

Literary Spring Parlour of the International Elias Canetti Society and the city Ruse, 16th – 26th April, 28th – 30th May

The Literary Spring Parlour 2010 was opened on 16th April within the HALMA Conference lasting five days. Being a part of some readings and public discussions the reading of the Bulgarian Writer Kristin Dimitrova marked the beginning of a full literary event. The audience on that evening was listening to some fragments of Dimitrova's book „Sabazius“. During some days of the Literary Spring Parlour the German-Bulgarian artist Antonia Duende presented an exhibition in the Austrian Library. The exhibition's name was „Glagolic Traces“.



On the 21st the IECG invited the Hungarian writer Gabor Schein. His reading from the book „Lazar!“ impressed the audience with its interesting remarks about memory.

Fedja Filkova and Ana Dimova, translators of Paul Celan's and Ingeborg Bachmann's poetry, read from the moving correspondence between these two important German authors. The correspondence was published in German in 2008. The audience had the possibility to listen to it in Bulgarian language for the first time.

The celebrations of the 5th anniversary of the Austrian Library the Spring parlour reached its high point with a reading of Ivayla Alexandrova, who presented her book „Red Hot“. A chamber concert with the soprano singer Cygdem Soyarslan and the pianist Maria Tshervenlieva followed.

From the 28th till the 30th of May the IECG organized an international drama-workshop in cooperation with the Organisation for Contemporary Alternative Art and Culture „36 Monkeys“ from Sofia. The workshop took place in the Austrian Library.

For three days four young writers from Romania (Târgu Mureş) and four writers from Bulgaria (Sofia) met to learn the methods of drama writing and to talk about their own practical experience. Stefan Peca from Bucarest and Jan Decker from Leipzig, two experienced drama writers, lead the workshop.

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