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Greetings from the IFLA President

Dear representatives of the EMMILE Coordinating Board, dear representatives of IASL, dear representatives of AIB, dear representatives of the IFLA Standing Committees of the School Libraries and Resource Centres Section and of the Information Literacy Section,

From Vancouver, Canada, I would like to express warm words of greetings to all of you, participating today in the EMMILE conference, the European Meeting on Media and Information Literacy Education in Libraries.

IFLA welcomes this initiative that aims to explore theory and practice of media and information literacy in libraries and in other educational contexts. The EMMILE conference integrates well the activities of IFLA's Information Literacy Section and IFLA's School Libraries and Resource Centres Section. In this way the conference also enhances the existing cooperation between IFLA and UNESCO. IFLA and UNESCO work collaboratively together to promote media and information literacy worldwide. To tackle the global challenges, it is necessary to raise media and information literacy awareness and to foster the development of strategies to enhance information skills and competencies for all citizens.

Through my IFLA Presidential theme, *Libraries: a Force for Change* I stress that libraries play many roles that benefit individuals, communities and society in general. To realize their full potential, libraries must provide inclusive and transformative services, innovate and forge new collaborative alliances. Libraries serve all without judgment, prejudice or bias. By democratizing access to information, libraries empower individuals to learn freely, improve their lives and create knowledge. Through promoting media and information literacy, libraries are truly acting as Force for Change. The theme and programme of the EMMILE conference enhance inclusion through libraries in a practical way.

IFLA is pleased to support this event, through the active participation of its IFLA Sections. We look forward to learning more about the outcome and I wish you a successful conference.

With kind regards,

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