

Literary Spring Ruse, 2008

On 5th and 6th of May, 2008, the first Literary Spring took place in Ruse. In collaboration with the city of Ruse, the IECG presented a mix of events around writing and literature in various locations all over town.

Bulgarian authors Angel Igov and Alek Popov started the series of events by reading from their newest works. On the second day, poet Tzveta Sofronieva read from various of her works. Xaver Bayer read three stories of his in German.



Under the title “Verbotene Worte” (engl. “forbidden words”) a poetry workshop followed by a poetry slam had been organized – the latter for the first time ever in Ruse. The workshop was run by Tzveta Sofronieva who writes in both Bulgarian and German and furthermore edited the anthology “Verbotene worte” that deals with the language-inherent power of remembrance.

Together with Frank Klötgen – whose performance was a highlight – she also moderated the poetry slam. The participants of the workshop also presented their works and the best of them were being given prizes.

Two staged readings at the Art Galery Ruse concluded the Literary Spring. Director Dana Dobрева staged a play by Xaver Bayer in collaboration with three young actors from Ruse. Aleksandar Berovski staged “Dinner is Ready!” by Alek Popov with the actors from Ruse’s theater “Sava Ognyanov”.