

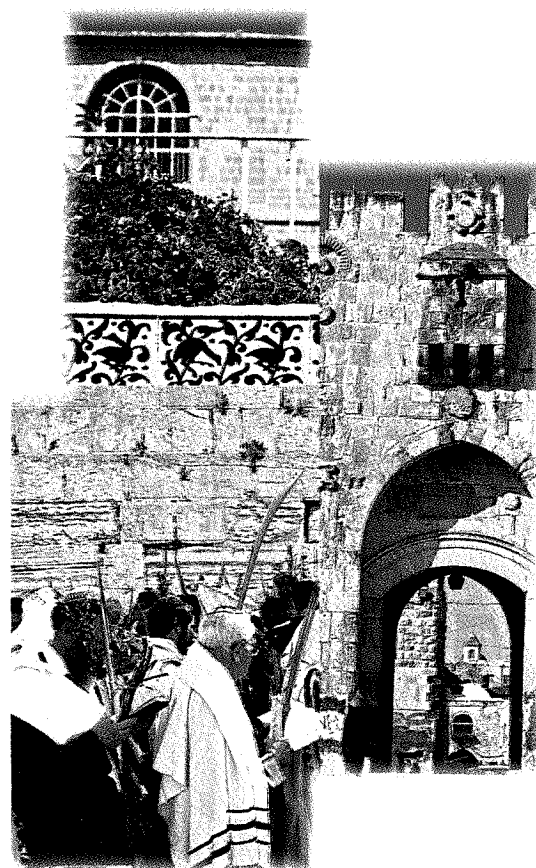
Dear Colleague,

We take pleasure in inviting you to participate in the 27th International Conference of the IASL, which will take place at **Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel, on July 5 - 9, 1998.**

The program will include the Second Annual International Forum on Research in School Librarianship, as well as presentations, poster sessions and discussions related to the following themes:

- Information literacy and information skills.*
- Reading as a basis for using information technology efficiently.*
- Future changes in educational systems.*
- Minority language reading in the world of information technology.*
- Crisis in teaching reading as a skill.*
- Reading encouragement.*
- Children's literature : new formats (multimedia etc.).*
- Children's literature : reflections of society, culture and ethnic groups.*
- Role of libraries and technology in developing and improving plans of action for learning.*
- Role of libraries and technology in developing and improving courseware.*
- The digital library in the school library media center.*
- Social information in the school library media center.*
- Censorship and other ethical issues in the school library media center.*
- Professional training of media specialists, school librarians and teacher-librarians.*
- Professional growth and development.*

The conference will be held mainly at the beautiful campus of Bar-Ilan University, near Tel-Aviv. As an added attraction before, during and after the conference there will be opportunities to enjoy the unique archaeological findings, landscapes and cultural treasures of the Holy Land. Library visits and a unique and stimulating Sabbath-hospitality program will be offered to participants and accompanying persons, so that everyone should enjoy an unforgettable experience.



Call for Papers:

Participants wishing to present a paper are invited to submit an **extended** abstract for oral or poster presentation. The Program Committee will review the abstracts, and participants will be notified.

Selection of papers will be based upon **extended** abstracts, which should include **at least 4 pages (approx. 1000 words)**. The abstracts, accompanied by a **separate** title page should be sent to:

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A limited number of abstracts will be selected for oral presentation, and a selection will be published in the Conference Proceedings book which will be distributed to all participants at the registration desk.

Deadline for submission of **extended abstracts:** October 31, 1997.
 Notice of acceptance will be sent to authors no later than Feb. 15, 1998.
 Deadline for submission of **full paper:** March 20, 1998.

We are looking forward to seeing you all here in July 1998.

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