

# Governing Board Elections 2009-2011

## Statement of Candidacy

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Serving the IFLA Governing Board from 2007-2009, I have been active to promote IFLA's strategic directions particularly in the field of universal access to information and knowledge all over the world in respect of the individual's identity, cultural and linguistic diversity and in respect of freedom of access and expression by the means of libraries. Involved in the World Summit on the Information Society since 2002, I continue to be active in this field and advocate to really bring the libraries at the heart of the information and knowledge society.

The crucial role of libraries in information literacy must be sustained by developing reading capacity, first step to have access to the information and knowledge society. For that, I'm preparing an IFLA reading manifesto with others IFLA's members from the public libraries and others sections.

In the field of the multilingual and multicultural aspect, I administer the Libraries success stories database and its translations into 4 languages for the moment (French, English, German, Spanish). The construction of the Russian version is beginning. I want to continue to encourage and develop the multilingual and multicultural aspect of the institution.

In connection with the actual financial crisis, it has become more important to find funding to ensure the vital role of the libraries in the 21th century and to strengthen advocacy to develop the involvement of the states into the library services.

For that IFLA has a lot of tools like manifestos and need to spread them on a larger scale by the way of the development of the IFLA regional centres.

With the climatic problems, it has become more and more important to safeguard our cultural heritage - in particular by promoting risk preparedness and training experts, both at the national and regional levels in order to prevent, control and recover from disasters. With this aim in view, I want to develop co-operation with other bodies involved, such as UNESCO, ICA, ICOM, ICOMOS.

To reach these goals, IFLA needs active members. For that, I want to contribute actively to increase the membership.

I look forward to the opportunity to spend two additional years working with other IFLA members on the Governing Board to reinforce our association as the powerful worldwide voice of the libraries, to find solutions for the creation of partnerships with organisations involved in the implementation of the multicultural and the multilingual knowledge society, to promote all forms of preserving cultural heritage worldwide and to expand the number of members.

If I am re-elected to the Governing Board, I will put all my energy, my ability and my enthusiasm to achieve these goals.

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