

MODEL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PROJECT IN BRAZIL

MLAP

REPORT 1996 - 1998

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INTRODUCTION

IFLA /RTMLA/MLAP began in Brazil in 1994. In February 1999 FEBAB and the Brazilian co-ordinator of the project present this report of the second amount of money that IFLA /RTMLA sent to Brazil in August 1996.

FEBAB and MLAP co-ordination in Brazil hope that after reading this preliminary report RTMLA will define the next period to send the remaining funds of L 2 000 (two thousand pounds) to develop the last activities of MLAP in Brazil, as soon as possible.

BACKGROUND

In December 1991, when Model Library Association Project-MLAP was proposed to be developed in Brazil Ms. Miriam Nascimento was the president of FEBAB – Brazilian Federation of Library Associations (1990-1993), Elisabeth Carvalho was IFLA-LAC regional manager and Maria de Lourdes Côrtes Romanelli was the president of ABMG Minas Gerais Library Association (1990- 1995). Which was pointed to be the FEBAB co-ordinator of MLAP in Brazil, involving two more LA, the Pernambuco LA and Santa Catarina LA.

In January 1999 Elisabeth Carvalho is the IFLA-LAC Regional Manager and Maria de Lourdes Côrtes Romanelli is the new President of FEBAB elected last October for the period 1999-2001.

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THE BEGINNING OF MLAP IN BRAZIL

In December 1992 Miriam Nascimento received the letter **RB/mt/2 December 1992** from Mr. Russell Bowden Chairman of IFLA-RTMLA telling her that " thanks to all the efforts of FEBAB, Miriam, Elizabeth Carvalho and Maria Romanelli we have all succeeded and RTMLA meeting in Delhi decided to support the recommendations of David Bender and myself that the RTMLA project with FEBAB should proceed".

RTMLA proposed that the project should run in 3 years, from January 1993 to December 1995 with **IFLA sending to Brazil the amount of L\$2. 000 (two thousand pounds) each year**. But due to difficulties on money exchanges the MLAP began in Brazil only in 1994 when Mr João Carlos Gomes Ribeiro was the president of FEBAB.

In June 1994, FEBAB send to ABMG the first amount of the funds of L\$2.000 few days after the end of the great 2nd. LATIN AMERICAN AND BRAZILIAN CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE, hold by ABMG and FEBAB in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais State, in April 1994.

The first amount was deposited on Belo Horizonte, on Minas Gerais Library Association account of BANCO DO BRASIL. Ag. 3494-0 c/c ABMG n. 4111-4. After a few months the entire account of MLAP was transferred to the ITAU BANK, .Ag. 1430 c/c ABMG /MLAP n. 09151-0 because in this bank ABMG Financial Director found better conditions of financial management of the whole funds.

OBJECTIVES OF MLAP IN BRAZIL –

MAIN OBJECTIVE:

To promote revitalisation of Brazilian Library Association Movement co-ordinated by FEBAB following a pilot project to be hold by Minas Gerais State Library Association As Association Model, extending their benefits to Santa Catarina and Pernambuco State Library Associations and other Brazilian and Latin American Library Associations.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

To establish a Library Association Model Programme that could increase the participation of the associated members in the activities and encourage new members to joint to the LA movement;

To modernise the administrative structure of the Minas Gerais LA with a standard information management system and new chairman's directories and assessors;

To offer new services for the associates and community of employers and others;

To decentralise and expand activities upstate, including a regional library association;

To get new resources and services to the LA Employment Bank in order to increase its value and make dissemination of the human resources of the area;

To modernise and to enhance the communication media between the LA and communities To establish the bases of the services and activities to enable the LA Model to make clear the proposal how to became self-sufficient after the on-going period of the project with the support management of FEBAB and IFLA/RTMLA

To discuss and to extent politics, new administration, new services, publications and experiences with Pernambuco and Santa Catarina LA as pilot project participants;

To stimulate a formal integration between MLAP participants and with the other Brazilian and Latin America Library Associations, with the management support of FEBAB and IFLA/RTMLA.

GOALS TO ACHIEVE

The project intends to provide:

1. Administrative re-engineering and modernization;
2. New services improvement;
3. Special libraries group in a new activation planning;
4. Institutional marketing;
5. Human resources and professional development programme;
6. Integration;
7. Financial stability.

Follow-up and evaluation are considered as essential as annual reports to IFLA at the end of each money parcel.

ROLL OUT SCHEDULE

First year	- Minas Gerais State
Second year	- Minas Gerais State, Santa Catarina and Pernambuco States
Third year	- Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina and Pernambuco States involving FEBAB and other Brazilian and Latin American Library Associations.

TIMINGS

Originally the project would take three years, starting on 1994, matching the deposits, as scheduled.

BUDGET AND FUNDS

The project would receive 3 AMOUNTS of L 2.000 (two thousand pounds each) as defined by IFLA/ RTMLA letter **RB/m t / 2 December 1992**.

As the first deposit came from IFLA in July 1994 to FEBAB and Minas Gerais State Library Association (MGLA) the project begun to be developed only in September 1994.

A first report in English and Portuguese language was made by Maria de Lourdes C. Romanelli covering 1994-1995, at the end of this first parcel. (Attached 1)

The second parcel of IFLA's grant came in August 1996 and a preliminary report of 1996-1997 activities and expenses of it was sent to IFLA by Maria de Fátima Pierucetti, president of ABMG in 14 August 1997(Attached 2)

This present report 1999 is concerned particularly with the more recent activities of the remaining funds of the second deposit of MLAP – with this little amount we are working to integrate central, north and south LAs .

The report signed by Maria Cléa Borges, president of MGLA and by Maria de Lourdes Côrtes Romanelli , as MLAP co-ordinator includes **Maranhão First seminar on**

Management of Library associations and Labour Unions activities and expenses in July 1997 and **Santa Catarina Second Seminar** activities and expenses in October 1998. (attached 3)

A BRIEF OF THE FIRST REPORTS OF THE MLAP IN BRAZIL

In accordance with the goals of the project, during 1994-1995 MLAP /Minas Gerais Library Association principal activities were:

1. Development of MGLA new structure, including the Technical, the Marketing and Financial Directors ,
2. First Action Plan Agreement of each pilot state- MGLA made a reunion with the presidents of LA of Pernambuco and Santa Catarina to draft some integrated actions. This first reunion was in São Paulo.
3. MLAP participants stablished the new salaries resolution, in order to help librarians and employers. This resolution was adopted by the other LA and Labour Unions .
4. MGLA bought its first fax, a computer and a printer and gave support to a changing on the visual logos of the LA and FEBAB and to the professional identity, too.
5. "Contato," the MGLA's Bulletin was edited with photos and other visual changes and 2.000 folders were sent to MG, St.Catarina and Pernambuco LA members.
6. The new LA and FEBAB logos and card members identity were sent to associative members of Minas Gerais, Pernambuco and Santa Catarina States
7. MGLA criated the first Regional Directory of a Brazilian LA, in Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais.

MGLA sent copies of this folder to IFLA and RTMLA and to all Brazilian and Latin America professionals, which receive the IFLA-LAC Newsletter.

In according to IFLA-LAC' s chairman reports of international meetings of RTMLA co-ordinators in 1995, IFLA/RTMLA decided to go on with the project in Brazil after reading this first official report.

A new amount of L 2.000 (two thousand pounds) came from IFLA to FEBAB in 1996 and Maria de Fátima Chaves Pierucetti, the MGLA President ,at that time, received it from FEBAB in August 1996.

Ms. Fátima Pierucetti wrote a preliminary report on the activities and expenses of this deposit in August 1997 and sent it to IFLALAC Manager, Elisabeth Carvalho to present it to the new co-ordinators of RTMLA, during IFLA International Meeting, 1997.

NEW DELHI AND IFLA INFLUENCES ON MLAP IN BRAZIL.

As the President of Minas Gerais LA and future co-ordinator of the MLAP in Brazil, Maria de Lourdes Côrtes Romanelli was invited to be present to IFLA "s International Conference 1992, in Delhi.

When MLAP begin in Brazil MGLA President reported the methodology she learned from IFLA 1992 to the Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina and Pernambuco Library Associations. After this report they decided to develop a research to know the real situation of Brazilian LA in order to prepare a course, or **work-shop** on one of the MLAP programmed activities on **Brazilian Library Associations management** because that **was one of the Brazilian LA great demands since before 1990.**

Elisabeth Carvalho reported the need for this workshop to IFLA/ RTMLA in several occasions. In fact Mr Bowden was invited to come to participate on a Brazilian workshop on LA management but this never happened, Mr Bowden didn't come and LAs were continuing to ask for this subject.

MLAP HELPS LA AND FEBAB TO RE-INTEGRATE

Since 1990, FEBAB and Brazilian Library and Information Science Associative Movement was splitting because of a group of strong Library Associations of Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, São Paulo, Rio Grande Sul and Pernambuco disagreed with the FEBAB's rules. They thought that FEBAB's leadership to integrate the States since the last election of FEBAB was not effective and so modern as they wanted and that FEBAB gave no answers to their real demands.

A growing apathy came after FEBAB's 1990 election and it gave opportunity to arise a new and different institution named SAIBA (Brazilian Society for Information and Library Science Agencies) Its president was the ex-president of ABDF Brasilia Library Association and SAIBA aims include to find a new way for the management of the associative movement, and a real crisis of authority came over FEBAB.

During this crisis two Labour Unions appeared in São Paulo and Paraná states and Rio de Janeiro and Bahia transformed their LA into Labour Union, also.

In 1994, during the period of the organization of **BIBLOS 2000** the 2nd Latin American and 17. Brazilian Congress held in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais Library Association worked with all Library Associations, Councils and Labour Unions, Special Groups and FEBAB's Special Commissions. **Current and future LAs leaders were involved on the great Congress. This fact seemed to begin to re-integrate the associative movement, chiefly because just after this international meeting Minas Gerais kept its leadership with the Model Library Association Project.**

After receiving the first and the second amount from IFLA, MGLA began to develop the second moment of the project in Brazil. Minas Gerais, Pernambuco and Santa Catarina LA made **a national survey among all Brazilian LAs** to know the real situation and demands of LA in Brazil, before to go on, on their proposition.

Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina and Pernambuco LA received from different parts of Brazil many suggestions including "course on how to run a LA", that is, what LAs needed and asked for a long time.

The results of the national survey of MLAP confirmed their need. The LA were- as still are- in great difficulties and the situation of the LA were – and still are- quite different if you compare São Paulo or Minas Gerais with Paraíba or Rio Grande do Norte.

The "First Meeting on the Management of Library Associations and Labour Unions" was organised by MLAP co-ordinators in Maranhão, as a pre-session seminar of the "18 Brazilian Congress of Library and Information Science", in July 1997.

This meeting was supported by the IFLA's second part of MLAP funds, Minas Gerais, Maranhão and Pernambuco human resources and financial co-operation.

LEARNING WITH IFLA'S METHODOLOGY

The First Seminar had its methodology based on the methodology that Maria de Lourdes Côrtes Romanelli, as president of ABMG and representative delegate of FEBAB learned from IFLA's Pre-Session Seminar on "The Status, Reputation and Image of the Library and Information Profession", held in Delhi, 24-28 August, 1992.

The technical bibliography included papers from Delhi's IFLA Pre-session Seminar Proceedings (1).

In preparation for the Seminar Maria de Lourdes Côrtes Romanelli translated these papers into Portuguese.

Three months before the "First Brazilian Seminar on the Management of LA and Labour Unions" held in Maranhão, North of Brazil, the MGLA co-ordinators sent to the 21 Presidencies of Libraries Associations and 04 (four) Labour Unions, FEBAB IFLA-LAC and IBICT / Science and Technology Brazilian Institute, three preliminary documents to be prepared for the Seminar, as follows:

- ♦ A copy of the paper "Management of Professional Associations: Guidelines", presented by David Bender, PhD. Executive Director of SLA/Special Library Association - USA, during the Pre-Session Seminar in New Delhi, in 1992;
- ♦ a copy of the "17 (seventeen) risk factors of LIS professionals" as listed by IFLA, after the world-wide survey led by Hans Prins and Wilco de Gier from Holland;
- ♦ the final report of the "Seminar Resolutions" as related by IFLA at the end of the seminar in Delhi, 1992 (1)

MLAP FIRST BENEFITS

The second amount of IFLA/ RTMLA funds was dedicated to MLAP objectives to use MGLA as a Library Association model with the intention to integrate and to help to rebuild the basis of the Brazilian Library and Information Sciences Associative Movements. It has the support of Pernambuco and Maranhão States LA (1997 Meeting) and Santa Catarina (1998 meeting)

1997 MEETING IN MARANHÃO.

The workshop of two days long in Maranhão stimulated 8 presidents of Library Associations (from a total of 21 LA), and 02 of 04 Brazilian LIS Labour Unions to work together.

(1) THE STATUS, REPUTATION AND IMAGE OF THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION PROFESSION: proceedings of the IFLA pre-session seminar, Delhi, 24-28 August 1992/IFLA. Edited by Russell Bowden and Donald Wijasuriya. Munchen New Providence; London: Paris; Saur, 1994. 228p.

Representative Delegates of FEBAB's Executive Board, IFLA-LAC and IBICT were present at the First Seminar, also.

Discussions led to the need of a strategic planning of LA and Information Science Institutions in Brazil, to develop a new management action in this field. Minas Gerais LA suggested a strategic plan as a model of annual plan used by non-profit organisations. After video show, readings and discussions the LA participants assumed to develop such a plan for their annual planning.

At the end of this meeting and considering the results of the survey, the readings and personal discussions, all participants agreed that MLAP Seminar inaugurated a new period of the associative movement management in Brazil.

One can read from the **preliminary report** that Maria de Fátima Pierucetti, as the president of MGLA 1995-1997 sent to IFLA in **14 August 1997** that LAs participants of the first Seminar wrote on the importance of such a Seminar on LA management to go on each year.

At the end of Maranhão Seminar LA received from MLAP co-ordinator a homework:

1. To discuss with state associated members the INVISIBILITY of professionals and of the Library Associations
2. To send to MGLA the results of these discussions.
3. To draft the "State Library Association Annual Plan and Budget" in order to get funds for its projects.

1998 SECOND MEETING ON LA MANAGEMENT, IN SANTA CATARINA

Maria Clea Borges, as the new president of MGLA, 1998-2 000 and MLAP co-ordinator organised the 2nd Seminar on " How to run a LA " in 1998 as requested by LAs in Maranhão with the remaining funds of the second amount of MLAP.

Santa Catarina LA offered partly support of this second LAs meeting, as long as it was hold a few days before CIBERÉTICA CONGRESS, in Santa Catarina, south of Brazil.

In 16 and 17 October 1998 the "Second Seminar on the Management of Brazilian Library Association and Labour-Union" was held in Santa Catarina State, supported with MLAP second parcel remaining funds and with the human resources and financial help of Minas Gerais and Santa Catarina State Library Associations.

In accordance with the Second Seminar report, wrote by Maria Clea Borges, president of MGLA it had an increasing participation of the LA professionals with 10 (ten) of 21 LA and 02 (two) of 4 four Labour-Union Directors being present .(attached 3)

Five LA presidents wrote/ phoned that they wanted to participate but their LA didn't have sufficient money conditions to send them to Santa Catarina. - That was the case of Espírito Santo, Pará, Rio Grande do Norte, Alagoas and Paraíba, most of them in north and north-east of Brazil.

Paraná, Mato Grosso do Sul and Sergipe were finally present because the professionals paid the travel expenses with money on their own.

FEBAB, IBICT and representative delegates of IFLA-LAC and Federal Councils of LIS were present in Florianópolis MLAP Meeting, too.

MARKS FROM THE SECOND MEETING

Some remarkable events occurred during this second MLAP meeting in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina.

In August 1998 four months before the MLAP Seminar beginning, the Delegates from the Brazilian Regional State Councils of Librarians wrote to MGLA organiser wanting to participate at the meeting. They had the intention to present a national marketing plan of LIS profession to the participants of the MLAP reunion. MLAP organisers include this paper in the MLAP programme.

Therefore, in 17 October 1998, for the first time in Brazilian History of Library and Information Science Meetings, were **working together** in the same room the directors and managers of the principal forces of Brazilian LIS Movement – the Library Associations, the Labour Unions, the great majority of Presidencies of the Regional Councils of Library and Information Science, FEBAB and IFLA-LAC delegate. A picture of this important moment will be part of the Brazilian report that will be presented to IFLA/ RTMLA in March, in Mexico City.

In a environment of competition with respect and professionalism two groups disputed the election for the new Directory of FEBAB 1999-2001 during the General Assembly of FEBAB in 16 October 1998, and Maria de Lourdes Côrtes Romanelli was elected the new President.

In the next day both groups delegates were sitting together to work on MLAP Programme. And as one group they worked side by side during more than 12 hours a day in 17 and 18 October.

At the end of the seminar they made their common recommendations to FEBAB and IFLA, they made a short evaluation of the meeting and wrote the conclusions of the Second MLAP Seminar, in Florianópolis, SC.

A BRIEF OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS, 1996-1998

Maria de Fátima Pierucetti as the MGLA president received the second deposit of L 2.000 sent by IFLA to MLAP in 14-August-1996. The whole amount was received in Banco do Brasil and a few days later it was deposited in Itaú Bank, account ABMG/MLAP Agency 1430 c/c 09151-0 in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais

In 13-06-1997 the credit of the whole amount of MLAP. deposited in Itaú Bank was R\$ 6.937,26 (Brazilian money)

Mrs. Pierucetti reported the MLAP expenses during the period of 1996-97 in the **preliminary report** she sent to Elisabeth Carvalho from IFLA_LAC Manager in 14 August 1997. It contains the following expenses report (Attached 2):

Deposit to Santa Catarina Library Association	R\$850,00
Deposit to Pernambuco Library Association	R\$850,00
Air tickets for MGLA President, MLAP co-ordinator	R\$1.050,00
Seminar materials like banners	R\$100,00

Seminar bags.	R\$276,00
Seminar identities	R\$40,00
Paper and office materials	R\$98,00
Digital , visual work, art and printing expenses	R\$320,00
Coffee-break services in Maranhão	R\$200,00
Mail services	R\$180,00
Xerox services	R\$350,00
Bank services expenses	R\$18,00
Other expenses	R\$230,00
TOTAL	R\$4.562,00

So, there was a REMAINING AMOUNT of the 2ND deposit from IFLA /MLAP of R \$ 2.375,26 in August 1997.

The MLAP expenses during the period of 1998 –99 are reported by Maria Clea Borges, President of MGLA, 1998-2000. (Attached 3)

As Ms. Borges says in her report ,as the LAs present in the first meeting on LA Management asked for its continuity on 1998, but the remaining account of MLAP wasn't enough to pay for such a Seminar expenses, MGLA and Santa Catarina decided to give their financial help to organise the 2nd MLAP Workshop on Management of LAs and Labour Unions from 16 to 18 October, as a Pre-session seminar of the CIBERÉTICA INTERNATIONAL CONGRES that it was hold in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina.

Santa Catarina LA offered the resources of the hotel and meal expenses of 30 participants of the Workshop with the inscription values of CIBERÉTICA .

MGLA sent to Santa Catarina LA R\$ 300,00 to face little expenses and sent to Pernambuco LA memberships participants the same value of R\$ 300,00 each to help their air tickets travel to Santa Catarina.

Afterwards MGLA and Santa Catarina and Pernambuco LA organised the 2nd meeting with the remaining values of MLAP and its own money. The whole expenses of the MLAP with the 2nd Meeting were recorded by Maria Cléa Borges report as following:

Bank deposit to Santa Catarina...Library Association	R\$300,00
Bank Deposit to Pernambuco Library Association	R\$300,00
Air tickets and taxi expenses of one invited conferencist	R\$327,80
Air tickets and taxi expenses of MGLA as MLAP co-ordinators	R\$748,73
Xerox and other copy expenses	R\$72,70
Paper and other office materials	R\$154,90
Mail services	R\$9,92
Banners and silkscreen expenses	R\$218,00
Phone and fax expenses	R\$231,28
Other expenses (photos, bank expenses, certificates and others)	R\$166,77
TOTAL EXPENSES	R\$2.530,00

The original bills will be presented at the IFLA/RTLMA in Mexico City.

Contribution of Minas Gerais and Santa Catarina LA to the Seminar in Florianópolis:

Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina and Pernambuco LAs think that Model Library Association Project is of great value and they made efforts to develop it even with a

small sum of money as in October 1998. Santa Catarina supported the hotel daily expenses of 30 participants of the Seminar and Minas Gerais LA added more than R 366,14 to the remaining sum of MLAP account to close this second MLAP activities and expenses.

This financial integration is part of the objectives of MLAP, also. And could be understood as a good first sign of solidarity among Brazilian Library Associations.

MLAP ON-GOIN ACTIVITIES, 1999

There are on- going activities of the MLAP in Brazil during 1999, already. Our intention is to develop these activities in order to integrate the north and north- east regions of Brazil into MLAP programmes.

These regions are considered as ones of the poorest regions of Brazil. FEBAB, ABMG and Pernambuco Library Association - as MLAP participant and leader of the regional LA – have many difficulties to hold the regional Seminar on Management of LAs there.

As Marcilio Freitas, the President of Pernambuco LA reported in Florianópolis last October “ we have to come face to face with the fact that it is very difficult for north-east librarians just to keep alive the LA of this region - there is a great number of north-east librarians on a salary of less then US\$ 100 a month and they can't afford to pay for anything more than their own food.”

In accordance with the decision of all Library Associations present in Florianópolis in October MLAP memberships are organising this next seminar of LAs integration to be hold in Recife, Pernambuco, from 25 to 27 October 1999.

There is great expectation for us of FEBAB and MLAP in Brazil to receive the last parcel of MLAP funds as soon as possible, in time to support our 1999 planning and to hold the “3rd Seminar on the Management of Library Associations and Labour Union” in the Brazilian north-east region.

KEY WORDS for FEBAB WORK 1999-2001.

During the second seminar of MLAP some important aspects were discussed and defined. They are listed as principal issues of LAs activities and are included in a list of actions that LAs need FEBAB to develop during the period of 1999-2001, such as:

- ♦ FEBAB must provide **constant integration** of all Library Associations and must provide mechanism of **solidarity** among them in order to help the LA of the far west Brazil states which have small sum of money from memberships to develop their work and to take part of workshops, courses and national meetings.
- ♦ LAs are asking for new Executive Board of FEBAB to **take a clear position towards the academic and continuing education** and to hold some project on this important matter including all Brazilian LAs on it. This project could integrate the round Tables of IFLA.
- ♦ FEBAB must **take notice of the MERCOSUL personal requirements** and to the fact that the Federal Council of LIS wrote two resolutions **on the new profession of “technical assistant of library science”**. The great majority of LA membership

think that this new professional may bring interference on the librarians and information science professional market ;

- ♦ FEBAB must get **financial resources to pay for a marketing of FEBAB and Library Associations**. It would be a Library and Information Science Professionals Campaign of Marketing in Brazilian media, to give **visibility** to them and **to impress on Government and on educational authorities** the importance of school and public libraries and librarians as integral part of the educational and community development process.
- ♦ In relation to continuing and long distance education FEBAB must **provide** as soon as possible **a group of partners/ sponsors to organise courses or workshops** on the importance of **Internet and video and network training courses** .
- ♦ LAs think that long distance education may give to FEBAB and LAs a new LA management to reach so many Brazilian professionals, especially those who work alone in small medium cities of Brazil and those who live in rural areas.
- ♦ Ph.D. José Rincón, President of IBICT pointed that FEBAB and LA have to go on learning and teaching” **how to run a Library association” and “ how to plan and to manage cultural and technical projects”** in order **to get resources and funds for their programmes from different institutions**.
- ♦ IBICT and LAs presidents suggested to FEBAB to develop projects with IFLA and UNESCO to get money **to organise and to develop at least 5 (five) courses and long distance training in Brazil on “ Strategic Planning “ and “ Projects Management”**

These key words are giving the basis for a **FEBAB SHORT PROGRAMME of ACTIONS IN BRAZIL AND LATIN AMERICA FOR THE 1999-2001 PERIOD**.

This programme will be one of the papers that FEBAB has the intention to present to IFLA in Mexico, during the LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS MEETING, from 14 -18 March, 1999.

In relation to this Programme we would like to receive ideas and suggestions from IFLA and SLA.

We would like to receive from IFLA/RTMLA a critical analyses of the work we are developing with **Model Library Association Project** resources in Brazil, including copies of reports from the other countries where MLAP is developed, if possible.

Belo Horizonte, 17 February 1999.

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