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**International Association of School Librarianship (IASL)
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**EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND
TRAINING MODULES – IASL/SOFTLINK INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE
AWARD**

Ms. Madhu Bhargava, Dean of Libraries, G.D. Goenka World School in India has been awarded the IASL/Softlink International Excellence award for 2008. The award of \$US1000 is sponsored by Softlink International and is made to an individual or team nominated by their professional associations and peers in recognition of significant contributions to school librarianship. The award will be presented at the 37th annual conference of the Association at the University of Berkeley, California in August.

Madhu Bhargava has developed and established reading and information literacy programs as well as developing training modules for school library personnel in India. This award recognises her educational leadership in school libraries in India, particularly in developing information literacy programs, collaborative instruction and integration of information technology in various schools as well as providing professional development and training to her colleagues.

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.