~ Welcome

As the UK Children’s Laureate I am delighted that the 33rd IBBY World Congress will be held in London in August 2012. I have a strong affection for IBBY and the work you do across the world to bring together children and their books, particularly in those places it is most needed. I saw this first-hand when I attended the IBBY Congress in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, to collect my much-cherished Hans Christian Andersen Medal for Illustration. Like you, I want to encourage all children to discover books and enjoy reading. Of course, I hope they will discover and enjoy my books and those of other British authors and illustrators, but I also want them to experience the rich diversity of books and stories from other cultures around the world. The 2012 IBBY Congress has this as its central theme: an exploration of how our stories and books migrate, translate and find children across countries and across cultures. I look forward to welcoming you to London in 2012 to what I am certain will be an exciting and stimulating IBBY Congress.

Anthony Browne
Children’s Laureate

~ The Theme

The main theme of the congress is Crossing Boundaries: Translations and Migrations. We will explore how books and stories for children and young people can cross boundaries and migrate across different countries and cultures. The congress will look at issues such as globalisation, dual-language texts, cultural exchange and the art of translation.
~ Congress Programme

The congress programme will include plenary sessions with keynote speakers and a variety of seminars and workshops exploring different facets of the main congress theme. In addition, the congress will play host to the IBBY General Assembly and to the presentation of the IBBY Honour List, the IBBY Asahi Reading Promotion Award and the Hans Christian Andersen Awards. There will also be the opportunity to meet colleagues at professional meetings.

The official congress language will be English. A simultaneous translation service will be provided into Spanish and other languages wherever possible.

~ Venue

The congress will be held at Imperial College London in South Kensington - the cultural heartland of London. The Royal Albert Hall, the Natural History Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum and Hyde Park are just a short walk away from the congress venue. Imperial College London offers state-of-the-art conference facilities including lecture theatres, seminar rooms and large exhibition spaces.

Imperial College is easy to get to by bus, underground train or one of our famous Black Cabs from any of London’s five international airports or mainline train stations.

London has a wide range of hotels and other accommodation, ranging from major international hotels to small boutique hotels in charming side streets. Low-cost accommodation will also be available at Imperial College London and at other venues across the city.

- Globalisation
- Belonging
- Diaspora
- A World View
- Identity
- Translation Today
- A New Aesthetic
- Cultural Exchange
- Intercultural Education
- Books Without Boundaries
- Migrating Stories
- Dual Language Texts

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~ London

2012 will be a great time to visit us in London as the city will be buzzing from the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and our palaces, museums, galleries, parks and streets will be packed with activity celebrating the capital's rich and diverse history and culture. In late August, the weather should be good too!

~ Registration Fee

Registration fees for the conference will be set by March 2011 and will be published on the congress website at www.ibbycongress2012.org. In order to enable delegates from all countries to participate in the congress, organisers will apply a sliding-scale to registration fees in accordance with the criteria set out by IBBY.

~ Additional Information

For additional information on the congress please look at our website or e-mail info@ibbycongress2012.org. For additional information on visiting London, please go to www.visitlondon.org.uk.