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International Children's Book Day 2021

The 2021 International Children's Book Day is sponsored by USBBY. The poster has been designed by Roger Mello and Margarita Engle wrote the poem "The Music of Words" especially for the children of the world.

Roger Mello was born in Brasilia and was the recipient of the 2014 IBBY Hans Christian Andersen Award. Margarita Engle is a Cuban-American author and she served as the 2017-19 Young People's Poet Laureate in the US. Visit www.ibby.org > ICBD for more information.



THE MUSIC OF WORDS

Written by Margarita Engle

When we read, our minds grow wings.
When we write, our fingers sing.

Words are drumbeats and flutes on the page,
soaring songbirds and trumpeting elephants,
rivers that flow, waterfalls tumbling,
butterflies that swirl
high in the sky!

Words invite us to dance—rhythms, rhymes, heartbeats,
hoofbeats, and wingbeats, old tales and new ones,
fantasies and true ones.

Whether you are cozy at home
or racing across borders toward a new land
and a strange language, stories and poems
belong to you.

When we share words, our voices
become the music of the future,
peace, joy and friendship,
a melody
of hope.



Hans Christian Andersen Awards 2022

From sixteen excellent nominations submitted by the National Sections of IBBY, the IBBY Executive Committee 2020-22 selected ten members to serve on the 2022 Jury.

The following were selected to serve as members of the 2022 Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury under the guidance of Jury President Junko Yokota:

- **Antoine Al Chartouni** from Lebanon is a writer and professor at the Lebanese University.
- **Marilar Aleixandre** from Spain is a writer, poet, translator, and jury member for literary awards.
- **Evelyn Arizpe** from Mexico/UK is a professor and researcher of Children's Literature at the University of Glasgow.
- **Mariella Bertelli** from Canada is a bilingual storyteller and former children's librarian.
- **Tina Bilban** from Slovenia is a senior research associate at the Institute Nova Revija and works as a freelance literature critic, editor, author, and translator.
- **Viviane Ezratty** from France is a librarian and former Director of the Médiathèque Françoise Sagan in Paris.
- **Jiwone Lee** from South Korea is a lecturer in the Polish department of the Hankuk University and in the department of illustration at the University of Seoul.
- **Robin Morrow** from Australia founded the first children's bookshop in New South Wales and has taught Children's Literature courses at several Australian universities.
- **Jaana Pesonen** from Finland is a university lecturer in the Education department of the University of Helsinki and researcher of Children's Literature.
- **Cecilia Ana Repetti** from Argentina is a Children's Literature specialist and was the Children's and Young Adult Literature Director Editor for SM in Argentina.

IBBY Executive Director **Liz Page** is the Jury Secretary and is an ex officio Jury member.

IBBY 37th World Congress: Moscow, 10-12 September 2021

Although the 37th IBBY Congress has been postponed from 2020, it is well underway to take place in September 2021. The Organizing Committee has worked hard to make sure that the Congress will take place in its original form, and have added content to make it even more attractive.

To date, 239 speakers from 56 countries (173 oral and 66 posters) have been selected. The original keynote speakers have confirmed their participation. The keynote speakers are: David Almond (HCA Award winner 2010, UK), Alexander Asmolov (Russia), Maryta Berenguer (Argentina), Zohreh Ghaeni (Iran), Mempo Giardinelli (IBBY-Asahi Award 2012 winner, Argentina), Valentin Golovin (Russia), Roger Mello (HCA Award winner 2014, Brazil), Bart Moeyaert (Belgium),

Christiane Raabe (Germany), Natalia Solzhenitsyn (Russia), Zukiswa Wanner (South Africa), Cao Wenxuan (HCA Award winner 2016, China).

The closing ceremony will be held in the Moscow International House of Music in a very beautiful hall with excellent acoustics. Talented child musicians from the Vladimir Spivakov International Charity Foundation are preparing a special program for the Congress.

IBBY Russia has also inaugurated a fascinating exhibition about the founders of the IBBY sections. This will take the form of a virtual exhibition that will be focused on the founders of all IBBY National Sections. The exhibition will be projected as video presentation, which will be displayed in a special gallery at the the Congress venue.

The Congress will coincide with the first Moscow International Children's Book Fair. All Congress participants will be given free entry to the Fair!

Read more and keep up with the latest news on the Congress website: www.ibbycongress2020.org.



Liz Page was born in Britain and moved with her family to Heidelberg, Germany, in 1983. After nearly two years they left Germany and settled in Basel, Switzerland. Through her interest in children and books, Liz helped to establish the Intercultural Children's Library in Basel—JUKIBU, which opened in 1990. She was a member of the managing board with responsibility for the day-to-day running of the library for the first years and was elected President of the Intercultural Children's Libraries Association of Switzerland, now called INTERBIBLIO. She joined IBBY as Assistant to the Executive Director in 1997 and in 2009 was appointed Executive Director.

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