

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INDEPENDENT PUBLISHERS

rethink
celebrate

2019-2021

Meeting of the International Committee of
Independent Publishers (ICIP)

12 to 14 October 2019, Paris

BACKGROUND

This year, the International Committee of Independent Publishers (ICIP) will meet for a major event: the 2019-2020 International Conference of Independent Publishers.

The Conference is a milestone moment, **a political moment: an occasion to reassert the values and philosophy upheld and supported by independent publishers the world over.**

In 2018, ICIP laid the foundation for this Conference:

- **Festive and creative:** celebration of independent publishing and bibliodiversity, of the role and work done by publishers, and the Alliance (showcasing books, contents, languages, discussions, public readings, music, dance!)
- **Inquisitive and against the grain:** an open, welcoming space that convenes independent publishers but also representatives from other cultural sectors and economic sectors (art collectives from the fields of music and performing arts; readers, bookshops, librarians, translators, broadcasters and distributors, digital actors; artisans, for example...)
- **Collective and sustainable:** the idea is not to create a once-off, ephemeral event but rather to continue a reflection, to position the Conference in the broader activities and prior recommendations of the Alliance (c.f. International Assembly of independent publishers 2012-2014/ [2014 Declaration](#) and [80 recommendations](#))

This ICIP meeting will be dedicated to the development of the content, substance and objectives of the Conference: for this we will need to hear various voices, to share our concerns, to see what is done elsewhere, to be taken out of our comfort zone, to discover... this is the reason why several actors, structures, and partners are invited to participate to this ICIP... for us to broaden our horizons, to collectively build this Conference, to **rethink!**

PROGRAMME

The meeting will be held in English and French, without interpretation but through linguistic solidarity between participants.

Saturday, 12 October 2019 (9h30-16h30)

Venue: Centre national du livre/ Hôtel d'Avejan – 53, rue de Verneuil – 75007 Paris
Evening programme includes a visit to the Persian bookshop Naakojaa (16h30-18h30)

Coordinators will meet at 8h30 in the Ibis Bastille hotel lobby, before heading to the meeting venue with the members of the team

Rethinking, reviewing, meeting, sharing, discovering: food for thought to build the 2019-2020 Conference!

The first day of the ICIP will be dedicated to meetings between actors and representatives from various organisations whose activities, beliefs and missions will assist with rethinking, reviewing our practices, stimulating our reflections for developing the 2019-2020 International Conference of Independent Publishers.

Morning (9h30-13h00)

9h00-9h30: welcome

9h30-10h00: introductions

10h00-13h00

Is ecology compatible with the book? How are independent publishers actors of change (via their practices, and the books they publish, etc.)?

- With Marin Schaffner: [Association pour l'écologie du livre](#) and Anaïs Massola, bookshop [Le Rideau rouge](#), member of [AILF](#) and member of [Association pour l'écologie du livre](#)

Agriculture and publishing, what is the link? Building a network of producers and buyers; links with buyers/ readers; issues of concentration... and if agriculture would meet the same issues as those confronting independent publishing?

- With Florian Auvinet: coordinator of [RIF, Réseau des musiques actuelles en Ile-de-France](#), and member of the [AMAP](#) network in Ile-de-France

Lunch on-site (13h00-14h00)

Afternoon (14h00-16h30)

"Are relations between the North and South unbalanced?; "Cultural domination of the North?"; "One-way circulation of text?": is it an old story?

With:

- Pierre Astier, literary agent, [Astier-Pécher Literary & Film Agency](#)
- Raphaël Thierry, researcher/ consultant/ literary agent ([EditAfrica](#)/ Mapping of the francophone book/ Astier-Pécher literary agency)
- Santiago Artozqui (author, translator, president of [ATLAS](#))

Also participating:

- Philippe Goffe, president of AILF and Anne Lise Schmitt, chief delegate of AILF ([Association internationale des libraires francophones](#)), collective member with the status of observer and partner of the Alliance
- Claude Calame, director of studies at the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) in Paris, member of the Scientific Committee of [ATTAC](#) and of [Ligue des droits de l'Homme](#). Claude Calame offers his loyal support, in his personal capacity, to several projects of the Alliance (including Terres Solidaires collection)

17h30 – 18h30

Visit to the Naakoja bookshop (Persian bookshop)

<https://www.utopiran.com/>

20h00

Welcome dinner

Restaurant Politicafé

11 rue des Portes-Blanches – 75018 Paris

<https://www.facebook.com/PoliticafeParis/>

Sunday, 13 October 2019 (9h30-17h30)

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

Building, imagining, structuring, organising, anticipating... workshops to be held in 2020 as designated by the city hosting the closing of the Conference in 2021...

This day will be dedicated to developing the programme of the 2020 and 2021 Conference (objectives, outcomes, prior consultation process, upcoming activities, final meeting in 2021, strategic partners, etc.)

Morning (9h30-13h00)

9h30-10h30

Feedback on the workshops of the Conference and other meetings held in 2019: [Madrid](#) (April 2019), [Assises de l'édition du Salon du livre de Genève](#) (May 2019), [workshops in Abidjan and Salon du livre d'Abidjan](#) (May 2019), [meeting in Santiago de Chile](#) and [Primavera del Libro](#) (October 2019)

10h30-12h00

Upcoming activities in 2020... or the end-result of the flagship projects of the 2012-2014 Assembly

- Public book policies
- Alliance Lab
- Study on the freedom of publishing
- Uncensored Book Fair, May 2020
- B Day celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2020!

12h00-13h00

Host city for the 2021 Conference... selection of the host city, based on received proposals

Lunch on-site (13h00-14h00)

Afternoon (14h00-17h30)

14h00-15h00

Host city for the 2021 Conference... selection of host city, based on received proposals (cont.)

15h00-17h30

Prior to the Conference, main questions to be addressed

Small group breakaway sessions and feedback in plenary session

- 2021 closing meeting of the Conference: meetings, discussions, conference papers... (see presentation documents sent ahead of the meeting)
- What objectives are set? A new Declaration? Work based on the 80 existing recommendations? Towards indicators of bibliodiversity?
- If so, how do we develop indicators of bibliodiversity? With which partners?
- How do we proceed with the evaluation of activities carried out since 2014?
- How do we consult publishers on issues of governance, main objectives of the association for the 2021-2025 period?
- How do we communicate?

Monday, 14 October 2019 (9h30-16h30)

Venue: Maison des Métallos/ 94, rue Jean-Pierre Timbaud – 75011 Paris

Sharing, presenting, communicating, discussing: a day with the partners of the Alliance

For the last day of the ICIP meeting, the partners of the Alliance will be invited to the meeting, for us to share our projects, needs, concerns...

Around the table:

- [Agence française de développement](#) (AFD), Léa de la Reberdière
- [Centre national du livre](#) (CNL), Simon Vialle
- [Etats généraux du livre en langue française](#), Clémence Théveniau
- [Institut français](#), Judith Roze
- [Ministry of Culture](#) (France), Isabelle Berneron
- [Organisation internationale de la Francophonie](#) (OIF), Christian Ambaud
- [Unesco](#), Laurence Mayer-Robitaille and Gabrielle Thiboutot

With:

- Octavio Kulesz, [Editorial Teseo](#) (Argentina), expert in e-publishing and digital matters

Morning (9h30-13h00)

9h30-10h00

- Roundtable: the partners introduce themselves and explain their connection and relationship with the Alliance; the coordinators introduce themselves

10h00-11h30

- Presentation of projects originating from the 2012-2014 Assembly: [mapping of public book policies in sub-Saharan African and Latin America](#); [study on the freedom of publishing](#); [Biodiversity Journal](#); [youth group](#); ["Terres solidaires" collection](#), [Alliance Lab](#), [Uncensored Book Fair](#)...
- Discussions on the Alliance's current issues: how to disseminate and promote the work being done; how can partners promote and disseminate it?

11h30-13h00

- Presentation of the 2019-2021 Conference to the partners by coordinators
- Discussions on one of the main objectives of the 2019-2021 Conference: developing indicators of biodiversity and recognition of these indicators at the international level (UNESCO, UN...)

Lunch on-site (13h00-14h00)

Afternoon (14h00-16h30)

Consolidation and closing

Closing session (with ICIP members, members of the Board and the team of the Alliance)

PARTICIPANTS

Members of ICIP

- Paulin Assem, [Togo](#) (AGO Media), vice-coordinator of the French-language network
- Elisabeth Daldoul, [Tunisia](#) (elyzad), vice-coordinator of the French-language network
- Samar Haddad, [Syria](#) (Atlas Publishing), coordinator of the Arab-language network
- Tinouche Nazmjou, [France/Iran](#) (Naakojaa), coordinator of the Farsi-language network
- Carla Oliveira, [Portugal](#) (Orfeu Negro), vice-coordinator of the Portuguese-language network
- Paulo Slachevsky, [Chile](#) (Lom Ediciones), coordinator of the Spanish-language network
- Müge Sokmen-Gursoy, [Turkey](#) (Metis Publishers), coordinator of the English-language network
- Aliou Sow, [Guinea Conakry](#) (Ganndal), coordinator of the French-language network

Participants to the sessions on 12 October

- Santiago Artozqui, author, translator, president of [ATLAS](#)
- Pierre Astier, literary agent, [Astier-Pécher Literary & Film Agency](#)
- Florian Auvinet, coordinator of [RIF. Réseau des musiques actuelles en Ile-de-France](#), and member of the [AMAP network](#) in Ile-de-France
- Claude Calame, director of studies at the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales ([EHESS](#)) in Paris, member of the Scientific Committee of [ATTAC](#) and member of [Ligue des droits de l'Homme](#)
- Anaïs Massola, bookshop [Le Rideau rouge](#), member of [AILF](#) and member of [Association pour l'économie du livre](#)
- Philippe Goffe, president of the [AILF](#) (Association internationale des libraires francophones)
- Marin Schaffner, [Association pour l'économie du livre](#)
- Raphaël Thierry, [EditAfrica](#)/mapping of the Francophone book/ Astier-Pécher literary agency
- Anne Lise Schmitt, chief delegate of the [AILF](#)

Participants to the session son 14 October

- Christian Ambaud, [Organisation internationale de la Francophonie](#) (OIF)
- Isabelle Berneron, [French Ministry of Culture](#)
- Octavio Kulesz, [Editorial Teseo](#) (Argentina), expert in digital publishing
- Laurence Mayer-Robitaille, [Unesco](#)
- Léa de la Reberdière, [Agence française de développement](#) (AFD)
- Judith Roze, [Institut français](#)
- Clémence Théveniau, [Etats généraux du livre en langue française](#)
- Gabrielle Thiboutot, [Unesco](#)
- Simon Vialle, [Centre national du livre](#) (CNL)

Members of the board

- Laura AUFRERE (researcher/ academic)
- David ELOY (cooperative governance at the Confédération générale des Scop)
- Annie GOGAT (accountant at the Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer)
- Hélène KLOECKNER (head of transformation projects at Sciences Po)
- Georges LORY (literary translator)
- Luc PINHAS (academic)
- Thierry QUINQUETON (research on ESS and the world of books)
- Mariette ROBBES (facilitator of a coworking space)

Members of the team

- Clémence HEDDE
- Laurence HUGUES

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Useful addresses

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Centre national du livre

Hôtel d'Avejan – 53, rue de Verneuil – 75007 Paris
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www.centrenationaldulivre.fr

Maison des Métallos

94, rue Jean-Pierre Timbaud – 75011 Paris
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www.maisondesmetallos.paris

Costs

For this meeting, the Alliance will cover the costs of:

- the **plane ticket** (or train) to and from Paris;
- **4 nights at the hotel** (including breakfast) at the Ibis Bastille hotel, from 11 to 14 October included; additional nights and extra costs will be the responsibility of participants;
- **4 meals**: 3 lunches from 12 to 14 October, and dinner on 12 October, other meals will be the responsibility of participants

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The Alliance also thanks the **Centre national du livre (CNL)** for hosting us on Saturday, 12 October; and the **Maison des Métallos** where we will be on 14 October.

The Alliance also thank **all participants**, who accepted our invitation to be part of this meeting!

Finally, the Alliance wishes to thank **the members of ICIP**, for their contribution to the development and finalisation of the programme of the meeting, as well as **the members of the Board**, for their support and participation, on a voluntary basis, in the Alliance project.