

The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) is a non-profit organization which represents an international network of people from all over the world who are committed to bringing books and children together.

Congress Program and Venue

The conference will be a mixture of plenary sessions, seminars, story-telling, professional meetings and social events. IBBY's General Assembly will take place on the 10th.

The congress venue is situated in the centre of Copenhagen, 15 min. from the airport, 10 min. from the Town Hall and Central Station, canals and ramparts, the 160 year old amusement park Tivoli, numerous museums, parks, lakes, squares, etc.

Weather, Languages and Participation Fees

The Congress will take place at a time when we usually enjoy a fairly warm and sunny "late summer" (about 20 C).

The language of the congress will be English. Spanish interpretation will be provided during the plenary sessions.

The participation fees are as follows for participants from

- countries in membership category 1-5: 4500 DKK (600 Eur)
- countries in membership category 6-8: 3190 DKK (425 Eur)

Accompanying persons: 1650 DKK (220 Euro)

You may register on our website: www.ibby2008.dk

Here you will also find a list of hotels where rooms have been reserved, as well as links to other hotels and hostels, and visits offered by the congress.

And you may enlist your participation in a number of visits and excursions. However, we advise you to hurry because space is limited.



Christian Alsing

Congress Theme Stories in History – History in Stories

How has children's literature reflected the actual history of a country or people – and how has consciousness of the past influenced stories for children? There are many general topics related to the past and present in literature for children, as well as specific periods and events in history, various geographical areas, and cultures. Our plenary speakers will touch upon many of these topics.

- Grete Haagenrud, Norway: A Story of Refugee Children
- Sharif Kanaana, Palestine: Stories Told for & by Children in Today's Society: The Palestinian experience
- Rukhsana Khan, Canada: Freedom of Speech vs. Cultural Sensitivity: Balancing the right to create freely vs the need of people to be respected
- Ana Maria Machado, Brazil: Cultural Heritage Reflected in Literature for Children
- Ondjaki (Ndlu de Almeida), Angola: Let's share the dream: Stories for children in Angola
- Josefine Ottesen: Recreating the Story of Your Life: How to overcome cruelty
- Michèle Petit, France: Children's Reading in Times of Crisis
- Fernando Savater, Spain: Stories in History – History in Stories: An introduction
- Peter Sis, USA: Orbis Pictus: Drawn into the World
- Ngarmpun (Jane) Vejjajiva, Thailand: The Relevance of Myths and Legends in Contemporary Society: The case of Buddhist Thailand
- Mats Wahl, Sweden: Do You Remember Diogenes?
- Torben Weinreich, Denmark: How children's literature has reflected actual history – and how historical experiences have influenced stories for children



The topics of the keynote speeches will be followed-up in seminars. Other seminars will deal with children's books and multimedia, literary awards, promotion of children's literature and reading, and Hans Christian Andersen. In total more than 100 speakers. (See our website).



31st iBBY World Congress
7 – 10 September 2008 in
Wonderful Copenhagen
Denmark

Patron of the Congress
and the Hans Christian Andersen Awards
H.M. Queen Margrethe II

Why Copenhagen?

Copenhagen is one of the most popular conference cities in the world. Located on the island of Zealand, it is a friendly, relaxed city that combines the charm of its 800 year Nordic history with the vitality of a modern metropolis. Its Danish name *København* means "merchant harbour". Copenhagen can be proud of its new Opera House and Concert Hall; of the famous Royal Danish Ballet; of its castles, zoo and botanical garden, and the many museums: classic, contemporary and decorative art, as well as Islamic art, films, history, ethnography, labour, music, etc. All within walking distance of the congress center.



Excursions to the environs are also worthwhile, e.g. Kronborg Castle, the alleged home of Prince Hamlet, the home of Karen Blixen, and the Viking Ships Museum. *A day-tour by bus to Hans Christian Andersen's birthplace and museum is available on the 11th.* Also a *post-congress excursion by boat to Oslo*, incl. a mini-seminar at the IBBY Documentation Centre of Books for Young People, is available.

Furthermore ...

- Copenhagen is easy to reach from all over the world whether by air, rail, road or sea.
- The environment is clean, with fresh air coming in from the sea and water you can drink straight from the tap.
- Visitors can stroll around in the city safely at all hours.
- Copenhagen has reliable, frequent and convenient public transportation.
- Taxis are comfortable, clean, easy to hail, clearly licensed, operate at fixed rates, and accept major credit cards and payment in Euro.
- Most Danes speak English.



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Accommodation

Copenhagen offers all kinds of accommodation, ranging from small family hotels to five-star luxury hotels, and from B&B and camping sites to hostels, with a corresponding range of prices. The atmosphere is friendly and pleasant.

Copenhagen has an official classification for all hotels, e.g.

** 2 star hotels: from 90 Euro

*** 3 star hotels: from 150 Euro

**** 4 star hotels: from 180 Euro

per room per night, normally incl. Scandinavian breakfast buffet.

Hostels start from about 20 Eur, excl. breakfast.

The restaurants in Copenhagen offer food of kitchens from most parts of the world. It is easy to get a meal at prices as low as 7 Euro, excl. beverages.

All prices include VAT (25%) and service charges.

Tipping is not expected.



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Scandinavian Airlines

Official Airline for the congress

To obtain SAS conference fares, contact your nearest SAS office and quote the reference number: DK0803

www.flysas.com/delegates

Events & Activities

Opening and Presentation of the Hans Christian Andersen Awards

These events will take place on Sunday, Sept. 7, in *Glassalen* ("The Glass Hall") of the famous Tivoli Garden in the heart of Copenhagen. Queen Margrethe of Denmark will be present. You will be welcomed by Minister of Culture Brian Mikkelsen, and entertained by songs of Andersen, and a ballet based on Thumbelina, with designs by the Queen. Followed by a buffet.



The City of Copenhagen Reception, Sept. 9

On Tuesday evening, the Lord Mayor of Copenhagen will host a buffet at the Town Hall. On this occasion, the *IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Awards* will be presented.

Closing Ceremony and Farewell Dinner, Sept. 10

These will be held on Wednesday evening, in the old circus building of Copenhagen, serving Nordic specialities.

Other activities

Visit the Institute of Children's Literature, exhibitions, public and school libraries, see children's plays and films, meet colleagues and expand your network...



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Registration and Further Information at
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