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Welcome remarks by Evgeny Kuzmin, IFAP Chair

Dear Colleagues and Friends!

It is my honor and pleasure, on behalf of the Intergovernmental Council of UNESCO's Information for All Programme (IFAP), and on my own behalf, to welcome all participants to the IFAP Special Event at the First WSIS + 10 Review.

Building knowledge societies that are truly humanoriented, inclusive and development focused, is an exciting journey to a grand destination. With lofty but indispensable ideals, we seek to make sense of our



surroundings as we traverse a path on which we are constantly filled with awe as we make new discoveries, but also the challenge of grappling with new obstacles and pitfalls. But, this path must be travelled, for it is the highway of the 21st century.

Creating fair, pluralistic, participatory knowledge societies is an interdisciplinary, long-term and multi-sectoral task. It must involve all citizens if we are to create the necessary spirit of public awareness, engagement and action. This collective sense of purpose must also be supported by infrastructure such as telecommunications and other technologies but must be guided by the values that emerge from education, culture, science and human rights. Building knowledge societies is a mammoth task with many actors playing diverse, often unseen but critical roles. We need coherent, targeted and unifying policies to shape these diverse building blocks if we are to a have a magnificent and livable chateau for all.

IFAP's priorities in the areas of media and information literacy, the accessibility and preservation of information, information ethics, information for development, and multilingualism in cyberspace are a modest though important contributions to the global knowledge societies project. IFAP's priorities are closely interrelated but distinct constituent elements required in all information policies. IFAP thus represents an important practical example of multi-sectoral and inter-disciplinary approaches to global cooperation. IFAP is the only international intergovernmental programme in the world focused on helping governments outline such policies by drafting uniform guidelines – universal and sectoral.

In 2010 to 2012 IFAP's has conducted events and projects in almost all regions of the world. Through these initiatives, IFAP engaged representatives from over 140 countries – politicians, government officials, researchers, librarians, archive and museum specialists, writers, publishers, journalists, university professors, school teachers, service and content providers, representatives of international organizations, non-governmental structures and industries - to foster and expand awareness of this vision for multi-sectoral and interdisciplinary work.

The IFAP Special Event serves to situate the programme's work within the context of emerging challenges and trends caused by the growing reach of ICTs and the complex interplay between their use and social impacts that are shaping the processes and policies of building knowledge societies. Against the background of the achievements and networks created by IFAP since its establishment in 2001, the IFAP Special Event will synthesize and harness our collective resources and experiences as a contribution to WSIS + 10 Review.

I look forward to an opportunity to personally meet with and hear from each of you.

Evgeny Kuzmin

Welcome remarks by Indrajit Banerjee, IFAP Secretary

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In my capacity as Secretary of the Intergovernmental Information for All Programme (IFAP), and on behalf of UNESCO, I am pleased to welcome you to the First IFAP Special Event: "Information and Knowledge for All, Emerging Trends and Challenges". IFAP was established by UNESCO in 2001, to provide a framework for international cooperation and partnerships in building an "information society for all".

Since its inception IFAP has been bringing together diverse experts and stakeholder groups to exchange experiences, create projects, build capacity, conduct research and drive the development of policy resources in the IFAP priority



areas. IFAP's work has stimulated regional cooperation among Ministries of youth and national youth organizations in Latin America; supported language revitalization in the plains of Africa, and the steppes of Eastern Siberia. In China, IFAP continues to help rural communities harness information and knowledge to grow better crops and live healthier lives and in Palestine to empower libraries to use limited resources to meet their communities' needs. Through its regional and international conferences in Moscow, Manila, Hanoi and St Georges, numerous research studies, and the on-line Information Society Observatory, IFAP has been building global partnerships. Through these efforts IFAP has been helping policy-makers, practitioners, researchers and citizens to make sense of and respond to the global societal challenges and opportunities that ICT, information and knowledge and their use are bringing to our lives.

As we reflect on our achievements and shape our future strategies I urge us to continue to think global, to build stronger and even more diverse partnerships and to reinforce IFAP for greater impact and visibility in the post-WSIS+10 international development agenda.

Indrajit Banerjee

1. Agenda

Event	Time	Session Chairs	Panelists	
Welcoming remarks	09:30 – 10:30	Mr Indrajit Banerjee Ms Sonia Sarmiento		
Keynote:		Mr Evgeny Kuzmin		
Plenary Debate 1: Information for Development & Information Ethics	10:30 – 11:30	Mr Mohammed Sheya & Mr Andrejs Vasiljevs	Mr George Mulamula Mr Daniel Da Hien Ms Susana Finquelievich Mr Rafael Capurro	
Plenary Debate 2: Information Literacy & Multilingualism	11:30 – 12:30	Mr Sonny Coloma & Mr Evgeny Kuzmin	Ms Maria Carme Torras Calvo Ms Sharon Mader Mr Adama Samassekou Ms Evgenia Mikhailova Mr Daniel Prado	
Lunch				
Plenary Debate 3: Information Preservation & Information Access	14:00 – 15:00	Mr Dietrich Schüller & Mr Omar Al-Shanfari	Mr Alfredo Ronchi Ms Christiane Baryla Mr Jonas Palm Ms Tatiana Murovana	
Synthesis of debate and the way forward	15:00 – 16:00	Mr Evgeny Kuzmin Ms Sonia Sarmiento Mr Indrajit Banerjee	Mr Aleksandr Khoroshavin	

2. IFAP's Strategic Priority Areas, Working Groups and their Chairs

The Information for All Programme (IFAP) was established in 2001 to provide a platform for international policy discussions and guidelines for action in the area of access to information and knowledge; for the participation of all in the knowledge societies.

IFAP is aimed at assisting Member States to develop national information policy frameworks based on its work in five interconnected priority action lines, namely:

- Information for development,
- Information literacy,
- Information preservation,
- Information ethics,
- Information accessibility,

and a cross-cutting issue - multilingualism in cyberspace.

Information for development

Information has an important role to play in addressing development issues, but this requires access to information as well as the availability of relevant and useful information. IFAP has a role to play in collecting case studies and supporting research on information development, promoting freedom of information and access to public information, as well as seeking to strengthen the links between information and development policy.

Information literacy

Information literacy provides the competencies, skills and attitudes that enable people to seek, evaluate, use and create information, thereby empowering them to effectively participate in the knowledge societies. Within this field IFAP works in close cooperation with the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) and the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). These actions serve to support capacity-building and the development of tools, resources and indicators for information literacy as well as promoting the incorporation of information literacy in education curricula and national information policies.

Information preservation

The increasing rate of information production coupled with changes in technologies and formats, as well as the fragility of new data storage media, is putting at risk our future ability to access digital knowledge. IFAP's activities in this field are focused on building the capacity of information professionals to develop and implement digital preservation standards and techniques as well as supporting the exchange of best practices. Other roles include working with professional communities and policy-makers to raise awareness of this threat.

Information ethics

Information ethics covers the ethical, legal and societal aspects of the applications of information and communication technologies (ICT) and derive from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. IFAP facilitates better understanding and the raising of awareness around the impacts of emerging technologies, and also contributes to stimulating the international debate on information ethics and the development of guidelines and other resources in this field. By identifying emerging trends, IFAP seeks to assists policy-makers in responding appropriately to these changes.

Information accessibility

IFAP addresses a range of issues linked to ensuring the availability, accessibility and affordability of information, as well as addressing the specific needs of people with disabilities, so as to facilitate their participation in the knowledge societies. The Programme has contributed to the development of policy resources and guidelines, supporting and promoting the development and use of open standards, raising awareness around these issues and supporting capacity building of information professionals and other key stakeholders.

Multilingualism

Language is a primary means for communicating information and knowledge, thus the ability to access content on the Internet in a language which one can use is a key determinant for the extent to which one can participate in the knowledge societies. Through its work with various international partners, IFAP is promoting international exchanges, research, the development of tools and resources that contribute to realizing multilingualism on-line, capacity-building and raising awareness of policy-makers and key stakeholders.

Composition of IFAP

The Programme is guided by an Intergovernmental Council comprising 26 UNESCO Member States. The IFAP Bureau consists of eight Members and additional Working Groups have been formed in the priority areas. Furthermore, there are IFAP National Committees and focal points in over 50 countries.

IFAP Bureau Members and Secretary

Evgeny Kuzmin is the Chairperson of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Information for All Programme (IFAP) and Chair of the Russian National IFAP Committee. Since 2005 he has been a member of Russian Federation's Commission for UNESCO and from 1997 to 2001 he was a member of the International Advisory Committee of the Memory of the World Programme. Other international cooperation and expert roles



include serving as a member of the International Federation of Library Associations' (IFLA) Governing Board. From 1992 to 2005 he was Head of the Library Department of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation and was instrumental in the implementation of national programmes for modernizing libraries, promoting reading and providing free access to information. Mr Kuzmin is also President of the NGO Interregional Library Cooperation Centre and the author, compiler, science editor and publisher of some 60 books on cultural and information policy.

Dietrich Schüller is a Vice-Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Council for IFAP and Chair of its Working Group on Information Preservation. He is the former director of the Phonogrammarchiv of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Since 1989 he has been an expert in the Austrian Delegations to UNESCO's General Conferences. Mr Schüller has been actively involved in international preservation activities as a trainer, consultant to audiovisual archives, as a member of the IASA Technical



Committee and in the work of UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme since its beginning. He is the author of numerous publications and guidelines on audio-visual preservation and a lecturer at several Austrian Universities.

Sonny Coloma is an IFAP Vice-Chairperson and also Chair of the IFAP Working Group on Information literacy. He is Secretary of the Presidential Communications Operations Office in the Republic of the Philippines. He is also the Don Jose Cojuangco Professor of Business Management at the Asian Institute of Management. Mr Coloma holds a Master degree in Business Management and a Doctor degree of Philosophy from the Southeast Asian InterDisciplinary Development Institute.



Eric Nurse has been a Vice-chairperson of the IFAP Bureau since 2012 and is a policy-maker in the Ministry of Education in Grenada where he oversees the development and implementation of the National Information Technology Curriculum. For more than a decade, prior to joining the Ministry of Education, Mr Nurse was involved as an educator and champion of information literacy and use of information technologies. He has received various accolades and awards for his outstanding national contributions in this field.





Mohammed Shaaban Sheya is IFAP Bureau Member and chairs the IFAP Working Group on Information for Development. He is also Deputy Permanent Delegate of the United Republic of Tanzania to UNESCO. He has chaired Commission V on CI during the 33rd Session of the General Conference and the G77 + China Working Group on CI. Mr Sheya was Vice-Chairperson of the First Meeting of Experts on the Draft Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace and Vice Chairperson of the Executive Board of UNESCO. He has previously served as Director of the Centre for the Development and Transfer of

Technology, Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology and as Associate Professor and Head of Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Dar es Salaam. He taught microprocessor systems and telematics at the Abu Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics.



Andrejs Vasiljevs is a Bureau Member of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Council for IFAP and Chair of the Working Group on Information Ethics. Mr. Vasiljevs is the co-founder and chairman of Tilde - a leading European language technology in machine translation company specializing and technologies for smaller languages. Mr. Vasiljevs takes an active part in the development of inclusive information society in Latvia in his role as Vice President of the Latvian Information and Communication Technology Association (LIKTA) and through his participation in the knowledge society programmes of the Latvian National Commission for UNESCO. His specific professional interests are in technologies to overcome the language barriers

and foster the language diversity in cyberspace. He is also a member of the Commission of the State Language of Latvia and a board member of the European Language Resource Association.



Omar Salim Al-Shanfari is Bureau Member of the IFAP Intergovernmental Council and Chair of the IFAP Working Group on Information accessibility. He currently works as Deputy CEO of the Information Technology Authority (ITA) in the section of Infrastructure & e-Services in the Sultanate of Oman. In this position he directs and leads the technical aspects of ITA's activities related to Strategic Planning, Governance and Advisory, E-Government Services, Information Security and Infrastructure and eServices. From 1991 to 2007 Mr Al-Shanfari worked as Project Manager, Senior Procurement Strategist and Consultant

for Petroleum Development Oman. He is Board member of different SAOG and SOAC companies (Public traded and Closed companies) and is heading the Oman side in the Scientific Cooperation Committee under the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Sonia Sarmiento is IFAP Rapporteur and also Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Colombia to UNESCO since March 2009. From 2005 to 2007 she was part of the Board of Directors of the Credit and Investment Committee in the Aval Group in Bogota, Colombia. During this time she also served as President of the Board of Directors in the Investment Committee of the Porvenir Group. Prior to that, she worked as General Manager of Cotton Bay Advisory Services in Miami, Florida and served as financial and logistical consultant for the development of a Hotel & Resort in the Caribbean. Ms Sarmiento holds a Master of Business



Administration and a Master of Architecture from the University of Miami Coral Gables in Florida, USA.

Indrajit Banerjee is the Secretary of the Intergovernmental Information for All Programme and Director of UNESCO's Knowledge Society Division. Prior to joining UNESCO in July 2009, Mr. Banerjee was the Secretary-General of the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) in Singapore. Mr. Banerjee is an expert on the social impact of information and communication technologies and is an internationally recognized media and communications scholar. He has edited ten books and published articles in some of the top international journals in the field of communications and presented papers at over 50 international conferences around the world.



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Current composition of the IFAP Intergovernmental Council

Member States elected from 36 th to end of 38 th session of the General Conference (2011-2015):	Member States elected from 35 th to end of 37 th session of the General Conference (2009-2013):
Austria	China
Belgium	Colombia
Democratic Republic of Congo	Ethiopia
Grenada	Kuwait
Indonesia	Latvia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Madagascar
Israel	Mali
Kazakhstan	Philippines
Mongolia	Russian Federation
Niger	Ukraine
Sultanate of Oman	United Arab Emirates
Peru	
United Republic of Tanzania	
Uruguay	

3. Activities of IFAP

Some recent IFAP achievements and activities

- 1. UNESCO's IFAP and COMEST Secretariats jointly organized the annual WSIS C10 Action Line: Ethical Dimensions of the Information Society meeting in Geneva on 16 May 2012. Under the theme "Cyber and Information ethics: Fostering and enabling freedom on the Internet", the session examined a small subset of the opportunities, challenges and dilemmas around Internet freedom. The event brought together panelists from the Council of Europe, Verizon Communications and the Internet Society (ISOC). The presentations and follow-up discussions served to underscore the important role of information literacy in the knowledge society and highlighted some efforts by the private sector to voluntarily adopt codes of practice that advance human rights on-line. The session also pointed to the need for increased responsiveness, capacity and flexibility in public institutions, given the rise in the use of decentralized, multi-stakeholder decision making processes and the greater number of persons interacting with these bodies through on-line communication.
- 2. An international Conference on Media and Information Literacy (MIL) in Knowledge Societies was organized by UNESCO, the Russian National IFAP Committee, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and other partners on 24–28 June 2012 in Moscow, Russian Federation. The event contributed to the elaboration of policies and strategies for the promotion of MIL; improving awareness of critical MIL issues such as the assessment of MIL competencies; and promoting best practices and strengthening international cooperation. Meeting outcomes included the 2012 Moscow Media and Information Literacy Declaration, conference proceedings and a strategic plan.

- 3. At the 36th session of UNESCO's General Conference, a Code of Ethics for the Information Society, proposed by IFAP was presented to Member States for their consideration (Document 36 C/49). Member States acknowledged the efforts of IFAP in developing this Code, took note of it and invited the Director-General to suggest to the Executive Board possible ways in which the Organization could address the ethical dimensions of the information society (36 C/Resolution 61). Building on this work, the IFAP Secretariat led a series of consultation with Member States and other stakeholders which resulted in the preparation of the document entitled "UNESCO and the ethical dimensions of the information society". The document and proposals were adopted by UNESCO's Executive Board during its 190th session held in Paris 3–18 October 2012.
- 4. IFAP in concert with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), organized a thematic session on information ethics and Internet governance on the opening day of the Seventh Annual Internet Governance Forum (IGF) held in Baku, Azerbaijan 6–9 November, 2012. The session organized under the theme "Information Ethics & Internet Governance Identity, design, data and preservation", was part of UNESCO's ongoing efforts to raise awareness and stimulate reflection on the legal, societal and ethical dimensions of the use and application of information and communication technologies (ICT). Mr Andrejs Vasiljevs, Chair of the Information Ethics Working Group, moderated the session. An international expert panel, including Mr. Jānis Kārkliņš, UNESCO's Assistant Director General for Information and Communication, richly illustrated the session themes by drawing on global and regional experiences,that were further enriched by perspectives from intergovernmental policy-making, academia and the private sector. This marks the second year of consecutive collaboration with the UNECA in organizing information ethics debates at the IGF. A similar event is expected to be organized at the 8th IGF in Indonesia (circa November 2013).
- 5. The IFAP Observatory continues to be operated by the BME-UNESCO Information Society Research Institute (ITTK) at Budapest University of Technology and Economics in Hungary. The IFAP Secretariat and the ITTK Team have been supporting the development and implementation of strategies to enhance both the sustainability and uptake of its services. These efforts have led to new features such as a blog supported by a team of guest writers and improvements to the user interface. The Annual Information Society Policy Report on emerging trends, the quarterly newsletter and reviews of recent publications and information policy documents continue to be published and used by researchers and practitioners. During the period June to December 2012, some 1800 new users subscribed to the service.
- 6. Following the decision of two international conferences on Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Cyberspace, organized by IFAP in 2008 and 2011 in Yakutsk, Russian Federation, and the Bamako International Forum on Multilingualism (Mali, 2009), IFAP contributed to the preparation of the Third International Symposium on Multilingualism in Cyberspace (Paris, November 2012), organized by the MAAYA World Network for Linguistic Diversity. The publication Net.lang: Towards the Multilingual Cyberspace was presented at the Symposium. This book, through the eyes of 27 global experts in this field assesses the evolution of languages on the Internet, the evolving capability of technology to assist in the maintenance and revitalization of endangered languages and other key multilingualism issues of relevance to policy-makers, practitioners and the public. Evgeny Kuzmin, IFAP

Intergovernmental Council Chairman, and Chair of the IFAP Working Group on Multilingualism is among the book's co-authors.

- 8. The Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China (ISTIC), the IFAP focal point in China, co-organized with Nanjing University, Beijing Institute of Technology, the 7th International Conference on Cooperation and Promotion of Information Resources in Science and Technology (COINFO'12). The conference which attracted more than 200 Chinese and international scholars was held in Nanjing 23–25 November 2012, under the theme "Information sharing in the cloud". The UNESCO Beijing Office presented a keynote speech which highlighted UNESCO's ongoing activities aimed at promoting information for all and the creation of knowledge societies.
- 9. Funding has been received under the Director General's Multi-donor Emergency Fund to support the capacities of Member States in Africa and the Caribbean in IFAP's priority areas. Activities being implemented or underway include: Capacity building for Caribbean policy makers in the methodologies of the IFAP National Information Policy Template to support implementation of UNESCO's Open Access Policy Guidelines; Training in Media & Information Literacy Skills for youth in West Africa; Promoting solutions for information preservation and the implementation of the outcomes of UNESCO's International Conference, "The Memory of the World in the Digital age: Digitization and Preservation"; Supporting regional and global exchanges of practices amongst policy-makers and experts through participation in thematic debates and forums (2012 Internet Governance Forum, 2013 WSIS + 10 Review at UNESCO, as well as the upcoming International IFAP Conference on Information Ethics to be held in Riga in September 2013 and a Caribbean Study on the role of FOSS, Open Data and Open Standards in promoting access to information.
- 10. In cooperation with the University of British Columbia (Canada) UNESCO organized an international conference, "The Memory of the World in the Digital age: Digitization and Preservation", 26–28 September 2012, in Vancouver, Canada. The conference explored the main issues affecting the preservation of digital documentary heritage and attracted more than 500 participants. Mr Dietrich Schüller, IFAP Vice-Chairman and Chair of the Working Group on Information Preservation, was part of the international steering committee charged with the preparation of this event. Mr Schüller moderated and participated in various expert panels during the event which contributed to raising IFAP's visibility. IFAP is playing an active role in ensuring the implementation of the Conference Declaration.
- 11. Within the framework of the First WSIS+10 Review a special session to assess the C10 Action Line: Ethical dimensions of the information Society and provide inputs to its future orientation is being organized on 26 February, 2013. As part of the preparation for this event a study entitled "Current and emerging ethical and societal challenges of the information society" has been prepared. This study builds on the 2007 IFAP study "Ethical implications of emerging technologies: A survey". The new report adopts a similar forward-looking perspective of emerging technologies, trends in technology usage and their societal and ethical implications; examines how the technologies identified in the earlier study have evolved over the past 5 years; and seeks to raise awareness of the role of technology and technology-mediated processes in social transformation and to explore whether/how

possible longer term outcomes could be managed. A handbook, a number of case studies and other policy resources will also be developed.

Some upcoming IFAP activities

- 1. The IFAP Secretariat will be preparing a booklet highlighting the achievements of the Programme during the 2008 to 2013 period. The booklet will be launched at UNESCO's 37th General Conference, copies will be distributed to all Member State Delegations.
- 2. A policy handbook as well as case studies are among the expected capacity-building resources to be developed from the report "Current and emerging ethical and societal challenges of the information society". The IFAP Secretariat in concert with the COMEST Secretariat are planning to organize a panel at the World Social Science Forum that will take place in Montreal in October 2013. The panel will focus on disseminating the findings of the study "Current and emerging ethical and societal challenges of the information society". Other activities aimed at raising visibility, fund-raising and partnership building will also be pursued as part of the broader actions to encourage the inclusion and use of the study's recommendations in the post WSIS +10 Agenda.
- 3. An International conference "The Internet and Sociocultural Transformations" will be held in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk (Russian Federation) on 8–13 September, 2013. The conference is aimed at understanding the dynamics, nature, scope, trends, driving forces and consequences of social and cultural transformations caused by the ubiquitous Internet and other widespread ICTs. This event will become IFAP and Russia's contribution to fulfilling the mission of UNESCO as laboratory of ideas, platform for exchanging ideas, and promoter of international cooperation in view of the WSIS decisions implementation.
- 4. Efforts to enhance the IFAP website and the visibility of the Programme will be expanded. In particular, each National IFAP Committee/IFAP Focal Point and IFAP Working Group will be provided with a UNESCO-hosted web-page. To date sample web-pages have been created for National IFAP Committees in Cote D'Ivoire, Grenada and the Russian Federation. These are intended to serve as models. A circular letter to Member States will be sent out in April requesting content for these web-pages and it is expected that by the end of the biennium web-pages could be built for the 6 IFAP Working Groups and National IFAP Committees in 15 Member States. The web-pages would be maintained by UNESCO however provision of content and updates on their activities would be the responsibility of Working Groups and National IFAP Committees.
- 5. The IFLA Recommendation on Media and Information Literacy which was approved by the 7th IFAP Council will be submitted to the 37th Session of UNESCO's General Conference for its consideration.
- 6. It is anticipated that an information ethics session will be organized during the 8th Internet Governance Forum, which is expected to be held in Indonesia in November 2013. It is anticipated that other IFAP Working Group Chairs will also co-organize panel events or propose panelist to the relevant WSIS Action Line (C1, C3, C8, C9, C10 and C11) facilitators. In addition to further strengthening cooperation and partnerships with

professional NGOs, IGOs and other bodies working in IFAP's priority areas, will further enhance IFAP's visibility and involvement shaping in the international development agenda.

Some Key IFAP Resources

- IFAP Strategic Plan (2008-2013)
- IFAP Code of Ethics for the Information Society;
- National Information Society Policy: A Template;
- Towards Information Literacy Indicators;
- IFAP-IFLA Recommendation on Media and Information Literacy Promotion: Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Cyberspace:
- UNESCO-IFLA Digital Library Manifesto
- Understanding Information Literacy: a Primer;
- Media and Information Literacy for Knowledge Society;
- Ethical Implications of Emerging Technologies: A Survey;
- Twelve Years of Measuring Linguistic Diversity in the Internet: Balance and Perspectives;
- Guidelines for creating National IFAP Committees and use of logo
- Reports and documents of IFAP Council and Bureau Meetings;
- Various proceedings and outcomes of IFAP international and regional conferences such as
 - Lena Resolution on Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Cyberspace;
 - St Georges Declaration and Action Plan for Building Caribbean Knowledge Societies:
 - Asia-Pacific Information Network (APIN) documents
 - Moscow Declaration on Digital Information Preservation;
 - Moscow Declaration on Media and Information Literacy
 - Yakutsk Call for Action: a Roadmap towards the World Summit on Multilingualism
- Information Society Observatory (IFAP Observatory Newsletter, Information Society Policies Annual Report): http://ifap-is-observatory.ittk.hu/

These and others documents are available online at the IFAP website (http://www.unesco.org/webworld/ifap) and through UNESCO's UNESDOC search tool (http://unesdoc.unesco.org/ulis/)

Kindly contact <u>ifap@unesco.org</u> for any assistance you may need in obtaining these resources or further information on the programme.

4. Panelists

Christiane Baryla is a Librarian at the National Library of France (BnF) where she was appointed Director of the IFLA-PAC Core Activity in 2006. PAC is an international strategic program of IFLA, dedicated to preservation, conservation and networking with 14 regional centers around the world. Ms Baryla has previously held the positions of Director of the Library of the "Ecole française de Rome" (Institute of Archeology and History) and Director of the Academic Library of Pharmacy (University Paris Descartes). She has extensive experience in the preservation of written cultural heritage materials.



Rafael Capurro is the Director of the International Center for Information Ethics (ICIE), Professor Emeritus of Information Science and Information Ethics at the Hochschule der Medien Stuttgart and Lecturer in Ethics at the University of Stuttgart and Director of the Steinbeis Transfer Institute – Information Ethics (STI-IE). He has co-founded research networks and communities of practice in emerging and developing countries and from 2000 to 2010 he was a member of the European Commission's European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE).



Susana Finquelievich, is a senior Researcher at the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research, Argentina and Director of the Research Programme on Information Society, Institute Gino Germani, University of Buenos Aires. Ms Finquelievich has authored and co-authored 14 books, including "National Information Society Policy: a Template", published by UNESCO IFAP in English, Russian, Chinese and French. She is also the President of LINKS, a civil body focused on promoting the development of the Information Society.



Daniel Da Hien is the General Coordinator of the African Youth Network and also a lecturer at the Higher Institute of informatics and Management as well as the National Institute for Youth Physical Education and Sports in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Mr Da Hien has extensive experience in the development, promotion and management of human development initiatives in the areas of water resources, health, rural development and youth. The impact of Mr Da Hien's contributions can be seen at the international, national, regional levels where he has held roles such as Executive Director of the Foundation REUSSIR, Vice-President of the World



Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations and as a Parliamentarian and member of the Chamber of Representatives in Burkina Faso.



Alexander Khoroshavin is a Russian policymaker who since 2007 has been the Governor of the Sakhalin region and is also Chairman of the regional Government. In this capacity Mr Khoroshavin has been establishing and leading initiatives for the creation and implementation of socially-oriented policies aimed at developing culture, education, science and communication. Mr Khoroshavin has supported IFAP's work and is involved in the conceptual preparation of the upcoming UNESCO/IFAP International Conference "The Internet and Socio-Cultural Transformations in the Information Society", that will be taking

place from 9 -12 September in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, the capital of the Russian Federation's Sakhalin region.



Sharon Mader is the Dean of Library Services at the University of New Orleans (USA) and has been involved in the promotion and practice of information literacy throughout her professional career. Her two years of Peace Corps service in Tunisia helped to develop a strong interest in international collaboration. In her current role as Secretary of the IFLA Information Literacy Section Standing Committee she participated in various IFAP activities, such as the International Conference on Media and Information Literacy in Knowledge Societies that was organized in Moscow in June 2012.



Evgenia Mikhailova is the rector of the Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University. In this role she is currently involved in leading the reform of research and educational activities and establishing a strategic centre for promoting the development of cultural, scientific and educational spaces, new forms of student associations and sustainable cultural partnerships. Ms Mikhailova has had a distinguished career in the governance of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) where she has served as Vice-President, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education. She also been closely involved in IFAP's international activities granting her patronage to the 1st

and 2nd IFAP international conferences on *Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Cyberspace* held in 2008 and 2011 respectively.



George Mulamula is currently the Senior Government Advisor to the Tanzanian Government and CEO of the Dar Teknohama (ICT) Business Incubator. Previously he was appointed by President Kagame of Rwanda as the Principal Deputy Chief Executive Officer in the Rwanda Development Board following a 3-year role as that government's Senior ICT Advisor. During this period he he was instrumental in organizing the first ITU Connect Africa Summit held in Kigali in October 2007. Mr Mulamula has taught at various Institutions and consulted for international and regional organizations. He has run several ICT companies and has written

extensively on ICT, Technology transfer and sustainable development.

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