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Statement of Candidacy

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In our world, knowledge is power. Since their existence, libraries organize knowledge according to classification systems in order to make their collections accessible to the public. Libraries have also the task to disseminate knowledge and information equally to all their users.

- It is significant to endorse IFLA's actions to provide even better information and library services to the public, because institutions remain alive via the appreciation of their end users, which are the milestones of each library.
- I envisage that IFLA, as the leading library organization in the world, fosters cooperation between cultural institutions, i.e. libraries, archives and museums for jointly preserving the cultural heritage. The current trend is that the three constituents of cultural heritage should closely collaborate.
- During the difficult economic situation and the increase of unemployment, we jointly should contribute in raising the image of libraries as lighthouses in stormy seas. We should strive to make libraries the last resort for all users.
- IFLA should continue working towards the direction that all citizens have the right to access information services and have free access to information that widens their spiritual horizons and that enhances scientific progress and humanitarian aspects.
- It is an obligation to encourage more libraries to become IFLA members and to persuade librarians to participate in IFLA activities and conferences.

The Greek synonyms for 'cooperation' are: *synergy* or *synergasia*. Thus, close cooperation is the means to fulfill IFLA's goals and objectives.

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