

Dear ASL Europe for 2013

Sincerely yours,

acknowledgements at personal level!

My best wishes for a new year full of and, especially, for your contribution to its Region 6: Europe.

By thank for your participation in the ASL Community!

your professional contacts. Don't hesitate to contact me, please!

your comments, ideas, inputs, and to promote ASL of among

Classical are absolutely vital! I wholeheartedly invite you both to send me

best. Your contribution and your involvement in volunteering for the ASL

and enhance the current services (or develop new ones) for the ASL

European context. On the other hand, we must think in very practical terms,

need to enlarge our membership base in order to create a critical mass in the

not only ideas, plans and actions count: also figures are important, and we

On the one hand, we need to be more strategic and effective, but

enthusiasm, competence, together towards this challenging goal

Educational, Cultural and Digital Agenda! Set a joint focus

collaboration in order to put school libraries in the European

It is time for a change. It is time to strengthen our forces and

the school library and its professional activities and services

school library, and a curriculum that is implemented and enhanced

and enhance the professional skills of a school with a proper and

leadership and participation, library, different types, parents, etc. - of the

the number of research findings, there is low awareness of school

finding, insufficient, inadequate policies. Furthermore, a lack of

ways and in many countries of our Continent - by several factors in

both countries. Our profession and services are in fact challenged in

protecting off 2012 long to defend the school library and its professional in

our colleagues in UK and Italy who have been strongly advocating and

Overwhelmed, many others are to be hated as well: let's think of
and in action in Europe!
this letter. We definitely can say that school librarians and librarians are alive
prepare international meetings or conferences, as summarized at the end of
of conference in 2010. Other colleagues are currently working to
ready education. Many papers from Europe were presented at the 41st
Buenos Aires for the first European Meeting on Information Site
too international speakers and participants gathered in Milan, in the
celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Coalition School Library Association,
school library standards, held in Dubrovnik on March 24th, where they
networking. Our Croatian colleagues have organized a successful meeting on
decision was made: establishing a school library association and start
Country for their first National school library meeting where an important
and have gathered in Vilnius, on Aug. 6th, from different part of their
instances, many meetings of note were held in 2012. Our colleagues in Lithuania
relationship throughout Europe, and we have intensively associated for that. For
ways (with our ideas, meetings, papers, efforts etc.) to enhance school libra-
together we have achieved much: we have contributed in many
Community and the ASL School Librarians Section.
increasingly thankful for this further opportunity to serve our Association, its
elected Director Europe in 2009, and a second term is now ahead. I am
balance. Three years have already (and so quickly...) passed by since I was
2012, and is rapidly approaching, and the end of a year is a good time for a

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2013: Upcoming School Library Events (details will follow)

February: release of a new publication by the Messian School Library Association LBS

March 2nd: Messian School Library Day at Clemens-Brentano-Schule, Lollar near Wetzlar, Germany

March 14th, 15.30 -16.00, Book Fair Leipzig, Hall 2: Presentation of the book *Mittendrin statt außen vor. Wie Schulbibliotheken Schulen verbessern können* (i.e., At the heart of the school, not at the outskirts: how school libraries could improve schools) written by Günter Schlamp

March 15-16: "Stelline" Meeting and "Bibliostar" library supplier exhibition in Milan (free admittance)

March (or April): 25th Croatian Spring School for School Librarians

May 22nd: Paris, International Meeting of Transliteracy

August:

- 79th IFLA (SL + GL) Satellite conference on Information Literacy
- IFLA Conference in Singapore (conference.ifla.org/ifla79)
- **Joint Conference** (IFLA + IASL) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, on School Library Advocacy (with release of the BSLL module)
- 42th IASL Conference in Bali, Indonesia (iasl2013.org/)

October:

- International School Library Month
- SL meeting in Rome (30th Anniversary of the National Standing
- Committee on School Libraries of AISB, the Italian Library Association)
- 22-25: ECISL—European Conference on Information Literacy, Istanbul. A pre-conference on School Libraries will be organized by IASL Middle East.
... and much more!

