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To: Chairpersons of IFAP National Committees

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the IFAP Bureau, in cooperation with the Secretariat of UNESCO and the Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO, is planning to organize the first-ever consultation meeting of IFAP National Committees, to be held in Russia, in December 2009 – to be hosted and co-organized by the Russian IFAP Committee and the Interregional Library Cooperation Centre, and sponsored by the Ministry of Culture of Russia. The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss a common approach to promoting the goals of Information for All Programme, and to implementing IFAP's Strategic Plan for 2008-2013, as endorsed by the UNESCO Executive Board in October 2008, at both the global and national levels.

I should therefore like to invite you and your colleagues to attend this two-day meeting, planned for **7-8 December 2009** (with arrival on the 6th and departure of participants on the 9th).

We are planning to begin the meeting with introductions by the organizers and the IFAP Bureau, a review of National Information Society Policy templates, and presentations of the existing initiatives by the IFAP National Committees. The second day will be devoted to discussion and planning of cooperation both at regional and international levels, also with respect to more efficient use of available networks, resources and synergies in order to give IFAP and National Committees the visibility and impact they need and deserve. Your suggestions for items to be included in the agenda of the meeting will be most welcome, as the precise programme of the event is still under development.

We hope that the meeting will produce ideas on how better to promote activities aiming at the development of the Information Society, but also how better to organize IFAP's work, how to raise funds and form new partnerships in order to mobilize additional attention and support for the promotion of IFAP at national and international levels, etc. Your deliberations will also help the Secretariat of UNESCO to consider how it can best support IFAP related activities in the next biennium.

We are certainly hoping that all IFAP National Committees will be represented at the meeting. Please let us know by 20 June 2009 whether you will participate in this meeting.

Board and lodging will be defrayed by the organizers. Funding for travel may be considered for those participants coming from least developed countries, although we cannot guarantee that all requests will be accommodated.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your interest in this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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