**International Association of School Librarianship**

**45th Annual Conference**

**incorporating the**

**20th International Forum on Research in School Librarianship**

**August 22 – 26, 2016**

**Tokyo, Japan**

**Call for Papers**

The Organizing Committee of the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) 45th Annual Conference, incorporating the 20th International Forum on Research in School Librarianship, invites proposals from IASL members and others wishing to present at the conference to be held on August 22 – 26, 2016 at Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan.

The IASL Annual Conference is the premier international forum for people interested in promoting effective school library programs as viable instruments in the educational process.

The theme for the conference is:

**A School Library Built for the Digital Age**

Sub-themes for the 2016 conference include:

* The school library as a virtual space and real place

 *for meeting, sharing, discussing, challenging, encouraging, collaborative learning, and growing*

* The school library as a learning environment

*for access to materials, resources, teachers and the community*

* The school library as an interdisciplinary laboratory

*for experience and discovery in science, arts, humanities, media, music, and sports*

* The school library as a window to the real and online world

*for reading, writing and communication*

* The school library as a partner to support diversity

*for physically, mentally, emotionally and culturally diverse students, as well as gender and sexuality diversity*

* The school library as a first major step student’s life-long learning

*for citizenship, orientation, vocation, and lifestyle*

* The school library as a transformation room into an avatar

*for active learning*

* The school library staffs in the digital age

*their roles, skills, and training, and partnership*

Proposals for presentations at the conference may in the form of:

* Professional presentations (20 minutes each, following 10 minutes discussion) on a topic related to the theme of the conference, which represent descriptions of programs, projects, activities, and/or innovations that are of relevance to a diverse audience and contribute to their professional development.
* Research presentations (20 minutes each, following 10 minutes discussion) on a topic related to the theme of the conference, which represent findings from investigations (either complete or in-progress, but not proposals) that would be of interest to an international audience.
* Workshops (90 minutes or 180 minutes) on a focused topic related to the conference theme, where participants are actively involved in the learning process. They may comprise small or large group discussions, collaborative activities and exercises, or opportunities to practice applying the concepts that are presented. Workshops are not intended to be extended lectures, but are hands-on learning opportunities.
* Posters (a designated time will be set for presenters to display and meet viewers) of projects or research on a topic related to the theme of the conference. Presenters should present during 12:30-14:00 on both of the 23rd and 25th, August.

Proposals should clearly relate to one or more of the Conference sub-themes. The conference aims to be inclusive and reach out to a broad range of audiences representing various stakeholders and libraries at different levels of development. As such the theme on the digital age may be interpreted broadly.

Proposals are invited from librarians, researchers, teachers, principals, college and university educators, and others directly involved with the development or management of school libraries. Others who share an interest in advancing the field of school librarianship, including publishers, vendors, authors, app developers, illustrators, architects, psychologists, economists and journalists, are also welcome to submit proposals.

Abstracts should be submitted per email submissions-iasl2016@j-sla.or.jp using the templates by 29 January 2016.

Please forward this announcement to others who may be interested in presenting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Chair of the Organizing Committee

for 2016 IASL Tokyo

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| **IASL 2016 Paper Proposal****Submission Form**Please, submit your proposal by **January 29, 2016** to: submissions-iasl2016@j-sla.or.jp |
| **Type of Paper**  Professional Paper Research Paper |  Poster Workshop Workshop (Pre-Conference) |
| **Author(s)**: **First Author1 , Second Author2 , Third Author3**Corresponding email address: |
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| **Title of the Paper**:  |
| **Abstract** Please, provide an abstract (up to 500 words) |
| **Short biographical note [as follows, up to 100 words]:****Author 1:** Xxx Yyy ZZZ [First Name [Middle Name (if any)] and FAMILY NAME, e.g. Fanny Ann HOLMES] has worked as … [qualification, e.g., Associate Professor / Researcher / School Librarian etc.] at … [Institution] in … [City, Country] since …; his/her main research/professional topic is … **Author 2:** see above.**Author 3:** see above. |