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In this edition of the IFLA/LPD newsletter we continue our series of presentations about all our different organizations. This time Virginia Inés Simón presents the Ibero-American Network of Experts on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Enjoy!

## **A word from the former chair of the LPD section**

It was with mixed emotions that I decided to step down from chairing the LPD. This is an activity I very much enjoy and value, and being in a position to help set the course for the committee was both challenging and rewarding. However, two factors guided my decision. First, it is important to give others the same opportunities I enjoyed as chair.

Second, my full-time job as Director of NLS in the U.S. was becoming even more demanding as we start a number of initiatives expected to bring NLS into its next generation of service.

I am delighted that Kirsi was elected chair for the next two years, and have pledged to be as helpful as I can be as a committee member. I am particularly interested in continuing to work on the Marrakech issues.

***Karen Keninger***, *director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in the Library of Congress*

## **Uruguay has regulated the implementation of the Marrakech Treaty. A national registry of accessible works and authorized entities is created.**

Uruguay has regulated exception to copyright for visually impaired, physical disability or other disability for reading printed text, which transforms free books and other written materials in formats accessible to them.

In 2013, Uruguay introduces the copyright exception to its legislation for the benefit of people who are blind or have other sensory or reading disabilities. In turn, that same year, the "Marrakech Treaty" was approved, which establishes limitations and exceptions to facilitate the creation and transfer between countries of books and other written materials in an accessible format.

This treaty was conceived in the context of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and come into force in September 2016. Our country ratified it in August 2017 (Law No. 19.262 of August 29, 2014).

The adoption of Decree 295/2017 enables the application of the treaty and referred the exception, while makes Uruguay the first Latin American country to do so.

The Treaty of Marrakech has particular importance for being the first international instrument on the subject aimed at the specific protection of a sector users, such as blind people, which means addressing intellectual property from a human rights perspective.

The decree has also been worked, in light of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the General Law of Education and the mandate of the Law on the Integral Protection of Persons with Disabilities.

This regulatory decree specifies the works that are considered covered and the requirements that the production of a work under this exception must comply with. Likewise, it defines the beneficiaries of the exception and those who can produce works under the decree, the authorized institutions and the beneficiaries. The works must be in an accessible format that allows the beneficiaries access as viable as that of other people without disabilities. It must also respect the integrity of the original work.

The regulation also integrates the institutions that make accessible works produced or adapted for the beneficiaries. At present, these institutions are the University of the Republic, the National Administration of Public Education, the National Union of the Blind of Uruguay and the Braille Foundation.

The approved decree reflects the result of a work carried out in

consultation with a large number of institutions and interested sectors. It had the advice of WIPO, which had milestones such as the event held last March, "National Seminar" The right to accessibility organized by the Copyright Council of the MEC.

The original news in Spanish, available in:

<http://www.mec.gub.uy/innovaportal/v/105521/2/mecweb/tratado-de-marrakech?parentid=98213>

Regulation in this link:

<https://www.impo.com.uy/bases/decretos/295-2017>

## **Library guide to the Marrakesh Treaty for persons with print disabilities is now available in Spanish**

EIFL is delighted to announce that our library guide to the Marrakesh Treaty for persons with print disabilities is now available in Spanish, bringing to eight the total number of languages for the guide.

Thanks to Virginia Inés Simón, Project Manager at the Ibero-American Network of Experts on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Argentina, for the translation work.

The Treaty of Marrakech. EIFL Guide for Libraries

<http://www.eifl.net/news/eifl-marrakesh-guide-launches-spanish>

**Virginia Inés Simón**, *Project Manager, Ibero-American Network of Experts on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - Red CDPD*

## **Ibero-American Network of Experts on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

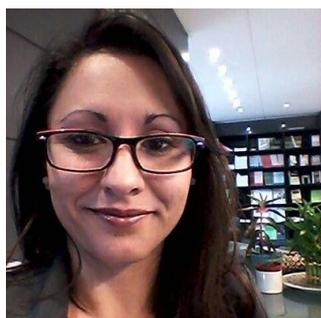


Image: Virginia Inés Simón  
Project Manager

The Ibero-American Network of Experts on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is an academic and social organization whose mission is the study, application and monitoring of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CDPD), as well as the legal and social principles that it promotes.

Through cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and good practices among groups of experts

from different countries, the RED seeks to agree on and define the steps to be followed, as well as to prepare precise proposals so that all the countries of Ibero-America can join the CRPD to legal systems and social practices in the most favourable way for all sectors.

The CRPD represents the highest aspiration for the realization of the human rights of persons with disabilities. The adoption of the CRPD represents the achievement of many of the historic claims of people with disabilities. This was probably possible from the moment the disability began to be addressed as a human rights issue and was reaffirmed when the CRPD was negotiated and adopted inspired by the social model of disability.

Like the international treaty, the RED is based on the human rights perspective; the principle of equality and non-discrimination due to disability; equality between women and men and the active participation of people with disabilities, and the paradigm of the social model of disability that operates as a guide in the search for solutions and best practices at the national level.

The Network seeks to establish a space for permanent debate and dissemination, but at the same time to constitute a specialized

center, working together with social organizations of all Ibero-American states so that the principles postulated by the CRPD are incorporated into each of the actions that respect social life so that people with disabilities can access, exercise and fully enjoy all the rights inherent in their human condition.

The Network proposes:

- Promote and implement the different communication channels among the several social players that influence the application of the CRPD principles in the Ibero-American region, such as civil society, governments, National Human Rights Institutions, and academic institutions;
- Elaborate reports on weak points or errors; initiate disputes, and take part in promotional actions both nationally and internationally.
- Facilitate access to knowledge and promote debate among governmental officers and committees in charge of governmental policies monitoring.
- Promote debate and reflection on theoretical and practical aspects of the CRPD;
- Monitor the actual situation of rights exercising and enjoyment by persons with disabilities;
- Elaborate different documents and other

material on disability with general and technical scopes.

You can access the website of the Red CDPD by clicking on this link: <http://redcdpd.net>



In the image you can see the home page of the CDPD Network.

The CDPD Network manages the following projects:

- Thematic Repository on Disability and Human Rights. It is a Repository that contains, preserves and disseminates documents on Disability and Human Rights, public and private sectors, open access and restricted by copyright. Although the first priority of this project is access to information and open access, we work with copyrighted material, which is restricted access, exclusively for people with visual disabilities. Open Access material is available to the entire scientific, academic and civic community. You can access it at the following link: <http://repositoriocdpd.net:8080/handle/123456789/1>



In the image you can see the web page of the Thematic Repository on Disability and Human Rights.

- Directory of Research and Researchers on Disability and Human Rights.

This is a directory of open access; a free service which aims to spread in a triad of constant updating, research topics, research groups and researchers, so users can visualize who is working on disability issues and on what are they working. Adhering to the policy of open access (Open Access), the material of this directory is open access available to all the scientific, academic and civil society, in Spanish and English.

The Directory of research is established as a database, a digital archive that gathers the information collected about investigations and researchers on disability and human rights. All this information is stored, normalized and preserved in order to facilitate access, recovery and consultation. Moreover, we apply standards and international protocols that allow to give more visibility to information.

The inclusion of new groups and professionals is carried out

according to an eligibility criteria that considers:

- Professional experience
- Work and research done in the areas of concern
- Teaching activity
- Production of written material
- Availability of information and contact

The objectives of the Directory are:

- Have an updated and systematised data base about the key players in the map of scientific and academic production on disability and human rights in Latin America, as well as about research projects and their results.
- Have a general prospect about the academic work that Latin American universities are carrying out and thereby evaluate the impact of research on people with disabilities' lives.
- Build a network between Latin American researchers that address issues related to the rights of persons with disabilities. Thus, they may eventually contact each other, work together or just knowledge about the academic trajectory, work and research results of their colleagues;
- Promote interdisciplinary work by bringing together the research of academics from different disciplines from the paradigm of the social model of disability

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<http://redcdpd.net/directorio/about.php>



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- Latin American Journal on Disability, Society and Human Rights.

The Latin American Magazine on Disability, Society and Human Rights is a biannual publication, originating in the Ibero-American Network of Experts on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, promoted by the institutions that make up this organization, with the aim of the CRPD from a multidisciplinary approach.

This is a publication open to the entire scientific community and to all researchers in the field of Society, Disability and Human Rights under the CRPD.

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## Vision Australia taking a bold step into the future

As CDs are becoming obsolete with ever increasing new technologies enabling more efficient delivery of content to clients through access to a greater range of choice and more quickly, Vision Australia has made the decision to cease delivering DAISY audio books on CD as of 1 January 2019.

Like many LPD member organisations, Vision Australia over

the last 4-5 years had been thinking about, discussing, then putting aside the idea of delivering our DAISY audio collection via online platforms only. We decided enough of the talking, we need to act. We have now made the bold decision, some may say ambitious decision to cease delivering DAISY audio books on CD by 31 December 2017 and move to an online delivery only as of 1 January 2019.

Our goal is to transition approximately 10,000 clients to online borrowing.

Our reasoning is based on the large number of blank CDs for the Burn on Demand service becoming harder to obtain in the amounts required and the mechanical parts of the DAISY CD playback devices required for repairs also becoming harder to obtain. Therefore going forward with the CD service would not be sustainable. Rather than wait for a critical point in time, we decided to begin the transition of clients from CD to online now and ensure continuity of service delivery. For the past 2 years newspapers have only been

available via online. The magazines are now following suit, and will only be available online as of February 2018. Books will be January 2019.

To ensure clients are engaged, we have been including information on the change in articles, radio programs and public talks. A notification message is included as an introduction on each CD sent to clients. Staff are also advising and discussing a range of online options with clients. New clients can only receive content online. Since the concentrated effort of advising clients began in July 2017, our CD production has dropped by 25%. Usage of the collection is predominately via streaming or downloading. In November 2017, 76.7% of content borrowed was via online.

Although we have a detailed plan we are mindful that we have some obstacles to overcome namely connectivity issues in remote geographical locations and some resistance to change. We are working on these and rising to the challenge to meet our goal by the end of 2018.

**Anthea Taylor**, *Manager  
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