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Registration Fee

	Early Bird Registration till 30 September 2008	01 October 2008 onwards
Indian Delegates	Rs.4000/-	Rs.5000/-
Developing and Asian Countries Delegates	US\$ 175	US\$ 200
Other countries Delegates	US\$ 225	US\$ 250

*SLA members, accompanied persons, students, retired professionals and additional participants from the same organization can avail 15% discount.

Payment Details: The payment should be sent through **local cheque/ demand draft to be made in favour of "ICoASL"** and payable at New Delhi. The filled-in registration forms and the payment should be sent to the Conference Secretariat.

Dates to Remember

Last Date for Submission of Abstract / Proposal	July 15, 2008
Last Date for Submission of final and full version of the paper	September 15, 2008
Early Bird Registration	September 30, 2008
Last Date for Registration	November 15, 2008

Accommodation

Accommodation can be arranged for the participants in the Institutional Guest House with usual amenities on first come first serve basis. Room rent and other charges are to be paid by the participants directly. Besides accommodation in the Guest House, Hotels can also be arranged for the participants on request and confirmation. Delegates may indicate their options in the registration form.

Climate

The climate of New Delhi in the month of November is pleasant ranging from 15 to 20 degrees Celsius. The day time temperature will be moderate and evenings will be colder. Participants are required to bring light woolen clothes.

Sightseeing

Visit to some of the tourists' attractions in Delhi/ Agra and nearby places will be arranged separately on 29 November 2008 (Saturday) at an extra cost based on the distance and duration of the trip and also the number of delegates. Those interested may write to us separately.



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ICoASL 2008

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(ICoASL 2008)

on

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About SLA

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) with its headquarter at USA, is a non-profit global organization for information professionals and their strategic partners. SLA was founded in 1909 in the State of New York and is now the international association representing the interests of thousands of information professionals in over eighty countries worldwide. It has more than 15000 members in the USA, Europe and other parts of the world. SLA serves the information professionals working in corporate, academic, government, media, finance, science, research, museums, trade associations, non-profit organizations, and it also encourages participation by non-traditional enterprising information specialists. The mission of the Special Libraries Association is to advance the leadership role of SLA members in putting knowledge to work for the benefit of decision makers. For further detail, please log on to: <http://www.sla.org>

SLA Asian Chapter Objectives

- To promote the Special Libraries Association in the Asian Region
- To promote networking among Asian libraries and information centers.
- To provide guidelines and professional support to the Asian library and information professionals.
- To provide training to Asian Chapter information professionals.
- To organize annual meetings of Asian librarians and information professionals.
- To organize workshops / seminars in various countries of the region.
- To create a common platform in the Asian region to exchange innovative ideas and experiences among professionals.
- To send representatives to the SLA Annual Conferences.
- To support SLA activities by increasing Asian membership.
- To organize visits by SLA members to libraries of the Asian countries.

Conference Objectives

The principal objective of this international event is to provide a platform for exchange of knowledge and skills relevant to Information Professionals in Asia with a global perspective. This conference will offer an opportunity to put forward innovative plans, debate classic ideas, and promote closer cooperation among colleagues. It will solicit high quality research papers and provide an international forum for researchers, developers and practitioners to present applied and theoretical research findings. Some of the major objectives are to:

- Ensure that information professionals are aware of the latest developments in the library and information field
- Bring together the dispersed community of library professionals to share their experiences through a common platform.
- Assist special libraries and special library professionals in implementing their development plans
- Strengthen academic collaboration and strategic alliances for the development of special libraries

Who should attend?

This major event expects global participation by information scientists and professionals involved in library research, information resource management, technology application, and other related disciplines in the field of library and information studies. Some of the broad categories of participants are as follows:

- Library and information science professionals
- Information technology professionals
- Knowledge workers
- Policy makers
- Educationists and academicians
- E-learning communities
- Content and knowledge managers

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Program Structure

The conference program will include plenary sessions, invited and contributed papers, poster sessions, product presentations, panel discussions and an exhibition. A series of parallel sessions will be held offering delegates a wide range of in-depth presentations by leading national and international experts.

Thematic areas

The conference will discuss all aspects of special libraries. Each theme will be divided into several sub-themes as detailed below, but not necessarily limited to:

Information Resources and Services

- E-Referencing and New Referencing Techniques.
- Delivery Methods and Mechanisms
- Measuring Service Quality
- Sustainable Information Resources
- Offshoring and Outsourcing
- Content Creation and Management

Information Society: Emerging Paradigm

- Information Society: Best Practices in Special Libraries -Asian Perspective
- Information Society: Sustainable Models
- Community Based Information Systems
- The Design and Role of Information Centres
- Information Systems: Case Studies
- E-Governance and Public Information
- Information Literacy and Competency: Capacity Building
- Mapping Community Participation Patterns
- Information Divide and Deprivation
- Private and Public Partnership in Information Development
- Funding Opportunities
- Open Access Policies
- Government Policies, Initiative Programs

Information and Communication Technologies

- Information Generation and Cultivation
- Information Warehousing and Storage
- Retrieval and Access Mechanisms

- State of the Art in Information Tools & Technology
- Development of Information Portals and Information Gateways
- Applications of Web 2.0
- Open Access Technologies

Information Objects and Products

- Digital Libraries, Institutional Repositories
- E-journals Management
- Information Sharing Models/Consortia
- Information Networks and Protocols
- Standards, Copyright, Licensing and IPR Issues

Information and Business

- Information Entrepreneurship : Scope and Prospects
- Information Marketing
- Customizing Info Service
- Recruitment and Hiring Techniques
- Role of Library Associations
- Special Libraries after 20 years

LIS Education, Training & Research

- Continuing and Life Long Learning and role of SLA
- E-Learning Modules & Role of Libraries in Distance Education Mode
- Incubation and Training Centres
- LIS Education, Research and LIS School
- Skills and Competency Development
- Skill Upgradation and Career Advancement

Paper Submission Guidelines

Participants are invited to contribute papers for presentation on the above themes and other related aspects. The papers should be based on research surveys; case studies or action plans rather than on theoretical explanations. Papers should be sent to **Conference Secretariat or to asiansla@gmail.com**

Extended abstract containing gist of the paper enumerating the objective, methodology etc. in about 500 words is to be sent within the stipulated date. Submission of full papers with an abstract in approximately 200 words, keywords and references on A4 size paper with margin 1.5 cm on all side in MS Word format in 10 points New Times Roman type single line spacing. Length of the paper should not exceed 4000 words. Details such as name of the author, designation, title of the article, abstract, name of the affiliating institution, mailing address, telephone number, fax number and E-mail address are to be included. The contributors will get intimation regarding the acceptance of the paper by the Program Committee. The paper submitted for presentation should be original and not have already been published/presented elsewhere. The Programme Committee will have the right to edit the papers. Selected papers will be published in the conference proceedings.

Best Paper Award

Award will be given to the author(s) by the Programme Committee to the best contributed paper (or papers) submitted to the conference.



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Last name _____

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Organization _____

Address _____

City _____

Country _____

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Fax _____

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E-mail _____

Signature _____

Date _____

- Registration fee is non-refundable.
- Registration fee does not include accommodation.*
- Registration will be confirmed only if the form is duly completed and payment received in full.

For overseas participants

Passport no. _____

Valid up to _____

Date and place of birth _____

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Date _____

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