

Governing Board Elections 2009-2011

Statement of Candidacy

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We live in an extraordinary time of economic, technological, social, and political upheaval. Libraries of all kinds are more important now than ever and our role as library advocates must take on greater urgency. Libraries have to be on the public agenda at the neighbourhood, regional, national, hemispheric and global levels and IFLA must continue to assert the interests of the broad library community when and wherever necessary.

This will not be easy as the resources of most, if not all, of our membership are under significant stress. IFLA is not immune from the impacts of the deepening global recession and new ways of engaging our membership and broadening the Federation's influence must continue to be explored. The significant gains made in this decade in IFLA's effective advocacy on intellectual property, intellectual freedom and inclusion for all in the digital age must be maintained and strengthened. The way forward has been charted with the Governing Board's 2009-2010 strategic priorities and we must now work to realize these objectives. I believe that my library and association experience well equip me to contribute to this process.

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