



ICORN international cities of refuge network

ICORN General Assembly 2010

Final agenda, 26th May 2010

Venue: Haus am Dom, Domplatz 3, 60311 Frankfurt am Main

Tuesday 1 June 2010

17.00 Official opening of General Assembly.

Message by the Frankfurt City Deputy Mayor in Charge of Culture, Prof. Felix Semmelroth

Message by the director of Frankfurt Book Fair and director of "litprom", Juergen Boos

Keynote address on immigration and integration: John Ralston Saul, President of International PEN, member of the ICORN Council of Writers and Experts.

18:30 Buffet dinner, Cucina delle Grazie

Wednesday 2 June

09:30 Welcome to the 5th ICORN General Assembly

Short greetings of welcome by the assembly host, Frankfurt City of Refuge. Welcome poem by Frankfurt guest writer Pegah Ahmadi.

Election of assembly chair.

09:45 Presentation of all participants

Member city delegates, guest writers, observers, other guests

10:00 ICORN 2005-2010: and the future has just begun.

Helge Lunde, Executive Director, ICORN

10:15 How free is the free word? A global status report from International PEN

Sara Whyatt, program director, Writers in Prison Committee, International PEN

Larry Siems, Freedom to write and International programs director, PEN American Center

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 What it is all about: Three ICORN guest writers reports

Philo Ikonya (Kenya/Oslo)

Sihem Bensedrine (Tunisia/Barcelona)

Parvin Ardalan (Iran/Malmö)

11:30 Questions/comments

from the floor

12:00 Reception by the City of Frankfurt

Venue: Frankfurt City Hall, Emperors Hall

13:00 Buffet lunch,

Venue: Cucina delle Grazie, Haus am Dom

14:00 Working groups

All delegates, writers, observers and other guests to the ICORN General Assembly are invited to participate in one of the working groups below:

1: The ICORN Charter - What is and what should ICORN be all about? What ideas are we building on, what values should be at the heart of our agendas, what are the major goals ICORN as a new independent, international membership organisation should strive to achieve? (Agenda item 3)

2: Protection and promotion – How to multiply the win-win situations between the guest writer and her host city. What are the success formulas to make it all work, and what can we learn from the experiences – positive and negative – experienced in our member cities so far?

3: Web and communication - How should an optimal communication platform for a global network like ICORN be constructed? How do we use the ICORN website and other communication tools to make the organisation more effective, flexible and dynamic?

4: Crossing borders, external and internal: – How do we make sure the invited guest writers really make it to their final destination? Sharing of knowledge and experiences, with a view to both long and short term visa/residency and protection needs. Presentation of ECRE, European Council on Refugees and Exiles.

15:45 End of sessions/coffee break

16:00 Report back from parallel sessions

Plenary discussions

17:30 End of official assembly programme day 1

See assembly programme for details on dinner and events.

Thursday 3 June

09:30 PEN report

Agenda item 1

Sara Whyatt, programme director, Writers in Prison Committee, International PEN

09:30 Writers' meeting, parallel session

09:50 Annual report from the ICORN board

Agenda item 2

10:15 ICORN Charter

Agenda item 3

10:45 ICORN Statutes

Agenda item 4

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Membership fees

Agenda item 5

11:45 Strategic plan

Agenda item 6

12:30 Accounts and budget

Agenda item 7

13:00 **Lunch** at Cucina Delle Grazie, Haus am Dom

14:30 Elections

Agenda item 8:

Chair, vice chair, board members

Agenda item 9:

Election committee

15:30 Summing up, closing procedure, vote of thanks and farewell

17:00 End of assembly

18:00 Farewell dinner