Group was appointed made up of Gloria Rodriguez, Maria Elena Zapata, Cesar Castro, Ana Maria Peruchena and Doris Samanez. The group, which received support from other SC members, recommended the project presentations form should include the following elements:

1. Institutional Framework
  - Institution in Charge
  - Person(s) in Charge
  - Allied institutions and organizations
2. Antecedents/Justification
3. Objectives (General/Specific)
4. Beneficiaries

- Brief Description of their profile
- Direct and indirect
- 5. Project description
- 6. Anticipated results
- 7. Project scope
- 8. Impact on the country and the region

ALP Assistant reported that the ALP financial situation is positive. SIDA would secure funding for good projects initiated by the Division VIII in the next five years. The 2005 Annual Report of the ALP Programme and the List of Approved Projects and Planned Activities in Latin America & Caribe were distributed to the SC Members. ALP Assistant also informed about the ALP Steering Committee Meeting which was held in Oslo during 10-12 August 2005 and the LFA Seminar held in Uppsala, Sweden on last Oct. 2005 to improve two IFLA Programs ALP and FAIFE with SIDA support.

IFLA Travel Grant applicants, ALP-funded project proposals, ALP Scholarships and Attachments applications were informed and analysed.

The Section's activities for IFLA 2006 in Seoul were planned to include a two-hour slot programme with the theme: Dynamics in Information Literacy in Latin America and Caribe with 6 speakers.

The time and venue of the next mid-conference meeting in 2007 was already considered.

The Chair presented an information report as the IFLA Governing Board Meeting from where she had just arrived. She informed members that the final result of the Sections Review Report was presented by the PC. The IFLA/LAC Strategic Plan 2005-2006 was presented to SC members and it was informed that is already in IFLAnet.

The Regional Manager informed about her participation in the events in Peru and Brazil in 2005. And her participation in ABGRA Seminar/Argentina and 2ºIntegrar /Brasil in 2006. The meetings also included discussions on the Section's roles and responsibilities in the 72<sup>st</sup> WLIC Conference Programme, plans for the mid-conference meeting in 2007 and the next WLIC in Durban in August 2007.

The ALP Assistant reported on grants offered by Nordic countries: SIDA Speaker Grants, NORAD IFLA Travel Grants. ALP Criteria and Guidelines for project proposal selection were brought up to the attention of the incoming Standing Committee Members.

### **Meetings at World Library and Information Congress – WLIC 72<sup>st</sup> IFLA General Conference and Council**

Two meetings of the Standing Committee Members were held in Seoul, Korea, on Sunday Aug. 20th and 24th August.. It was attended by the following members:

Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca ( Chair, Brasil ), Elizabet Maria Ramos de Carvalho (RO Manager and Information Coordinator), Felipe Martinez ( Secretary, Mexico), Birgitta Sandell ( ALP Director), Stela Maris Fernandez ( RO Assessor) ,Blanca Hodge ( St. Maarten ), Marcia Rosetto ( Brasil ), Simone Vieira Bastos ( Brasil ), Elizabeth Watson ( Barbados ), Ana Maria Peruchena ( Argentina), Araceli Gómez Martín (Spain), Estela Morales ( Mexico), Olinda Gomez ( Corresponding Member, El Salvador).

#### ***Others attendants:***

Margarita Pobeá Reyes (Cuba), Marta Terry González (Cuba), Ana Cecilia Torres Muñoz (Costa Rica), Ricardo López Muñoz (Chile), Tekla Nachbar (E.U.A), Michael Heaney

(Great Britain), Patricia Roberts (Jamaica), Jesús Lau (Mexico), Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo (Mexico), Evadne McLean (Jamaica) Joan Vacianna (Jamaica).

Michael Heaney from the Statistics and Evaluation Section wanted cooperation with LAC Section members to arise statistics of libraries users in our Region to join the Unesco Global Statistics Survey.

It was held an Open Forum which theme was : Dynamics in Information Literacy in Latin America and Caribe with 5 speakers: Jorge Meneses and Alice Miranda, Marcia Rosetto, Estela Morales, Marta Terry and Ingrid Iton presented by Elizabet Watson.. The audience was of 80 participants.

### **Conferences, Seminars and Workshops Programmes :**

#### **Mid-term year Conference, Fortaleza City, 22 March 2006**

In addition to the meeting of the Standing Committee Members, LAC members organized a Workshop on Latin America and Caribbean activities of Standing Committee Members in their own countries . Many participants had the opportunity to familiarize themselves for the first time with key issues and problems associated with . The Ceara State Library “BPGMP” had the 139<sup>o</sup> birthday celebration with this workshop.

The workshop included speakers from the LAC SC Members — Elsa Ramirez, Mercedes Falconi, Felipe Martinez, Ana Maria Perucchena, Doris Samanez, Blanca Hodge, Marie-Françoise Bernabé, Stela Maris Fernandes, Elizabeth Watson, Araceli Garcia and Celia Zaher. The workshop had also a special invited speaker from the Information Public Library of Centre Geoge Pompidou from Paris, Mrs. Souad Hubert.

The whole event was attended by 120 librarians and information professionals from Ceara/Brazil.

**II Integrar – International Congress in Archives, Museums and Libraries – São Paulo/Brazil** It was sponsored by FEBAB and had an expressive participation of IFLA members . LAC Section was presented in a plenary session. June, 2006.

**Workshop on Digital libraries sponsored by the US General Consulate of Rio de Janeiro** where was presented important flashes from IFLA- Seoul Conference.

**10° SNBU – University Libraries National Seminar – Salvador – Bahia/Brasil** where was held the 3° Library Associations National Seminar and The LAC Section was presented with a paper of The IFLA Information Literacy actions.

### **Projects:**

#### ***ALP Approved Projects***

- *Project 351 “Interactive didactic unit on documentary about processes of documental on electronic media” (Costa Rica)*  
Comment: it was prepared a CD to disseminate the Project in the Region.
- *Project 353 “Read to live: a bibliotherapy experience in natural disaster conditions” (Venezuela)*

Comment: The money was sent in January 2002, but due to the political situation, the meeting has been postponed until Spring 2005. The minutes and a manual with practical guidelines are drawn up in English and Spanish for their publication.

- *Project 363 “Network of Quichua rural libraries: access to information services” (Peru)*

Comment: It was originally planned for 2004; however, it had to be postponed due to social disturbances. It will start again.

- *Project 364 “Book-lending points at local fairs and in markets in Latin America” (Chile)*

Comment: DIBAM, in Chile, coordinates the Project being developed in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil and Peru. Money is directly sent to the four participating countries. Reports will be submitted by Bolivia (Sucre) and Brazil (Rio de Janeiro). There was settled down one more Book-lending point in a Shopping Center in Rio de Janeiro, June 2006.

- *Project 366 “SIC Model: civic information services targeted to workers dealing with indigenous communities” (Bolivia)*

Comment: The working days have been carried out in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru. There is still missing the rendering of accounts and final report

- *Project 367 “South American Seminar on IFLA/UNESCO’s Public and School Library Manifestos”*

Comment: This project was performed successfully. It was suggested that it might be carried out in other Latin-American and Caribbean Regions. There is still missing the rendering of accounts and final report.

- *Project 369 “In service training for public librarians” (Columbia)*

Comment: This project was successfully concluded, and represented a way of diffusing the region’s experiences. There is still missing a rendering of accounts and final report.

- *Project 371 “Seminar on Library Associations of Latin America and the Caribbean” (Argentina)*

Comment: Approved and happened in April 2006.

- *Project 372 “Book house agent and telecenter for the municipal library of Miraflores ” (Peru). Approved and happened in November 2005.*

- *Project 373 “Knowledge core for citizens (BCCC) – training for young people” (Brazil) Project approved for 2006 due to the fact that it incorporates essentially valuable elements, a participative methodology for compiling, processing and availability of local information, and participation of young’s in the project development.*

- *Project 374 “Education for librarians on copyright” (CERLALC/ Colombia)*

- *Project 375 “The reading-promoter librarian handbag” (CERLALC Colombia)*  
Comment: With regard to these projects, it was considered that there were not enough resources to support both of them.

Projects to be considered

- Elsa Ramírez submitted to the Committee the possibility to support the project “International Survey on Reading.” She was asked to send it in September to investigate if there were any additional funds.

#### **WLIC, Seoul, 20-24 August 2006**

The Section Programme was distributed between the Open Forum, Social events, the Poster Section and the IFLA Booth and

The panel organized by the Division VIII on 21st August on Information Literacy had one speaker from Lac Section,

#### **IFLA LAC Newsletter**

During the period of January - December 2005, two issues of IFLA/LAC Newsletter were published in June and December 2005 and the Jan-Jun 2006 issue. and June-December 2006 issue were published in June and December 2006 and are all in IFLA website.

#### **Section activities for the WLIC 2007 in Durban South - Africa.**

It was proposed the theme “Digital Libraries in the LAC Region – the state of art ” for the Section Open Forum for the IFLA Conference in Durban, South Africa, There were mentioned several topics around it, among them: free software, open access, digital library projects, database formats, digitalization formats, consortia, and social impact of digital libraries. Final theme and its topics will be defined in the next months by the SC . It was approved “Digital Libraries in the LAC Region – the state of art “as it was proposed.

*Reported by Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca*

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**Latin America and Caribbean Section:** <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s27/index.htm>