

An all encompassing theme

Information leadership in a culture of change. A theme chosen to encompass and include all significant issues relating to visionary decision-making concerning information in schools and society. There are six strands featured throughout the conference:

INFORMATION LITERACY	What are the current models, research, initiatives and programs relating to information literacy and how can they help in an international arena to further information literacy in schools and other organizations?
INFORMATION POLICY	How is policy regarding copyright, access to information, Internet usage, technology planning, etc. developed and implemented in schools and other organizations?
KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT	How can knowledge sharing advance teaching practice within schools and beyond?

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
How do school libraries and other types of libraries contribute to communities and society?
How are issues such as intellectual freedom advocated to colleagues, parents and the public?

LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION
What attributes characterize teacher librarians, principals and decision makers in leading the way forward for information literacy in schools, higher education and the knowledge economy?

ICT IN EDUCATION
How do we develop our online learning environment to be creative, user friendly, meaningful and innovative? What is the impact of ICT on information literacy?

These strands will allow delegates to explore the outer limits of what is possible while offering practical solutions for everyday requirements.

Exciting schedule *for all participants*

Two theme days will allow participants to focus their professional development and networking on the five strands as they relate to their professional needs. The latest research, professional presentations by practitioners and hands-on workshops in computer labs will optimise learning and sharing.

The planning committee has invited the movers and shakers, the innovative, and the risk-takers in Education to share the very latest in the five focus strands. The blockbuster performance will be delivered by Stephen Heppell, the Director of Ultralab. (See ww2.ultralab.net) He is described as:

"Britain's leading computers-in-education guru...[leading] the Ultralab at Anglia Polytechnic University - a hubbed of techno-optimism whence a constant stream of lovely educational applications has been emanating, without fuss, since the late 1980s."

Dust or Magic international conference, Oxford, 2003

The International Baccalaureate Pan Asia Library Media Specialists (IB PALMS) conference will be held concurrently to allow delegates to share ideas and expertise in resourcing the IB programme in an international setting. Workshops and discussions will focus on the different needs of the various IB programs, with a general session bringing delegates together from around the world.

The conference kicks-off June 8th with cocktails and a fitting welcome from Asia's most exciting city. Sessions begin July 9th and run through July 12th. Hong Kong's libraries will provide learning tours for locals and visitors alike on the final day. Post-conference tours are available for Macau and China.

Audience *and* **expected presenters**

The IASL 2005 planning committee, modelling the information leadership theme, seeks the participation of a wide range of educators and information professionals. Sharing the diverse knowledge of all who work with information will better contribute to a sustainable improvement in education and our communities. Teachers, teacher librarians, librarians of all callings, principals, educators, academics, knowledge managers, and education ministry representatives from local and international arenas will have much to gain from participating and presenting.

A call for papers has been announced. Details at

<http://www.iasl-slo.org/conference2005.htm>

Important dates

- 15 NOVEMBER 2004**
Closing date for submission of proposal and abstract
- 15 JANUARY 2005**
Notification of acceptance of proposal
- 15 MARCH 2005**
Submission of full paper
- 30 APRIL 2005**
Early bird registration closes
- 08 JULY 2005**
Conference opens
- 12 JULY 2005**
Conference closes