



IASL MALAYSIA 2002
CONFERENCE
School Libraries for a Knowledge Society
5-9 August 2002
Petaling Jaya, Malaysia



CONFERENCE INVITATION

The IASL 2002 Conference Organizing Committee cordially invites you to the 31st annual conference of the International Association of School Librarianship, incorporating the 6th International Forum on Research in School Librarianship, to be held in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia from 5 to 9 August 2002.

Conference Theme

The theme of the conference is **School Libraries for a Knowledge Society**, reflecting the preamble to the UNESCO/IFLA School Library manifesto:

The school library provides information and ideas that are fundamental to functioning successfully in today's information and knowledge-based societies.

As we move from agricultural, industrial and information societies towards a knowledge society, it is timely to consider the implications for school libraries in a society characterized by knowledge and information being major resources, information and communication technologies being widely used, changes in technology being rapid, and globalization allowing for collaboration and competition.

Venue

The conference will be held in Petaling Jaya (located 10 km from the nation's capital, Kuala Lumpur), Malaysia. The conference proper will take place at the Hilton Petaling Jaya, an international class hotel with meeting and function rooms fully equipped for seminars, presentations and workshops

Why you should attend

The conference will provide you with a wonderful opportunity to

- Experience personal and professional growth
- Renew acquaintances with old friends and colleagues, and make new friends
- Learn of school library developments in other countries
- Discuss issues, opportunities and challenges, share your ideas, and help shape the future of school libraries
- Explore Malaysia with its unique potpourri of Asia's cultures, sample the variety of delicious foods, shop from a bewildering range of items, or just relax on the tropical beaches – Malaysia has something for everyone.

Registration

Complete the attached Registration Form and mail to the Conference Secretariat at the address given below. A completed registration form constitutes a firm booking which may not be cancelled once received, although the substitution of names may be made.

Getting to Malaysia

The easiest way to get to Malaysia is by air. With more than 40 international airlines plying the routes to Malaysia you have a wide range of options to choose from. We recommend our national airline, Malaysia Airlines (MAS), which serves over 100 cities across 6 continents. The main gateway to Malaysia is the Kuala Lumpur International Airport at Sepang (approx. 50 km from Petaling Jaya). Please consult your travel agent for flight schedules and fares.

Passport and Visas

Visitors to Malaysia must be in possession of a valid passport or travel document with a minimum validity of six months beyond the intended visiting period. While nationals of many countries do not require visas to enter Malaysia, other may require visas. Please check with your travel agent or the nearest Malaysian Consulate or representative office before confirming your trip.