



## **IFLA Law Libraries Section Annual Report 2009**

The further establishment of the Section has advanced well. It has 46 members at the end of the year 2009. They come from 17 countries. Members of the Standing Committee (see below) try to attract more Section members in order to secure the future of the Section. It should be mentioned that it is, in times of ongoing economic uncertainties, not always easy to convince potential members that a Section membership is money well invested.

In 2009 all the IFLA Sections had to elect or re-elect their Standing Committee members and so did the Law Libraries Section. There are now eleven Standing Committee members from six countries so finally the threshold of ten members as stipulated by IFLA was finally reached and thus the Section could be nicely consolidated. Details about the Standing Committee members (names, addresses, and functions) can be found on this site.

The Standing Committee met in Milan on August 22, 2009, in order to discuss the developments since the last meeting in Québec, and in order to further pave the way for future activities. Details about the discussions and the manifold activities of the Section can be found in the extensive minutes of the meeting, as always meticulously prepared by Claire Germain, Secretary of the Section. The minutes can also be found on this site.

The annual congress is always the highlight of IFLA's activities, and so are the lectures offered by the Section during the IFLA congress the highlights of the Section's activities. (More information about the former 23 lectures offered by the Section in the past years can be found in the combined annual report 2001 to 2007, and in the annual report 2008, on this site).

On Tuesday, August 25, 2009, the two lectures of the Section were offered by Elena Bargelli (Pisa) about the protection of cultural property in Italy, and by Rosa Maiello (Naples) about law libraries and law librarianship in Italy. The text of the latter lecture can be found on this site. Most unfortunately the Section had to compete with the lectures of the Government Section and of FAIFE which aimed at participants with the same legal interests and the same background. In spite of this, our two-hours slot

was visited by more than 40 listeners and both lectures were a good success - they quite rightly earned a lot of applause.