Dear Friends,

It is an honour and a privilege to invite you to the 29th Annual IASL Conference and Exhibition in Malmö, Sweden, 6-10 August 2000.

The conference is jointly sponsored by The International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) and The Swedish Library Association (SAB). Through lectures, workshops, and the presentation of research papers the conference will explore the challenges – and opportunities – facing both schools and school libraries at the introduction of a new millennium.

With pride and pleasure we welcome you to Malmö. Our city of 260,000 inhabitants is situated on the scenic south-west coast of Sweden. It is easily reached from Copenhagen airport by the bridge between Copenhagen and Malmö – one of the longest bridges in the world.

The conference will take place at Europaporten-the Gateway to Europe.

Please start making plans now to come to Malmö in August 2000 for new ideas, new acquaintances and, by your presence, a successful conference!

The conference features learning experiences of various kinds - plenary sessions, lectures, workshops, demonstrations, discussions with interactive components, and the Fourth International Forum on Research in School Librarianship. The sessions will explore the depth and breadth of the conference theme, Information Literacy - Key to the Future, as they focus on three major strands - Reading, Partnership and Information.

Topics as reading success in the information age, integration of ICT in the curriculum, critical thinking, mental and social processes in hypertext navigation will be on the agenda, as well as the impact of the principal on school library programs, ideas of collaboration and public libraries as partners.

The program is designed to benefit a wide range of participants - school library media specialists, librarians, principals, teachers, researchers:
All who are involved in making the school a place for life-long learning.

Welcome to the conference website: www.pdc.sci.se/iasl

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Programme

Sunday August 6
08.30 - 18.00 Countryside Tour to Österlen.
17.00 - 19.00 Registration at Malmö City Library.

Monday August 7
08.30 - Registration at Europaporten.
08.30 - 13.00 Schools in Malmö or Lund. Tours.
08.30 - 13.30 BTU Library Service Tour.
14.00 - 15.30 Opening Ceremony.
Opening Ceremonies andGreetings.
15.30 - 16.00 Coffee.
16.00 - 17.30 Opening Addresses. Professor Lars Owe Dahlgren, University of Linköping, Knowledge and Learning in Information Society. IASL Director of Europe Monica Nilsson, How Can We Improve Information Literacy in Schools?
18.00 Swedish Smörgåsbord. Welcome Party and Opening of Exhibitions.

Tuesday August 8
08.30 - Registration at Europaporten.
09.00 - 17.00 Exhibitions.
09.00 - 09.45 Seminars. Workshops. Research Forum.
09.45 - 10.15 Coffee.
12.00 - 13.30 Lunch.
Coffee served during the afternoon.
15.30 - 18.00 Assemblies and Sessions.
19.00 - Gala Reception at City Town Hall.

Wednesday August 9
08.30 - Registration at Europaporten.
09.00 - 17.00 Exhibitions.
09.00 - 09.45 Seminars. Workshops. Research Forum.
09.45 - 10.15 Coffee.
10.15 - 11.30 Plenary Session.
Dr Sheila Gerstl, Using the Internet to Improve Information Literacy.
11.30 - 13.30 Board Meeting.
12.30 - 14.30 Lunch.
13.30 - 15.30 Poster Session.
Coffee served during the afternoon.
16.00 - 18.00 General Meeting. Awards.
19.30 - Farewell Party at Malmö City Library.

Thursday August 10
08.30 - 18.00 Tours:
1 Round the Sound. 2 Tour School in Denmark.
08.30 - 16.00 School and Public Library Tour in Åstorp and Helsingborg.
08.30 - 13.30 BTU/Library Service Tour.

Highlights

Assembly of Associations.
An opportunity to meet with association, regional, and ministry delegates from various parts of the globe. A global, grass-roots perspective on the current issues and trends in school librarianship.

Annual General Meeting & Awards Presentation.
Celebrate IASL’s 2000 award winners.
Meet your executives and hear their plans for the upcoming year.

International Book Exhibit.
Bring a children’s or young adult book that is representative of your home country, state or city to donate to the exhibit. The books will be presented to the host city of your country or city, and in your home library.

Fourth International Forum on Research in School Librarianship.
An eclectic mix of topics and methodologies.

IASL Auction combined with the Farewell Party Funds raised for IASL member support. Auctioneer, Gerald Brown!

Poster Sessions.
Meet the authors at the Poster Sessions. Share and discuss new ideas and future developments in the fields of School Librarianship and Information Literacy.

Social Programme

Swedish Smörgåsbord.
Welcome Party and Opening of Exhibitions. Enjoy the famous and delicious Swedish Smörgåsbord with local specialties. Mingle with other delegates, visit the exhibitions and have a great time. Welcome to Malmö! Monday August 7. Europaporten, 18.00 - 22.00. SEK 60.

Gala Reception at City Town Hall.
Director of Education and host of IASL 2000, Hans Persson, is our guide this evening in historical City Town Hall of Malmö. Enjoy a light buffet and a drink. Wednesday August 8. City Town Hall, 19.00 - SEK 250.

Farewell Party at Malmö City Library.
Informal evening at Malmö City Library. Meet Scandinavian colleagues and enjoy a light buffet. Nordic School Librarian’s Award to author of children’s literature. IASL Auction.
Thursday August 9. City Library, 19.30 - SEK 100.

Countryside Tour to Österlen.
Visit a genuine Fishing Village, the Old Town Ystad and the Magnificent Prehistoric Monument Ale Stenar! Sunday August 6. 08.30 - 18.00. SEK 400.

Round the Sound Tour.
Countryside Tour to Österlen. The tour will take you to Hamlet’s castle, Kronborg in Helsingør and to Louisiana, the wonderful museum of international modern art. Entrance fee and guide at Louisiana included. You and stay the night, if this is more convenient for you, depending on your plans. Otherwise we are returning to Malmö by the bridge.
Thursday August 10. 08.30 - 18.00. SEK 600.

School Tours

School and Public Library Tour in Ästorp and Helsingborg.
Visit two School Libraries in Ästorp on your trip to Helsingborg. One is an elementary school (Haganäs) and the other one is a junior high school (Blomme-Kullar). Learn how to develop your School Library and your media collection! Take down walls and replace with window walls. Use colorful cloth and expose your media collections. On this tour you get a lot of ideas for your own school! Visit to Helsingborg Public Library. Time for shopping in Helsingborg.
Thursday August 10. 08.30 - 16.00. SEK 300.

Denmark, School Library Tour.
Visit School Libraries around Copenhagen. Meet pupils and teachers in Denmark. Be invited to lunch by the friendly Danes. You have the possibility to leave the tour in Copenhagen and stay the night, if this is more convenient for you, depending on your plans. Otherwise we are returning to Malmö by the bridge.
Thursday August 10. 08.30 - 13.00.

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Be the guest of BTJ. Light meal included.

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The Municipal of The International Association of School Librarianship (IALS) is to provide an international forum for those people interested in operating effective school library media programs and visit museum in the educational processes. Membership is worldwide.

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