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**International Association of School Librarianship (IASL)
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**IASL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS ANALYSIS TO BENEFIT CONFERENCE
DELEGATES AND PLANNERS –Takeshi Murofushi Research Award**

The Takeshi Murofushi Research Award has been made to Dr. Marcia Mardis from Wayne State University in Detroit, USA to provide funding toward a research project. The project aims to increase the effectiveness of the IASL conference as a source of professional development and research dissemination by characterizing the contents of past conference programmes for constituent planning.

Announcing the award, President James Henri commented on the need for current research that informs practitioners and provides ideas for professional learning. IASL conferences are the primary professional learning activity for school library staff globally. “They are of critical importance to school library staff in how the staff provide library services and learning opportunities to their students,” Mr Henri said. The results of this research will be presented at the IASL Conference in 2009 in Italy.

The International Association of School Librarianship comprises personal, association and institution members, from over 75 countries, committed to enabling young people to develop literary and cultural appreciation and to use information effectively through the improvement of school libraries and school library programs as a vital component of education.

Information about membership and the awards program is available on the IASL website: <http://www.iasl-online.org> and from the IASL Secretariat, PO Box 83, Zillmere, Queensland 4034, Australia.