International Attendees Forum
Saturday, April 27, 2012
12:15 – 1:15 pm

Moderator:
Martha González Palacios

Summary:
About 35 librarians and information specialists from around the world attended this forum. Most presentations were done in Spanish with simultaneous translation provided for non-Spanish speakers in the audience.

The following attendees from Latin America and Europe offered short introductions to their institutions or ARLIS/NA affiliate organizations:

Richard Lopez – Director, Biblioteca Pública de Arte, Museo de Arte Contemporaneo. Caracas, Venezuela.
Svein Engelstad – Subject Specialist in Art History, Universitetsbiblioteket, Universitetet i Oslo. Oslo, Norway. President of ARLIS/Norden.
Ranieli Piccinini Machado – Librarian, Casa Daros. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Ivani Di Grazia Costa – Coordinator, Biblioteca e Centro de Documentação, Museu de Arte de São Paulo Assis Chateaubriand (MASP). São Paulo, Brazil
Fernando Corona – Library Coordinator, Museo Nacional de Arte (MUNAL). Mexico City, Mexico.

After these introductions, several issues were brought up during the discussion period. Some highlights included:

- Publications exchanges continue to be an extremely important part of collection development, specially for museum libraries
- Most of the Latin American attendants had never had the opportunity to meet before and it is clear that they share many of the same interests and face similar problems
- Several attendants expressed interest in fostering relationships and collaborations across borders beyond the conference and would like to come up with concrete actions and projects

Respectfully submitted by
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