

Governing Board Elections

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Statement of Candidacy

**For the position of Governing Board Member
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For several years I have had the opportunity to participate in the activities of IFLA, experiencing firsthand the power of our organization. In the last two years, as an elected member of the Governing Board, I have increased furthermore my implication into IFLA and I can assure that is much what I have learned. I would like to continue working making my modest contribution to the development of our organization, so I respectfully offer my candidacy for re-election to the IFLA Governing Board.

The Knowledge Society is not already a mere theoretical concept, but a palpable reality. But it is also clear that further work is needed to reach this stage around the world, especially in times of crisis. It is now more important than ever to try that Access to Knowledge becomes a reality for all individuals and all communities. The role that libraries and information services can play in this task is responsibility of all the professionals. The work developed in last years has reinforced IFLA's role in the society, in an effort that is necessary to support and to extend.

An organization as IFLA depends on its members and, because of this, it is extremely important trying to continue increasing its utility for its current members and for those who are still not members. IFLA must facilitate the development of their activities, contributing with all its organizational capacity and influence. If the professionals find really useful and interesting to take part in IFLA, our organization will have its future assured and with it, its aptitude to defend and to promote its goals and values. If elected, I pledge to give all of my enthusiasm and capacities to achieve these aims.

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