

Meeting with Iranian Publishers abroad

22 to 24 June 2011

Paris, France

Program



AGENDA

Tuesday 21 June 2011

Arrival and welcoming the participants to Paris – Grand hôtel Malher (5, rue Malher 75004 Paris – Metro: line 1, station Saint-Paul)

Evening « Fête de la musique »

Appointment in the lobby of Mahler Hotel at 19:00

Dinner with Persian-language publishers, members of the international committee of independent publishers and members of Alliance's bureau (venue to be confirmed)
June 21st is the day of music festival in France, an opportunity to listen to street concerts in Paris after dinner!

Restaurant Khtoon, 130, rue Saint-Maur, metro Couronnes ou Parmentier

Wednesday 22 June 2011

Location: Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation

38, rue Saint-Sabin - 75011 Paris (Metro: line 5, station: Bréguet Sabin - or for walking directions, see map on page 5)

Notice: The meeting of Wednesday 22 June will be in Persian, English and French, simultaneously translated by two interpreters.

Morning (9:30 – 13:00), with coffee break

Introduction by Thierry QUINQUETON, Chairman of the Alliance and Laurence HUGUES, Director of the Alliance

Meeting between the Persian-language publishers and the members of the international committee of independent publishers

The international committee of independent publishers (ICIP) is composed of coordinators of existing language networks in the Alliance, namely English, French, Arabic, Spanish and Portuguese. By the committee's request or when it is necessary, for example in the absence of correspondents of some linguistic or geographic networks, correspondents of the future or under creation linguistic networks may be invited to join the committee for a given period.

ICIP is a fundamental organ of governance of the Alliance which represents the legitimacy of the Alliance, the voice of the Assembly of the allies (the publishers of the Alliance) and transfers the expectations and needs of publishers to legal bodies of the association, the Board.

- The Persian-language publishers of the Diaspora will represent their publishing houses and their difficulties and expectations from Alliance, to the members of ICIP.

The publishers have been asked to prepare a presentation of 10 minutes of their publishing houses, their difficulties and their interest to be part of a group of publishers as in Alliance.

- ICIP will represent the existing language networks in the Alliance, and some of the project carried out in the networks in 2010 or 2011.

Lunch (13:00 – 14:30)

Afternoon (14:30 – 18:00), with coffee break

How to develop a common distribution and dissemination system between Persian-language publishers?

- The publishers will describe their current system of distribution; different costs from one country to another and will explain their problems and preoccupations.

The publishers have been asked to prepare a presentation of their dissemination and distribution system and to provide precise data including costs of transport and postal services from one country to another.

- **The model of dissemination and distribution of African Books Collective:**
How was the system of dissemination and distribution of ABC created? How does it work?

Contribution of a specialist, **Mary JAY, Director of African Books Collective (ABC)** - www.africanbookscollective.com

African Books Collective (ABC) is a non-profit organization based in Oxford (England). It publishes and distributes more than 1,000 titles published in Africa (humanities and social sciences, literature, books for children) around the world. ABC was founded, and is owned and led by a group of African publishers. ABC brings together 124 African and independent publishers from 21 countries.

- **Digital publishing, an opportunity for Persian publishers?**

Contribution by **Mortaza KOKABI**, professor at Chamran University, Ahvaz-Iran, department of library and information sciences

- Presentation of the platform for digital books: **Nakoja.fr**

Contribution by **Golnaz BOROUMANDI** and **Tinoush NAZMJOU**, founder of the **platform**

Thursday 23 June 2011

Location: La Maison des écrivains et de la littérature
67, boulevard de Montmorency - 75016 Paris (Metro: line 9, station: Jasmin or line 10, station: Porte d'Auteuil)

Notice: The meeting of Thursday 23 June will be in Persian and French with the support of an interpreter.

Morning (9:30 – 13:00), with coffee break

Welcome message by Sylvie GOUTTEBARON, director of la Maison des écrivains et de la littérature (House of writers and literature)

How to foster exchanges (co-publishing, transfer of rights, translation) between Persian-language publishers and French publishers who publish Persian authors and works?

In the presence of the following publishers:

- **Sorour KASMAI**, director of the « Horizons Persans » collection, Actes Sud publishing house ; **Laetitia NANQUETTE**, writer of an article about “Cultural exchanges and translation stream between Iran and Western countries”, researcher in the Institute of Iranian-Indian world at CNRS
- To be confirmed: representative of Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (INALCO); representative of the magazine “Abstracta Iranica”

Lunch (13:00 – 14:30)

Afternoon (14:30 – 18:00)

Creation of a Persian-language group of publishers from Diaspora in the Alliance? (1/2)

- How to formalize the establishment of this group?
- Election of a publisher as the representative of the group
- Definition of future projects in the group: type of projects, budget, schedule, implementation....

Friday 24 June 2011

Location: La Maison des écrivains et de la littérature
67, boulevard de Montmorency - 75016 Paris (Metro: line 9, station: Jasmin or line 10, station Porte d'Auteuil)

Notice: The meeting of Friday 24 June will be in Persian and French with the support of an interpreter.

Morning (9:00 – 12:00)

**Creation of a Persian-language group of publishers from Diaspora in the Alliance?
(2/2)** – continuation of discussions of previous days

Location: BnF
5, rue Vivienne - 75002 Paris (Metro: line 3, station: Bourse or line 7, station: Palais Royal ou Pyramides)

13:00 – 14:00

Visit the Persian manuscripts collection of the National Library of France (BnF)

Lunch (14:00 – 15:00)

Afternoon

Informal discussions between the publishers and guests in a café

Evening

Departure of publishers

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Useful Addresses

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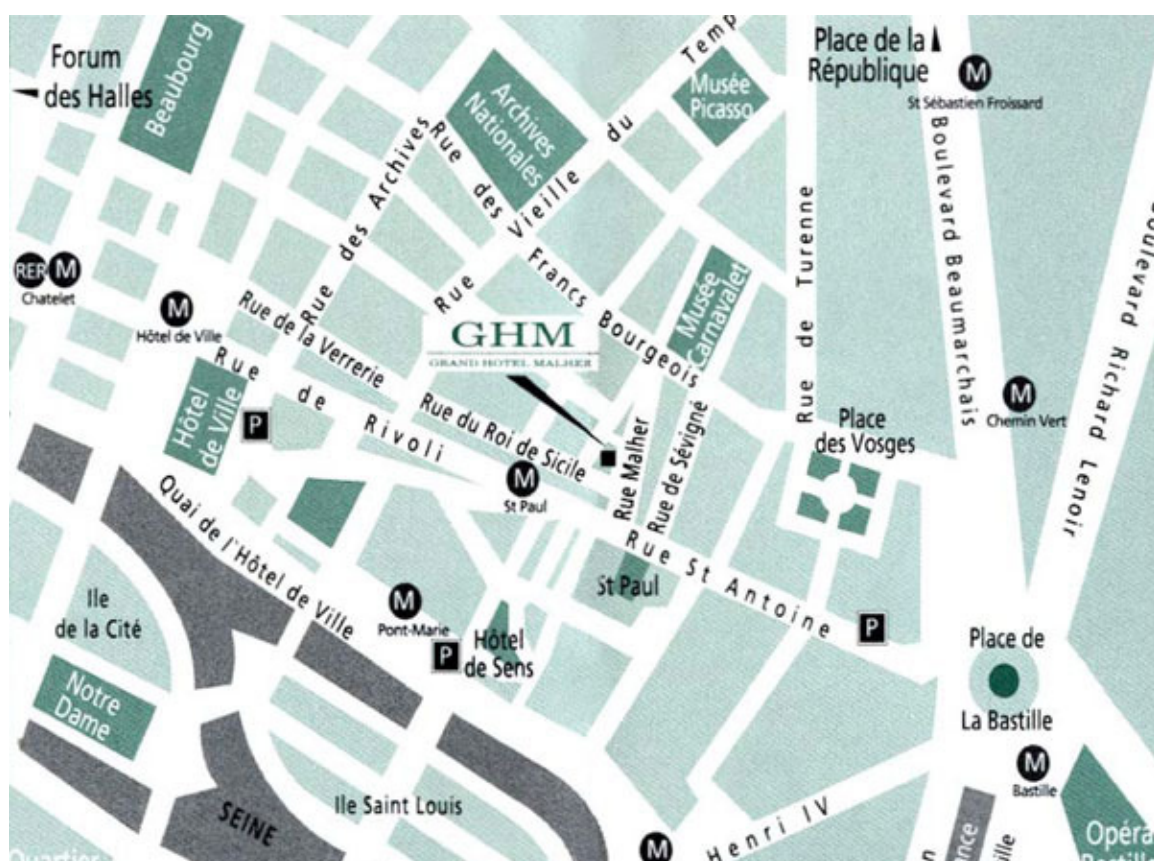
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- Your **plane or train tickets** to Paris; thank you for giving us the receipts and supporting documents for reimbursements (invoices and airplane or train tickets);
- Your **accommodation costs** at Grand Hôtel Malher **from 21 to 24 June 2011 (3 nights)** ; additional nights and the extras will be borne by the participants;
- **4 meals**: 3 lunches from 22 to 24 June, and one dinner the night of 21 June, other meals will be borne by the participants.

PARTICIPANTS

Iranian publishers attending the meeting in Paris

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Services (AES SA) has produced nearly 200 publications in 11 collections. Each collection is developed and co-directed by several Cameroonian and non-African practitioners and university professors of scientific renown in their respective disciplines. The AES is fighting for cultural diversity in the world and takes local realities into account in its publications.

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Contra Capa

Founded in 1992 in Copacabana, the Contra Capa bookstore initiated its publishing activities in 1996. First based on the areas of interest of the bookstore itself, these activities have diversified and now include fine arts, photography, cinema, psychoanalysis, anthropology, economy, sociology, history, literary criticism and poetry. The main objective is to produce books that combine interdependence between text and pictures, in the light of the continuous technological changes related to producing and disseminating knowledge and information.

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Founded on 1992 by Guido Indij, la marca editora is an independent publisher specialized in art, photography, essays and poetry. In the last few years it has ventured into the publication of multiple numbered portfolios and experimental art books, along with more famous authors such as Michel Foucault, J-F Lyotard, Paul Virilio, J-L Nancy, Sylviane Agacinski. The main innovation of la marca editora is to experience in the relation between formats and contents. Thus, in each project it looks to extend the limits of the concept of what is known as a “book”.

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Special thanks also to the **House of writers and literature (Mel)**, which so warmly welcomes us in its premises on 23 and 24 of June.

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Alliance thanks the **National Library of France (BnF)** for accepting to receive us and to present us their collection of Persian manuscripts.

And finally our thanks go to the **interpreters**, for their indispensable presence at our side during these days.

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