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Dear Head/Coordinator,

I would like to invite you to IBSCA's 2010 Annual General Meeting. It will be held on Friday, March 12th at St Helen's School, Northwood, Middlesex.

The AGM will be an opportunity for you to receive reports from the Steering Committee on IBSCA membership and the organisation's accounts. There will also be an opportunity to learn how the new IBSCA website can be used by member schools to identify PD opportunities and to share thoughts on university applications and other key issues. The meeting will also provide information on the Regional IBAEM Conference, to be held in Liverpool and updates on topics such as funding issues relevant for UK IB schools and teacher workshops for 2010-11.

In addition to those presentations, the programme – outline attached – includes an opportunity to listen to and ask questions of the new Regional Director for IBAEM, Adrian Kearney. It is also a valuable opportunity for Adrian to understand more about the issues facing IB schools in the UK.

Other sessions will be on the IB Career-related Certificate and the Learner Profile. The IBCC is drawing a lot of interest from UK schools as it provides a variant on the IBDP which may be more suitable for some students, while many schools are looking for ways of ensuring that the Learner Profile informs and influences the way their school runs.

The AGM is also an opportunity for Heads and Coordinators to meet people in the same situation. The *Job Alike* session will facilitate the exchange of ideas across schools.

As in the past, we are twinning the AGM with a subject session. The focus for 2010 is History in the IB Diploma Programme. Sessions will be led by experienced workshop leaders, examiners, authors and administrators, but the key will be to encourage discussion between professionals.

So that we can finalise the arrangements for these meetings, I would urge you to submit the attached Registration Form as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you at St Helen's School on Friday 12th March.

Best wishes

Sandra Morton
Chair of IBSCA