

ICIP Meeting International Committee of independent publishers

9 – 11 October 2015
Paris



AGENDA

Thursday, 8 October 2015

ICIP arrival in Paris

Individual meetings between coordinators and partners of the Alliance

Meetings were directly confirmed with relevant coordinators.

Friday, 9 October 2015

9h00 – 17h00

Venue: Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer, 38 rue Saint-Sabin, 75011 Paris

Closest metro station: line 5, Bréguet-Sabin station or line 8, Chemin Vert station

Nota bene: On Friday 9, Saturday 10, and Sunday 11 October, meetings will be held in English and French. Interpretation services will be available.

Morning (9h00 – 13h00)

With ICIP members, partners of the Alliance (see list of participants on page 7), and some members of the Board and permanent team of the Alliance.

Welcome coffee (9h00 – 9h30)

Introduction of participants and partners (9h30 – 10h30)

Publishers introduce their publishing house, and partners the structures that they represent.

Freedom of speech and publishing (“free and fair speech”) (10h30 – 13h00)

Nouri ABID (Tunisia), Anahita MEDHIPOUR (Germany/ Iran) and Tinouche NAZMJOU (France/ Iran), Serge D. KOUAM (Cameroun), and Araken GOMES RIBEIRO (Brazil) speak:

- *What are the infringements of freedom of speech and publishing affecting independent publishers in their country?*
- *How does this impact on their profession on a daily basis?*
- *How do they safeguard and defend their freedom of speech and publishing on a daily basis?*
- *Can we speak of a greater “vulnerability” of speech and publishing today in the respective countries? Are there significant changes observable over the past few years?*

Publishers are invited to prepare a 10 minute presentation, based on practical examples that illustrate the situation in their publishing house (infringements to freedom of speech and publishing, solutions to overcome these, etc.) and

*develop their presentation towards a more global analysis of the various forms of censorship in their country/ region today.
Publishers' testimonies will be followed by a discussion with participants in order to strengthen knowledge and mutual understanding.*

Coffee break (11h00-11h15)

Lunch (13h00 – 14h30)

Venue to be confirmed

Afternoon (14h30 – 17h00)

With ICIP members, partners of the Alliance (see list of participants on page 7), and some members of the Board and permanent team of the Alliance.

Independent publishers' grievances (14h30 – 17h00, including coffee break)

In September 2014, during the [International Assembly of Independent publishers](#), 400 independent publishers from 45 countries collectively signed the [International Declaration of independent publishers](#) and [80 recommendations and tools in support of bibliodiversity](#).

- *What are independent publishers' priority recommendations to safeguard bibliodiversity in their country?*
- *What are the changes in terms of public policies being implemented in the countries in 2015 (in Chile and Brazil, amongst other)?*
- *What are the expectations and needs of independent publishers for the next few years?*
- *What are the possible interventions from public authorities, private actors and professional collectives to strengthen bibliodiversity together with independent publishers?*

*Based on the questions above, each coordinator will present a 7 to 8 minute summary. We therefore request that coordinators prepare this session ahead of the meeting, in consultation with their network's publishers.
Partners will be invited to ask publishers questions on their expectations, and share with them some "success stories" of support to independent publishing and more generally bibliodiversity – in France and/ or other countries.*

Welcome dinner (20h00)

This dinner will bring together coordinators, members of the Board, the team and volunteers of the Alliance.

Venue: Zagros (Greek restaurant), 58, boulevard de Ménilmontant, 75020 Paris
Closest metro station: line 2 or 3, Père Lachaise station

Saturday, 10 October 2015

9h30 – 18h00

Venue: Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer, 38 rue Saint-Sabin, 75011 Paris
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Morning (9h30 – 13h00)

With ICIP members, Maïa BENSIMON (SGDL), some members of the Board and permanent team of the Alliance.

Brief introduction of participants (9h30 – 9h45)

Copyright: background and issues in Europe, Australia, Argentina, and Cameroon (9h45 – 13h00)

- *Maïa BENSIMON, Lawyer at the Société des Gens de Lettres (SDGL), presents a political, legal and economic overview of copyrights in France and Europe: what are the current issues being discussed in Europe? / 1h00*
- *Guido INDJI (Argentina), Susan HAWTHORNE (Australia) and Serge D, KOUAM (Cameroon) will present an overview of copyrights in their country (processes, legislations, current issues in terms of digitalisation, etc.) / 15 minutes per presentation.*
- *Participants' discussion and questions*

Coffee break (11h00 – 11h15)

Lunch (13h00 – 14h30)

Venue to be confirmed

Afternoon (14h30 – 18h00)

With ICIP members, some members of the Board and permanent team of the Alliance.

One year later: report and impact of the International Assembly of independent publishers (14h30 – 16h00)

- *How did publishers take ownership of the Declaration and 80 recommendations in support of bibliodiversity? How did national and regional collectives and other professional collectives use these texts? What is the way forward?*
- *How can we develop the Alliance's advocacy activities: what grievances must be put forward, in which context, supported by which publishers? How can we strengthen and formalise the presence of the Alliance amongst public authorities and international institutions?*
- *How can we establish an observatory (monitoring tool) to monitor the impact of the International Assembly in the respective countries? How can we structure and monitor publishers' in-country advocacy work?*

- *When is the next International Assembly: are we planning a preliminary digital International Assembly, before the next “face-to-face” International Assembly? If so, how, when, with whom...?*

Coffee break (16h00 – 16h15)

Implementation of the International Assembly’s 2015-2018 orientations and 2015-2016 business plan (16h15 – 18h00)

- *Review of the Alliance’s 2015-2018 orientations*
- *Overview of the various language networks’ 2015-2016 business plans (including Italian collective FIDARE) by the networks’ coordinators*
- *2015 news: newsletter, Web site...*
- *New memberships (current or upcoming)*

Coordinators will have 6-7 minutes to present their network’s main projects carried out in 2015 and planned for 2016.

Sunday, 11 October 2015

9h30 – 17h30

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Morning (9h30 – 13h00)

With ICIP, some members of the Board and permanent team of the Alliance.

Governance of the Alliance for 2015-2018 (9h30 – 11h00)

- *Review of main changes in terms of governance following the International Assembly*
- *Examination and validation of the Alliance’s new governance structure*
- *How can we strengthen the linkages between ICIP and the Alliance Board: for example, Skype participation of an ICIP member at Board meetings, etc.*

Coffee break (11h00 – 11h15)

European independent publishing, perspectives and opportunities (11h15 – 13h00)

Independent publishing is striving in Europe, in Eastern countries, in Scandinavia, Italy, Germany, etc. How can the Alliance practically open itself to Europe (for example, strengthening relations with publishers collectives)? What are the expectations of the Alliance’s publishers towards Europe?

Should this openness accompany an institutional recognition strategy and participation to European Union's programmes (for example, Europe Creative)? If so, how can we "develop" a European project while reflecting the international dimension of the Alliance?

Lunch (13h00 – 14h30)

Venue to be confirmed

Afternoon (14h30 – 17h30)

Freedom of speech and publishing (*free and fair speech*) – cont. (14h30 – 16h00)

Following publishers' presentations on Friday, 9 October, a series of exchanges and discussions will be held on the role of the Alliance and of publishers to "make the plurality of voices safeguarding bibliodiversity heard": how can we collectively act (partnerships, meetings...)? With which structures should the Alliance work closely (for example, IPA, PEN...)? Are there activities that need to be implemented within the Alliance, and outside of the Alliance?

Individual meetings between coordinators and the permanent team (16h00 – 17h30)

Meetings will be directly confirmed with relevant coordinators by members of the team.

PARTICIPANTS

Members of the International Committee of independent publishers (ICIP)

- Nouri ABID, Tunisia (Med Ali), coordinator of the Arabic-language network
- Araken GOMES RIBEIRO, Brazil (Contra Capa), coordinator of the Portuguese-language network
- Susan HAWTHORNE, Australia (Spinifex Press), coordinator of the English-language network
- Guido INDIJ, Argentina (la marca editor/ interZona), coordinator of the Spanish-language network
- Serge D. KOUAM, Cameroun (Presses universitaires d'Afrique), coordinator of the French-language network
- Isabelle PIVERT, France (éditions du Sextant), vice-coordinator of the French-language network
- Anahita MEDHIPOUR, Germany/ Iran (Forough Verlag), representative of the Persian-language network
- Tinouche NAZMJOU, France/ Iran (Naakojaa), representative of the Persian-language network
- Anita MOLINO, Italy (president of the Independent publishers collective FIDARE)/ invited to the 2015 meeting by ICIP
- Gilles COLLEU, France (éditions Vents d'ailleurs)

Invited partners *(afternoon of 9 October)*

- Thierry BAYLE, Literary Life Officer, Ministry of Culture and Communication
- Juliette DECOSTER, Programme Officer, Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer
- Stéphanie GIRY-LATERRIERE, Book, Media Library, and Debate Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development
- Martha GUTTIEREZ, Relais Culture Europe, Bureau Europe Créative France
- Aurélie LATCHIMY, International Coordination Officer, Centre national du livre (CNL)
- Laurence MAYER-ROBITAILLE, Programme Specialist, Diversity of Cultural Expressions Unit, UNESCO
- Xavier PERSON, Head of Book Department, Culture, Tourism, Sports and Leisure Directorate, Ile-de-France Region
- Anne-Lise SCHMITT, Coordinator of the Association internationale des libraires francophones (AILF)

Speaker *(morning of 10 October)*

- Maïa BENSIMON, Lawyer, Société des Gens de Lettres (SGDL)

Observer

- Sébastien LEHEMBRE, PhD Candidate in Sociology, CNRS, Picardie Jules Vernes University

Alliance Board Members

- Hélène KLOECKNER, President
- Luc PINHAS, Vice-President
- Gérard AIME, Secretary
- Annie GOGAT, Treasurer
- Marie HATET
- Georges LORY
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Alliance Permanent Team Members

- Clémence HEDDE
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Costs

In the context of this meeting, the Alliance will cover the costs for the members of ICIP as follows:

- **Plane or train ticket** to Paris; please bring the support documentation necessary for reimbursement (invoice and tickets) to Paris;
- **4 nights at the hotel (including breakfast)** at the Ibis Bastille hotel, from 8 to 11 October inclusive, additional nights and extras will be to the participants' expenses;
- **4 meals:** 3 lunches between 9 and 11 October, and a dinner on the evening of the 9 October, other meals will be to the participants' expenses.

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The International Alliance of independent publishers specifically acknowledges the **Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer**, who gracefully made their venues available for the whole duration of the meeting.

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This meeting would not have been possible without the **members of the International Committee of independent publishers**, whom we thank for their contribution and presence. Finally, we acknowledge the **members of the Board**, for their support and contribution, on a volunteer basis, to the Alliance project.



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