International Association of School Librarianship (IASL)

## Israel, 5-11 July 1998

The 1998 conference of the International Association of School Librarianship will be held in Israel. The conference theme is "Education for All: Culture, Reading and Information". The venue is Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan. The conference is supported by the Division of Libraries, Ministry of Education and Culture and with the cooperation of Beit Berl College. The official language of the conference is English.

A stimulating conference programme is being planned; the programme will incorporate the Second International Forum on Research in School Librarianship. Half-day tours are planned for participants and for accompanying persons. Hotel rooms have been reserved at hotels in Tel Aviv, and at youth hostels.

See the <u>IASL Conference 1998 - Israeli Website</u> for further information. See below for the <u>Draft Program</u> of the conference.

The conference theme, "Education for All: Culture, Reading, and Information", will be addressed through the following topics:

- Information literacy and information skills
- Reading as a basis for using information technology efficiently
- Future changes in educational systems
- Minority language reading in the world of information technology
- Crisis in teaching reading as a skill
- Reading encouragement
- Children's literature: new formats (multimedia etc)
- Children's literature: reflections of society, culture and ethnic groups
- Role of libraries and technology in developing and improving plans of action for learning • Role of libraries and technology in developing and improving courseware
- The digital library in the school library media centre
- Social information in the school library media centre
- Censorship and other ethical issues in the school library media centre
- Professional training of media specialists, school librarians, and teacher-librarians
- Professional growth and development

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday 5 July 1998

• 19.00 - Opening Reception at Bar-Ilan University, with the participation of the heads of the university: Directors, Deans, and the Mayor of Ramat-Gan.