



WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN

Dear participants at the IBBY congress,

I know that you're well under way with this year's IBBY congress in Macao, China. Nevertheless, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the next IBBY congress in 2008 which – as you might know – will take place in Copenhagen.

It is a great honour for the City of Copenhagen to host such a large and exciting congress with participants from all over the world. And as former Minister for Education in Denmark I find the aims of your congress of high importance. Bringing knowledge to children is so very important for development and progress.

I hope that you when you come to Copenhagen will find time to discover our lovely city. Copenhagen is the capital of one of the oldest kingdoms of the world. All periods of our 1000 year long history are reflected in the streets, squares and buildings of our city, from the renaissance palaces built by kings and nobility to ultramodern buildings by some of the most famous architects of our time. And last but not least – come and meet the Copenhageners. The easygoing, open-minded and yet efficient life-style of the Scandinavians is an attraction in itself.

We're looking forward to see you.

Ritt Bjerregaard

Lord Mayor