**The 3rd Asia Oceania Regional IBBY Congress**

9-12 May 2017

Bangkok, Thailand

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The Thai section of IBBY - ThaIBBY- in partnership with Thailand Knowledge Park (TK park) are pleased to announce the launch of the 3rd Asia Oceania Regional IBBY Congress in Bangkok, Thailand, from May 9 -12, 2017.

This is the first time that the regional IBBY Congress is being held in Bangkok- the City of Angel. "Read=Life: Children's Books in the Digital Age" is the theme of the congress to celebrate the essence of reading in the digital age.

We’d like to invite specialists in children's literature, writers, illustrators, librarians, educators, storytellers and those children book lovers from all over the world to join the event. We believe Bangkok is the ideal congress venue in the heart of the ASEAN region with unique blend of history, culture and modern world capacity for everyone to enjoy.

**Call for Papers**

The 3rd Asia Oceania Regional IBBY Congress is dedicated to the essence of reading in the digital age. We aim to provide a unique forum where children's literature enthusiasts can share and exchange their ideas and experiences.

The thematic focus of this call for papers is "Read=Life: Children's Books in the Digital Age". Within this context, this call invites children's literature researchers, librarians, practitioners, storytellers and other stakeholders to submit abstracts on the above theme and related aspects that include (but not limited to):

1. Reading as human life source

2. A ‘Healthy Reading’

3. Children’s literature and society

4. Security and insecurity in Children’s books

5. Children’s books and social meanings

6. Children’s Literature as a social learning experience

7. Cultural studies in Children’s Literature

8. Children’s Literature as education

9. Methods of reading and analyzing the world

10. Reading as a way of thinking

11. Multiculturalism in Children’s Literature

12. Aesthetic approaches to children’s literature

13. Home literacy and formal reading instruction

14. History and development of Children’s Literature in Thai / Foreign countries

15. The local children’s books and the global children’s books

16. Technology and Children’s Books / Technology and children life

17. Private and Public realms in reading books and watching new media

18. Technology in children learning / Children learning about technology

19. Information and communication technologies for children

20. Children perception of the modern world

21. Adult model in children’s media

22. Cautiously critical reading in the digital world

23. Designing modern books and media for children

24. Virtual reality and existing world

25. New readings of children’s literature

26. Re-imaginings of myth, fairy tale, and other traditional stories

Abstracts for each proposed paper should be 250-300 words. A 50-word biography of presenters must accompany each abstract. The deadline for abstract submissions is midnight 31 January 2017 with notification of acceptance before 15 February 2017. Full paper submission is 15 March 2017.
Send your Abstract Proposal to the Congress Secretariat at ibbyaoric2017@tkpark.or.th. Please write “Abstract Proposal” in your subject heading.

**Important dates**

**Abstract Submission:** *November 1, 2016- January 31, 2017*
**Notification of Abstract Acceptance:** *February 15, 2017*
**Full Paper Submission:** *March 15, 2017*
**Notification of Full Paper Acceptance:** *March 31, 2017*

To discuss any matter relating to this Call for Papers, please email ibbyaoric2017@tkpark.or.th

**Registration Fees**

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|  |  Early (by February 28, 2017) | Regular |
| General Delegates | US$200  | US$250 |
| Students | US$100 | US$100 |
| Spouse/guest | US$100 | US$100 |
| Thai Delegates | US$50 | US$50 |

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