



## **Meeting of the IFLA Standing Committee of Latin American and the Caribbean Section (IFLA/LAC) held in the City of Lima, Peru, on March 27 and 28, 2009**

### **1. Members in attendance**

#### ***1.1. Members of the Standing Committee and the Regional Office***

Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano (Mexico), Ana María Peruchena Zimmerman (Argentina), María Isabel Cabral da Franca (Brazil), Elizabet M. Ramos de Carvalho (LAC- RO), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Adriana Betancourt (Colombia), Mercedes Falcóni (Ecuador), Olinda Gómez (El Salvador), Araceli Gómez Martín (Spain), Joan Vaciana (Jamaica), Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva (Mexico), Emile Noemí Sena Correa (Paraguay), Doris Samané (Peru), Victor Torres (Puerto Rico).

#### ***1.2 Corresponding members***

Ivone Tálamo (Brazil), Octavio Castillo (Panama), César Castro Aliaga (Peru)

#### ***1.3 Administrative Officer of the ALP Program***

Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer of the ALP Program, also was in attendance.

#### ***1.4 Others in attendance***

Estela Maris (Argentina), Mary Giraldo (Colombia) Alice Miranda (Costa Rica), Hortensia Lobato Reyes (Mexico), and Elisete de Sousa Melo (Brazil) were also in attendance.

### **2. Members absent with justification**

#### ***2.1. Members of the Standing Committee***

Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil), Angela Bettencourt (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Regina Celia Baptista (Brazil), Jennifer Joseph (Trinidad y Tobago), Victor Aguirre (Uruguay).

#### ***2.2 Corresponding Members***

Estela Morales (Mexico), María Elena Zapata (Venezuela).

### **3. Call to order and approval of the agenda**

Committee Chair, Felipe Martínez Arellano, welcomed the members and thanked IFLAC-LAC Committee members, Doris Samanéz and Cesar Castro Aliaga, organizers of the International Seminar “Biblioteca Pública y Sociedad de la Información: Desafíos y Respuestas desde América Latina” [Public Libraries and the Information Society: Challenges and Solutions from Latin America], for their efforts and hospitality. This seminar provided the framework for the Standing Committee meeting.

Thereafter, Elizabeth de Carvalho also thanked the event hosts and welcomed the IFLA/LAC Committee members, as well as Hortensia Lobato, Chair of the Mexican Association Librarians, who will become a new member of the Committee upon celebration of the IFLA Congress in Milan.

Felipe Martínez reported that as of March 2009, there are 129 Section members of diverse categories, ninety-nine of which are association and institution members, while thirty are individual members.

#### **4. Approval of meeting minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting held in Quebec, Canada in August, 2008.**

The Chair moved for the approval of the meeting minutes of the Standing Committee meetings held in August, 2008 in Quebec, Canada. The minutes of these meetings were unanimously approved.

### **5. Reports**

#### **5.1. Chair Report**

Felipe Martínez Arellano, Chair of the Standing Committee, read his report for the period August, 2008-March 2009. He emphasized that the Section has worked in close collaboration with the Regional Office, diverse IFLA sections and the Core Activities. He emphasized the special collaboration with ALP—Development Action through Library Programs and the FAIFE (Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression), as well as with professional associations and regional library institutions.

The report included information regarding his attendance in his charge as Committee Chair to the workshop IFLA/FAIFE Impact Evaluation Planning, which took place in the Hague from October 18 through 23, 2008. The objectives of this workshop were to establish the methodology for assessing

the impact of the past FAIFE seminars and workshops and establishing objectives for workshops to be offered in 2009.

He also mentioned seminars, meetings and workshops held in the Region during this period, in which the section participated, emphasizing again the importance of collaboration and communication with the Regional Office in order to foster teamwork. Some of the most noteworthy involvement and participation in these events by the IFLA/LAC are as follows:

In conjunction with the School of Medicine of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and the Mexican Librarians Association (AMBAC), the First Latina American Seminar on Medical Information and Libraries was organized, and held on November 19, 2008. The objective of this event was to learn about and disseminate the work carried out by medical libraries in Latin America and the Caribbean, and promote cooperative action among them. In attendance at this event were Regional Office Manager, Elizabeth Ramos de Carvalho, and Section Chair, Felipe Martínez Arellano, as well as representatives from the following countries: Cuba, Colombia, Brazil, Panama, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Mexico.

In response to an invitation from the Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional, AECI [Spanish International Cooperation Agency], Felipe Martínez Arellano attended the Second AECI Meeting of Libraries in Latin America and the Caribbean held on December 5, 2008 in Mexico City. His participation was secured thanks to the efforts of SC member Araceli García. A conference on IFLA activities in Latin America and the Internet Manifesto was given.

On November 6 and 7 2008, was held in Santiago, Chile, the Foro Iberoamericano sobre el Libro, la Lectura y las Bibliotecas en la Sociedad del Conocimiento [Ibero-American Book, Reading and Libraries in the Knowledge Society Forum]. This event was organized by the Centro Regional para el Fomento del Libro en América Latina, el Caribe, España y Portugal, CERLALC [Regional Center for Promoting Books in Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal]. The objective of this event was to provide a space for reflection on matters associated with issues in the fields of publishing, reading and libraries. IFLA/LAC Standing Committee member Elsa Ramírez Leyva attended the event, representing the Section and the

Regional Office. Also Juan Voutssas Márquez (Mexico) attended this event. Diverse project were delineated in which the Section expects to participate.

The Section and the Regional Office participated in the organization of the International Seminar “Biblioteca Pública y Sociedad de la Información: Desafíos y Respuestas desde América Latina” [Public Libraries and the Information Society: Challenges and Solutions from Latin America], which was coordinated by Doris Samané and Cesar Castro Aliaga. The purpose of this event was to analyze the current situation and to delineate the next few years of the public libraries within the construction context of the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean. This event was sponsored by the Municipality of Santiago de Surco, Lima, the Latin America and the Caribbean Section and the Regional Office, the Development Action Program through IFLA Libraries (ALP), and other institutions and organizations in Peru.

## **5.2. Regional Office Manager Report**

Elizabeth M. Ramos de Carvalho read a brief report on the activities carried out by the Regional Office. She also pointed out the close collaboration between the Regional Office and the Section at diverse meetings and in other actions in the period August 2008 to March 2009. Similarly, she mentioned her participation in diverse regional events.

One of the outstanding activities was the organization of the Seminario Internacional de Genealogía e Historias Locales: Desafío para los bibliotecarios y archivista, Historias Ocultas [International Seminar on Genealogy and Local History: Challenge for librarians and archivists, Hidden Histories], which was sponsored by FAIFE, with the participation of FAIFE Chair, Paul Sturges, and FAIFE Secretary, Barbara Jones. This workshop was held on November 6 and 7, 2008, in Rio de Janeiro Brazil. Also in attendance were Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora of the SC, Elsa Barber (Argentina), Martha Añorve Guillén (Mexico) and Patricio Falconi (Ecuador), as well as scholars from other regions and countries who presented papers.

Another important point of her report was the publication of Number 53 (December, 2008), of the IFLA/LAC Newsletter, which was issued in English and Spanish and is available on the Section website. She requested Standing Committee members send news regarding their respective countries.

She also addressed relevant administrative and financial matters, as well as follow up activities with regard to regional projects supported by ALP.

She also pointed out that communication and dissemination of information about the actions and events sponsored by the IFLA has increased by virtue of the Section's launching of an open IFLA-LAC mailing list. Likewise, she emphasized the importance of not using the open list for matters reserved for the Standing Committee's attention. The closed list is to be used for said matters.

## **6. CERLAC Meeting**

As a product of an agreement signed with CERELAC, an invitation to participate as observers at the Ordinary Sessions of the Council and the Executive Committee Board of CERELAC was extended to the IFLA President, Claudia Lux, the Regional Office Manager, and the Section Chair. These sessions were held from March 10 to 12, 2009 in Villa de Leyva, Bogota, Colombia. In representation of the invitees, María Elena Zapata attended the sessions. Likewise, Felipe Martínez informed that joint participation activities in the fields of public libraries, school libraries, digital libraries and reading have been delineated.

## **7. FAIFE Activities**

The Standing Committee continues working closely with FAIFE. As mentioned before, the IFLA/LAC Chair reported on being invited by FAIFE in October 2008 to a FAIFE workshop, which had as one of its objectives the establishment of guidelines for assessing the impact of the workshops sponsored by this Committee. In this workshop, it was determined that FAIFE sponsored workshops must have three phases. The first one should be developed to train instructors; the second one to give local workshops for trained instructors; and the third phase to assessing the impact of the workshops offered. This methodology shall be used in all workshops sponsored by FAIFE in 2009. Moreover, it was mentioned that this methodology will be applied in the workshop on the Internet manifesto offered in Peru.

Likewise, it was reported that IFLA/LAC and FAIFE have jointly organized and sponsored a series of workshops offered in diverse countries of the Region and held in the following dates and sites:

In October, María Elena Zapata and María Isabel Franca offered an Internet Manifesto workshop within the Third Latin American Symposium on Public Libraries and the Fifteenth Meeting of the National Public Library System of Brazil. Spanish language translations of the manuals were provided in support of these workshops.

In Rio de Janeiro (November 10) and Sao Paulo (Nov. 11), Paul Sturges and Barbara Jones, FAIFE Chair and Secretary respectively, offered Internet Manifesto workshops.

The workshop “The librarian and access to information for preventing HIV/AIDS,” was organized by the School of Medicine of the UNAM and the Mexican Librarians Association, held in Mexico City on November 20 and 21, 2008, after the celebration of the First Latin American Seminar on Libraries and Medical Information. Representatives from Colombia, Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Panama, Costa Rica and Cuba participated. The selection of participants was carried out jointly with the FECEAB and the associations of each country. Each of the participants agreed to offer the workshop in their respective home countries.

Support was provided for the workshop “Recursos de información para prevención del HIV/SIDA” [Information resources for the prevention of HIV/AIDS] held in Guadalajara, Jalisco, within the XXI International Book Fair of Guadalajara. This workshop was led by Helen Ladrón de Guevara on December 2, 2008.

The Regional Office organized the el Seminario Internacional de Genealogía e Historias Locales: Desafío para los bibliotecarios y archivista, Historias Ocultas [International Seminar of Genealogy and Local Histories: Challenge for librarians and archivists, Hidden Histories], which was held on November 6 and 7, 2008, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Actions were taken with FAIFE to support the participation of Elsa Ramírez (Mexico), Brenda Cabral Vargas (Mexico) and Ana Ester Rossaroli (Argentina), in the Seminar on Public Libraries, School Libraries and Internet Manifestos, held in Asuncion, Paraguay, on December 11 and 12, 2008.

In conjunction with Doris Samanéz and Cesar Castro, a Train the Trainers Workshop on Internet Manifesto was organized and held on March 22 and 23,

2009, in Lima Perú, before the celebration of International Seminar “Public Libraries and the Information Society.” Ten persons from the Peruvian interior participated in this event, including people from Arequipa, Lambayeque, Cajamarca, Cuzco, La Libertad, Junín, Tacna, Puno and Iquitos. In the second phase, these participants will replicate this Seminar and in another event held later (October 2009), they will present the results of their efforts. Felipe Martínez and Elizabet de Carvalho participated as instructors.

Felipe Martínez give a conference titled “Internet Manifestoes and Manifestoes on Transparency and Access to Information for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS,” within the International Seminar “Public Libraries and the Information Society,” held in Lima, Peru from the 24 to 26 of March, 2009.

In conjunction with the Mexican Librarians Association, a workshop on “Information resources for the prevention of HIV/AIDS” has been organized, which will be held during its XL Annual Congress, in Acapulco, next May 13 and 14.

Finally, it was pointed out the Section has collaborated on the Spanish translations of the manuals for workshops on the Internet Manifesto; the Manifesto on Transparency, Good Governance and Freedom from Corruption, and Information Resources for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS.

## **8. Section Activities for the Conference in Milan, Italy**

### **8.1 Section Program**

The topic for the IFLA/LAC session, as determined in the SC meeting in Quebec, Canada, will be: “Preserving and conserving the Cultural Heritage of Latin America and the Caribbean.” As is the case with the other IFLA sections and as per the Professional Committee recommendation, for a second consecutive year, a call for papers was delivered in order to invite regional scholars to participate in the Milan conference. Fourteen proposals were received as follows: Cuba (4), Brazil (3), Mexico (3), Peru (2), Uruguay (1) and U.S.A. (1). Three proposals were selected, since the time for the section Program is only two hours, and a place had been reserved for Rosa María Fernández (Mexico) of the Unesco World Memorial Program as keynote speaker. The IFLA/LAC program in Milan, Italy shall include the following papers: Rosa María Fernández de Zamora (Mexico) “Conocer, valorar y difundir el patrimonio cultural de América Latina y el Caribe” [Knowing,

valuing and disseminating Latin American and Caribbean cultural heritage]; Angela Mointeiro Bettencourt (Brazil) and Elsa Barber (Argentina) “Biblioteca virtual Pedro de Angelis: padrones de interoperabilidad en el acceso y preservación del patrimonio cultural en América Latina” [The Pedro de Angelis virtual library: inter-operational patterns in the access to and preservation of Latin American cultural heritage]; Maylin Frías Guzmán (Cuba) “Un paisaje del azúcar: recuperación de archivos fotográficos personales de una comunidad azucarera” [A landscape of sugar cane: recovery of personal photographic archives of a sugar cane community]; Luis Cháves Rodríguez “La biblioteca oral: el doble giro de la escritura y la oralidad en la preservación de la tradición oral.” [The oral library: the double twist of writing and orality in the preservation of oral history]- The IFLA/LAC session shall be held on Monday, August 24 from 13.45 to 15.45 hrs.

## **8.2 Evaluation and selection of papers**

The Section Chair mentioned that, as it was done last year, the evaluation of papers was done using the assessment guide presented and approved in the Standing Committee meeting held in Sao Paulo in March 2008. The selection of papers was carried out by the Section Chair and the Secretary, as well as the Regional Office. Likewise, he pointed out the selection of papers was based on both academic quality and a desire to have balanced representation from diverse regions and institutions of the Section. With regard to this matter, the Standing Committee members recommended that other committee members, in accord with their respective specializations, would be included in subsequent evaluations for papers. Their recommendation was adopted.

Likewise, the Standing Committee members were asked for the review of the call for papers issued for the Quebec and Milan conferences, and for their suggestions with regard to a series of criteria to be considered in the next round of submission assessments for the Section. It was agreed that suggestions with respect to the call for papers and assessment criteria should be remitted to the IFLA/LAC Presidency or Secretary no later than on April 31, 2009. This is for the purpose of preparing the call for papers and their assessment for the Brisbane, Australia conference in 2010.

## **8.3 Division VIII Program in the Conference in Milan, Italy**

Felipe Martinez reported the Section and the Regional Office participated with the Chair of IFLA Division VIII, Regional Activities, in the organization of

the Division program for Milan, Italy. For the Division VIII Program, the paper “Engaging with culture: reflections from two developing world academic libraries – the case of Barbados and Botswana, by Elizabeth F. Watson (University of the West Indies, Barbados) and Stephen M. Mutula (University of Botswana) was proposed. The Division VIII program is composed of the following speakers: H. K. Raseroka (University of Botswana, Botswana), Keynote speaker; “Engaging with culture: reflections from two developing world academic libraries – the case of Barbados and Botswana”; Elizabeth F. Watson (University of the West Indies, Barbados) and Stephen M. Mutula (University of Botswana); “Notion of cultural heritage among Sri Lankan libraries”; Piyadasa Ranasinghe (University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka); “Oceania libraries: from storehouse to lighthouse, reality and hopes”; Elizabeth Cass (PRIDE Project, University of South Pacific, Fiji). The Region VIII session shall take place on Thursday, August 27 from 13.45-15.45.

#### **8.4 Caucus**

The Chair of the Section reported the Caucus sessions shall take place on Saturday, August 22 from 16:00 to 18:00. Through the Division VIII, a requests was raised not to schedule the Spanish and Portuguese Caucuses at the same time, since such scheduling precludes participants from attending both sessions.

#### **8.5 Other activities**

With support from ALP, the Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS) and the Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section (CPDWL) have organized a one day workshop, “Librarian in the spotlight: How to wield political and practical influence,” whose objective is to develop the skills needed to establish and manage professional librarian associations. Claudia Rodríguez (Argentina) was proposed for taking this workshop as representative of the Section, and she shall repeat the workshop in diverse sites of the region.

In order to promote student participation in the Annual IFLA conference, the Section of Education and Training (SET) issued a call for papers for Library Science students to be considered for an IFLA scholarship to attend Milan conference. This call for papers was promoted by means of the IFLA-LAC list. Unfortunately, there was no response forthcoming from this Section and no candidate for the prize was put forward.

#### **8.6 Standing Committee Meeting**

The Standing Committee Chair reported that, starting this year, in the IFLA General Conference only one meeting of the SCs of the diverse Sections shall be called, instead of the habitual two meetings called in the past. The IFLA/LAC Committee meeting shall be held on Sunday 23 of August from 13:45 to 15:45, and space has been request to hold a second meeting. It is important to note that the session slated for Sunday, August 23 shall serve to seat the Standing Committee members elected for the 2009-2013 term and to elect a Section Chair and Secretary for the term 2009-2011. Likewise, he informed the following persons have been elected or reelected for the 2009-2013 term:

Silvia Cecilia Anselmo (Argentina)  
Ana Maria Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina)  
Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil)  
Margarita Bellas Vilariño (Cuba)  
Araceli García Martín (Spain)  
Hortensia Lobato Reyes (Mexico)  
Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano (Mexico)  
Doris Ivon Samanez Alzadora (Peru)

## **9. Elections**

The IFLA/LAC Chair reported that, pursuant to IFLA statutes, the election process for the diverse directive positions started in October 2008. The elections in which the Section participated, nominating and supporting candidates, were as follows:

### **9. 1 President-elect**

The Section and Regional Office supported the nomination of Jesus Lau to be President-elect candidate for the term 2009-2011. At this time, preparations for the final election are on course.

### **9. 2 Members of the IFLA Governing Board**

The Governing Board shall renew its elected members. The Section and the Regional Office also supported the nomination of Jesus Lau to be a Governing Board candidate for the term 2009-2011. Ballots are currently being sent out to the members.

### **9. 3 Professional Committee Chair**

Patrice Landry, Chair of the Cataloguing and Classification Section, was nominated and elected Chair of the Professional Committee for the 2009-2011 term by the Chairs and Secretaries of diverse IFLA Sections

#### **9.4 Division Chair**

The Section Chairs and Secretaries who make up Division VIII- Regional Activities, which shall be transformed into Division V at the Milan Conference, were charged with the task of electing a Chair for the term 2009-2011. Buhle Mbambo-Thata, current Chair of the Africa Section, was proposed and unanimously elected.

#### **9.5 IFLA/LAC Standing Committee Members**

During the current election period, ten of the Standing Committee members will wind up their terms (2005-09) for which they were elected, requiring news elections to fill these posts. The majority of members whose terms expire were eligible for reelection to second terms, with the exception of those indicated as ineligible in the following list:

Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano (Mexico)  
Ana María Peruchena Zimmerman (Argentina)  
Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil)  
María Isabel Cabral da Franca (Brazil) (*not eligible for reelection*)  
Marcia Rosetto (Brazil) (*not eligible for reelection*)  
Adriana Betancourt (Colombia)  
Mercedes Falcóni (Ecuador)  
Araceli Gómez Martín (Spain)  
Elsa M. Ramírez Leyva (Mexico) (*not eligible for reelection*)  
Doris Samanéz (Peru)

As mentioned before, only eight persons were nominated and elected for the 2009-2013 term, remaining two places vacant. These persons shall start to serve in the Section Standing Committee at the Milan Conference. Starting in August 2009, the Standing Committee members shall be the following persons:

#### ***Members 2007-2011***

Regina Celia Baptista (Brazil)  
Angela Bettencourt (Brazil)  
Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil)  
Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil)  
Olinda Gómez (El Salvador)

Joan Vaciana (Jamaica)  
Emilce Noemí Sena Correa (Paraguay)  
Victor Torres (Puerto Rico)  
Jennifer Joseph (Trinidad and Tobago) (2007-2011)  
Victor Aguirre (Uruguay) (2007-2011)

### ***Members 2009-2013***

Silvia Cecilia Anselmo (Argentina)  
Ana Maria Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina)  
Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil)  
Margarita Bellas Vilariño (Cuba)  
Araceli García Martín (Spain)  
Hortensia Lobato Reyes (Mexico)  
Filiberto Felipe Martínez Arellano (Mexico)  
Doris Ivon Samanez Alzadora (Peru)

## **10. Situation of ALP approved projects.**

Gunila Natvig (ALP) mentioned that 2009 is the last year of SIDA financial support for regional projects. Likewise, she reported that starting in January 2010, ALP shall become a dependency of IFLA Headquarters. The Standing Committee members suggested that all parties that have been beneficiaries of ALP projects send an impact report addressing both the quantity and quality of that support. Gunilla Natvig and Felipe Martínez reported on the status of ALP supported projects:

- **Project 377** “*International Conference on Reading in the Latin-American and Caribbean Region*” (Mexico)  
The results of the survey were presented in the Seminar on Reading held in Mexico City in June, 2008. The event proceedings have been published by the General Direction for Libraries of the National Council of Arts and Culture (CONACULTA) (Mexico) and the University Library Science Research Center (CUIB) of the UNAM.
- **Project 387** “*Bookstand for the Santiago del Surco Market*” (Perú).  
This project is under development. User needs have been identified and a methodology has been determined.

- **Project 388** “*Design and implementation of an international curriculum for Central America in library science and documentation with an emphasis in literacy*” (Costa Rica).  
The project continues in progress. Alice Miranda reported that work continues with diverse libraries, including university libraries, public libraries, school libraries, and library associations. Meetings in Panama and Guatemala have been planned.
- **Project 393** – “*Internships in public libraries for Latin American libraries*” (Colombia).  
The internship program shall be carried out during the next month of July. Knowledge of public libraries in Bogotá and thereafter those in Medellin has been planned.
- **Project 394** – “*Database of Quechua materials*” (Peru).  
Financial support for this project has been requested; however, the institution responsible requested support for unauthorized items such as salaries and purchase of office equipment and supplies. A counter offer was drafted and remitted, but was never answered, resulting in the cancellation of this project.
- **Project 395** “*Common Base of Citizen knowledge-CBCK- training youth between 14 and 18 years-old who live in communities of the Distrito Cidade Tiradentes*” (Brazil).  
This project is a replication of the one successfully developed in Sao Paulo. Work continues to progress.
- **Project 396** “*Internships in information technologies for Latin American librarians*” (Mexico).  
The academic program and call for enrollment have been drafted. It shall be offered during the second semester of 2009 in the General Direction for Libraries of the National Autonomous University of Mexico. Technological resources shall be incorporated, including videoconferences so that the number of participants can be expanded beyond those actually present.
- **Project 397** “*Otavalo: Common Base of Citizen knowledge-CBCK-training youth between 14 and 18 years-old who live in urban and rural settings*” (Ecuador).

The project has been developed and the results shall be published in a book.

- **Project 398** “*Book stand for the Cajamarca marketplace*” (Peru).

The project shall be developed over the current year, taking into account the experience and results of previous projects.

- **Project 399** *Book stand for the central marketplace of San Salvador*” (El Salvador).

Also this project shall be developed over the current year, taking into account the experience and results of previous projects.

- **Project 701** “*Workshop to promote reading and extension activities in the Hispanic Caribbean*” (Puerto Rico)

This workshop is planned for November of the current year and shall include the participation of experts and members of the Standing Committee such as María Elena Zapata, Adriana Betancurt and Doris Samanez.

- **Project 702** “*Seminar on IFLA/Unesco Manifestos: Internet,, public libraries and school libraries*” (Paraguay)

A report on this project was received in March of the year in course.

- **Project 703** “*Fifth Meeting of Latin American and Caribbean National Librarian Associations*” (El Salvador)

Other projects were considered of higher priority; therefore this project was cancelled.

- **Project 704** “*Bookstand for the Parochia Market and surrounds in Guatemala City*) (Guatemala)

The project continues in progress.

- **Project 705** “*Implantation of a community library in Nova República, Salvador,*” Brazil (Brazil).

The project continues in progress.

- **Project 706** “*Systematization of experiences with regard to indigenous libraries*” (Perú)

Gathering of experiences of this type is considered important for the regional libraries. The project continues in progress and the participation of the General Direction for libraries of the National Council for the Arts and Culture (CONACULTA), México, the University Library Science Research Center (CUIB) of the UNAM, and the *Instituto Brasileiro de Informação em Ciência e Tecnologia* should be considered.

- **Project 707** *“International Seminar “Public libraries and the information society: Challenges and solutions form Latina America Latina.”*  
Project concluded. The project provided the framework of the current IFLA/LAC Standing Committee meeting. This seminar attracted many librarians from Peru.

Finally, on behalf of the IFLA/LAC Standing Committee, Felipe Martínez and Elizabet de Carvalho thanked Birgitta Sandell and Gunilla Natvig from ALP for their support in developing libraries and Library Science in Latina America and the Caribbean. Moreover, they mentioned the possibility of presenting projects to the IFLA headquarters once policies, procedures and guidelines are in place.

With no other business pending, the meeting was adjourned.