

**33rd CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES
SEOUL, KOREA 23rd AUGUST 2006**

REPORT TO CDNL 2006

ABINIA's 2006 Report: a year of important outcomes:

- Acquisition of an automated system for processing library collections, which has been transferred to the national libraries (NL) of Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Dominican Republic, where it is already in operation.
- Continued advances in improving preservation and conservation conditions in Central America and Dominican Republic's national libraries.
- Training in metadata processing of 20 professionals, coming from 12 Latin American national libraries.
- Training of 58 Colombian and Brazilian reference specialists as advanced www information searchers.
- Continued improvements in developing our web site: www.abinia.org
- Important advances in incorporating new ABINIA member States.
- Update of our data base of Latin American professionals and specialists in information, who can be consulted through ABINIA's web site.
- Currently, giving technical assistance, upon request, to regional national libraries.
- Increase cooperation among Latin American national libraries.
- These are some of our main on going projects: "Union Catalog of Ibero-American musical records", "Legalization of Regional National Libraries", "ABINIA's index", (for the recovery of anthologies essays) "Digitization of 19th Century Latin American Press". "Selective Digitization of National Libraries Collections and Technical Processing of Digitized Documents", Creation of an Information Service for the Venezuelan National Assembly".

ABINIA will continue to promote the adoption of new information technologies by Latin American national libraries, the exchange of knowledge and experiences among them, and specially, the definition and approval of national libraries laws, which recognize the importance of their functions and include sufficient resources to assure their normal functioning and future development.

For the future ahead, we would pay special attention to libraries and particularly to the national libraries role within the context of the knowledge society, bearing in mind that organized information, produced by libraries, is critical for knowledge production.

Full Name of Chief Executive:

Address: Biblioteca Nacional, Foro Libertador, Final Av. Panteón. Altagracia.
Caracas 1010. Venezuela.

Fax: (58 212) 5643189

Web address: www.abinia.org