Argentina! What a vast and exciting country. Our South American colleagues treated us royally, with tours of Mar del Plata and INIDEP headquarters, and a trip to the country for a traditional asado. Plus our hosts helped everyone with travel and lodging. The Hotel Las Rocas was a great venue with a fantastic view of the Atlantic; all the sessions went smoothly; the translators ensured that everyone understood the presentations; and even our short walk to lunch every day was a perfect break. It was a great pleasure to meet so many South American librarians and hear about the work they are doing. IAMSLIC is truly an international organization, and we share common goals and interests.

The Conference itself was one of the best I have ever attended, and I came away having learned a lot, met a lot of wonderful people, and energized for the future. I hope the Proceedings reflect the variety of presentations and perhaps a little of the excitement of a great conference.

In 2011 - on to Africa!
INTRODUCTION

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PRESIDENT’S WELCOME

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As President of IAMSLIC for 2010, I would like to welcome you to the 36th Annual IAMSLIC Conference and to the first IAMSLIC conference in Argentina. We hope this will be the first of many IAMSLIC conferences to be held in South America!

Many of you have traveled by boat, plane, train, car and bus for one to two days to arrive in Mar del Plata. We are very pleased to have all of you here from Argentina to Venezuela, from North to South, from West to East -- all in total from 20 countries!

Thank you to our hosts from INIDEP and all of the INIDEP and Argentinian volunteers who have contributed their time and many efforts to providing our 36th IAMSLIC conference a home for this week.

I wish everyone a wonderful time together while learning, talking, sharing, eating, and enjoying all that Mar del Plata offers!

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