

Record of the Meeting Minutes of the Standing Committee of the Latin America and Caribbean Section held in Medellín, Colombia, March 14 and 16, 2012

In attendance

Silvia Cecilia Anselmi (Argentina), Sueli Mara Soares Pinto Ferreira (Brazil), Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra (Brazil), Silvia Prada Forero (Colombia), Ruth Helena Vallejo (Colombia), Bárbara Lazo Rodríguez (Cuba), Araceli García Martín (Spain), Belén Martínez González (Spain), Hortensia Lobato Reyes (Mexico), Filiberto Felipe Martínez-Arellano (Mexico), Jaime Ríos Ortega (Mexico), Doris Ivon Samanez Alzamora (Peru), Emilce Noemi Sena Correa (Paraguay), Adriana Betancur (Colombia), Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo (Mexico), Elizabet Ramos de Carvalho (Brazil).

Members with excused absence

Ana María Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Angela María Monteiro Bettencourt (Brazil), Mercedes Falconi (Uruguay), Estela Morales Campos (Mexico), Olinda Gómez Moran (El Salvador), Elmelinda Lara (Trinidad and Tobago), Jesús Lau (Mexico), Octavio Castillo (Panama).

1. Opening and approval of the meeting agenda.

The president of the Standing Committee, Sigrid Karin Weiss Dutra, launched the session by welcoming all members of the Standing Committee and submitted to their consideration the approval of the meeting work agenda. It is worth noting that, before the meeting of the Committee, the seminar “The library in the political agenda of governments” took place, organized by Comfenalco Antioquia and Medellín’s Public Library System.

2. Approval of Meeting Records of the Standing Committee held in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The president submitted to the consideration of all present the approval of the records of the previous Standing Committee meeting, held on August 14 and 16, 2011, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The minute was approved.

3. Reports

3.1 Regional Office Manager Report.

Dr. Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo, highlighted the Regional Office management of the Committee’s meeting to be held in Colombia. He rendered an account of diverse communications with the IFLA Governing Board and announced his resignation. Finally, he thanked the members of the Committee for their support during his day-to-day work running the organization.

3.2 Report of the President

The president presented her activities report.

4. Programme of the Section in the WLIC 2012 “Libraries today: Inspiring, Surprising and Empowering”

A call for papers, to be presented in IFLA/LAC session during the Libraries and Information World Congress 2012, was draw up. Thirty-one submissions were received and sent to the members of the Committee for evaluation. Once the process was concluded, four papers were chosen:

- 1) Memoria Chilena: La Biblioteca Nacional Digital de Chile, de Roberto Aguirre (Chile). [An Account from Chile: The National Digital Library of Chile]
- 2) Políticas públicas y formación bibliotecaria para el siglo XXI, de Graciela Perrone (Argentina) [Public policies and the education of librarians in the twenty/first century]
- 3) Biblioteca y TIC: Medios de información y comunicación para la formación de ciudadanía crítica, de Jaider Ochoa (Colombia). [Libraries and ICT: Information communication media for educating critical citizenry]
- 4) Nuevos paradigmas de documentación científica de acceso abierto, de Celeste Villagrán y Lorena Fiori (Uruguay). [New open access scientific documentation paradigms]

5. BSLA Programme and ALP Projects

The president of the section provided an overview of the BSLA programme, and Felipe Martínez and Elizabeth Ramos de Carvalho also spoke on the subject. In regard to the section’s involvement with BSLA and ALP, the following points were highlighted:

5.1 Berlin meeting brief

Doris Samanez talked about this year’s meeting held in Berlin in February, at which Africa, Asia and Latin America representatives were also assisted. Doris attended as national person-in-charge of the Project in Peru.

5.2 BSLA in Peru

Doris Samanez presented the programme’s developement to this point. Likewise, she noted that the third stage of BSLA workshop would be held in May

5.3 BSLA in Argentina

Elizabeth Carvalho reported that a BSLA workshop would be held in Argentina.

5.4 BSLA in Panama

Doris Samanez reported that workshops for Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Costa Rica were held. At a later date, the reports will be sent to ALP.

5.5 BSLA in Brazil

The President mentioned that Brazil’s representatives, who attended the workshop above, are currently organizing cascade workshops.

6. Other projects

6.1 Transparency workshop in Argentina

Felipe Martínez reported that FAIFE, and Library of Congress of Argentina jointly imparted a workshop last November

6.2 IFLA/LAC ad hoc Commission for people with disadvantages.

The President propounded on the creation of an ad hoc commission for disadvantaged persons.

7. Budget

Felipe Martínez reported that starting in 2012, IFLA's Professional Committee allotted the section a base budget of 400 euros. Each section is free to request an increase to this budget. In this light the Standing Committee agreed to request an additional 1000 euros to support the Entrenamiento en Bibliotecas Digitales [Entertainment in Digital Libraires] project to be held (jointly with AECI) in Peru in July 2012.

8. Corresponding Members

It was noted the need to inform IFLA of the Committee's resolution on following corresponding members continuing to serve for a second term: Adriana Betancur (Colombia), Octavio Castillo (Panama), Mercedes Falconi (Uruguay), Estela Morales Campos (Mexico). Their terms will expire in August 2013. Likewise, it was agreed to invite Karla Rodriguez (Costa Rica) to be corresponding member during that time.

9. General Subjects.

9.1 INFOBILA

Jaime Ríos presented the developments of INFOBILA project

9.2 CERLALC

Sigrud addressed the possibility of continuing a joint effort with CERLALC to develop additional projects in the region.

9.3 IFLA'S Five Key Initiatives for the years 2011-2012/ Strategic Plan

A report was offered on the five key initiatives of IFLA to further develop its programme.

9.4 The Promotion of the Committee in social networks and other media

Silvia Anselmi remarked on the creation of a Facebook profile, providing members with an additional communications medium.

9.5 Support to the Section of Regulations

The president remarked the creation of a new IFLA section, created to compile the general organizational standards. She mentioned that Felipe Martinez requested the nomination of a candidate from each region (Asia, Africa and Latin America) so the section can enjoy broad representation. Three proposals were received and IFLA's Professional Committee decided that the candidate from the region of Asia was most suitable for the job.

9.6. Revision of the International Code of Ethics for Librarians Project

The president reported on the International Code of Ethics, which is being discussed by the IFLA Governing Board. Progress on this matter shall be presented at the Congress in Helsinki.

9.7 WIPO efforts on limitations and exceptions for libraries.

The president informed that IFLA's declaration is being supported and shall be presented during the WIPO meeting.

9.8. Strengthening of relationships with National Associations in the Region.

The President mentioned that work relations with National Association of the region will continue.

10. Forthcoming Meeting of the Standing Committee

The Committee agreed to request two meetings in Helsinki. Finally, the President thanked all members of the Committee for their involvement and gave adjournment.