Conference Sub-themes

I. New Communication Technologies and School Libraries

With the new wave of Web 2.0 on the world stage, students may be more familiar and skilled in working with its tools and attractions including RSS, Wikis, Popcasting, P2P, Blog, etc. Critical topics are:
1. Students and teachers interaction with Web 2.0 and other new technologies: A critical assessment
2. Changes in teaching methods brought about by new technologies
3. School library's use of Web 2.0 and other new technologies

II. Collaborative Teaching and School Libraries

Collaborative teaching brings together school librarians, teachers of the same and other schools, and even other institutions from other countries, to perform teaching tasks. Critical topics are:
1. Collaborative teaching: state of art experiences
2. Impacts of collaborative teaching on learning
3. Measures school libraries take to contribute to collaborative teaching
4. Teamwork teaching created by librarians and teachers

III. e-Learning and School Libraries

Digital learning environment make it possible for students to interact with teachers and fellow students via teaching websites and related facilities. Critical topics are:
1. Experiences gained in developing digital learning materials in elementary and secondary schools
2. Assessment of the effectiveness of digital learning in schools
3. Roles school libraries play in digital learning environment

Conference Theme

"Cyberspace, D-world, E-learning: Giving Libraries and Schools the Cutting Edge"

The conference aim is to provide a forum for academics, researchers and those who work in elementary and secondary schools and their libraries, to share experimental results which may generate explorative guidelines for the effective use of newly developed digital gadgets in the e-learning environment.

Presentations are invited that assess the impact of the ever advancing high-technology makes on libraries and schools, and the integration strategies that systemically push the envelope towards the cutting edge of practice.

The importance of schools and libraries as the centers for passing on heritage and breaking new grounds in human civilization goes without saying. School libraries have been playing a pivotal role as the learning resource center, and now their place in e-learning is all the more prominent. Given their centrality, it is vital to examine how aspects of school libraries have adopted new communication technology and adapted to the D-world in motion.

Presentation in the following areas will be given priority:
* Reading behavior and literacy in the digital age
* Challenges brought about by the D-world that impact upon school librarians as collaborators
* What hardware and software are essential for school libraries to be on the cutting edge in providing an e-learning environment
* Information literacy and learning behavior in a digital world

IASL would like to extend invitation for you to participate in their Taipei 2007 Annual Conference and work out together to promote knowledge to deal with these challenges. Below you will find some of the themes to be discussed a IASL Taipei 2007.