



Meeting of the International Committee of Independent Publishers (ICIP)

24-26 October 2023
Paris



Meeting agenda

Readings prior to the meeting

Please read the following two documents before the meeting:

- Associative life, organisation and communication of the Alliance (reminders and decisions from the 2022 ICIP meeting): https://www.alliance-editeurs.org/IMG/pdf/associative_life_and_organisation_iaip_decisions_2022-2023.pdf
- 2023 Alliance action plan: https://www.alliance-editeurs.org/IMG/pdf/action_plan_2023_iaip.pdf
- These documents are available online on the Alliance website (and were sent to Alliance members at the beginning of 2023).

The meeting will be held in English and French, with interpretation services available.

Monday 23 October 2023

Arrival of coordinators in Paris

Meeting between the coordinators and the team (3.30 pm - 4.30 pm)
English-language network

Tuesday 24 October 2023 (9.00am - 5.30pm)

Venue: Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation

Morning (9.00am - 1.00pm)

Functioning and governance (9.00am - 11.00am)

- Introduction: objectives of the meeting; reminders of essential ground rules for an international and intercultural meeting
- Governance reminders; work on updating the Alliance's [governance diagram](#)
- End of the mandates of the coordinators of all the language networks in 2024 (except for the Spanish-language network): elections to be held for the period 2024-2026
- REthink group
- Communication: making the Alliance's name neutral

Coffee break (11.00am - 11.15am)

Updates on network (11.15am - 12.00pm)

- New memberships in the networks
- Memberships in progress

Review of flagship projects for 2023 (12.00pm – 1.00pm)

Biodiversity Observatory

- Mapping public book policies in the Arab world (project supported by the Open Society Foundation), Samar Haddad (Arabic-language network)
- Guide to good practice for public book purchases and logo for the Guide to Good Practice, Francisca Muñoz Méndez and Germán Gacio Baquiola (Spanish-language network)

Collaboration and sharing

- Workshop on promotional tools and the creation of reader communities as part of the Abidjan International Book Fair (Côte d'Ivoire), Paulin Assem (French-language network)

Promoting and raising the profile of independent publishing

- Tehran Book Fair, Uncensored (7th edition, Europe and North America), Azadeh Parsapour (Persian-language network)

Editorial partnerships

- Translations and co-editions of *Terra viva* by Vandana Shiva in several of the Alliance's language networks, Ronny Agustinus (English-language network)

Lunch (1.00pm – 2.00pm)

Meeting between the coordinators and the team (1.00pm – 2.00pm)

Persian-language network

Afternoon (2.00pm – 5.30pm)

Babelica: review of the 2023 edition and outlook for future editions (2.00pm - 4.00pm)

- Review of the 2023 edition
- How will Babelica develop from year to year?
- What links are there between Babelica and the other activities of the Alliance (in particular the working groups of the Biodiversity Observatory)?
- What links between Babelica and the International Conference of Independent Publishers?
- What is the human investment (staff, Alliance members, etc.)?
- What kind of funding (Europe Creative, other)?
- What format for 2024 and 2025?

The 2024 projects, following consultation of the networks and feedback from the team (4.00pm – 5.30pm)

Working meeting between the coordinators and the team (5.30pm-6.30pm)

Arabic-language network

Wednesday 25 October 2023 (9.00am - 4.30pm)

Venue: Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation

Morning (9.00am - 12.30pm)

Recap on the previous day

Communication (continued)

- Continuation of discussions on communications and making the Alliance's name neutral (depending on the progress of discussions on the topic the previous day)
- Exchanges of experience on the communication of publishing houses and collectives

2024 action plan (continued)

- Continuation of discussions on the 2024 action plan with a view to presenting it to members in an open session (depending on the progress of discussions on the topic the previous day)
- The next Conference?

Associative life/ organisation

- Involvement, dynamics and role of publishing house collectives within the Alliance

Strategic issues

- Geopolitical context and challenges for the Alliance, Jean-Claude Naba and Paulin Assem (French-language network)

Partnership issues

- Reminder of the structure of the Alliance budget
- Preparing the next day's session with partners

Lunch (12.30pm - 2.00pm)

Afternoon (2.00pm - 4.00pm)

ICIP session open to all members (ICIP members, both in-person and online).

Link to the online session: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88326798162>

This open session will be held in Spanish, English and French with interpretation services available.

Meetings between the coordinators and the team (4.30pm-6.30pm)

French-language network (4.30pm-5.30pm)

Portuguese-language network (5.30pm-6.30pm)

ICIP dinner (7.30pm), with the team and members of the Board

Venue: L'Avant-Poste, 7 rue de la Fidèle, 75010 Paris

<https://www.lavantposteparis.fr/projet/>

Thursday 26 October 2023 (9.30am - 5.30pm)

Venue: Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation

Morning (9.30am - 1.00pm)

The Alliance and its partners

Invitation to some Alliance partners (Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer, Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, Fondation Orange, Relais Culture Europe) to a morning of meetings and exchanges with the ICIP

- Introduction of ICIP
- Presentation of partnerships (projects supported, type of funding, etc.)
- Comments of partners
- Alliance 2024 Action Plan presented by the ICIP

Lunch with partners (1.00pm - 2.30pm)

Afternoon (2.30pm - 5.30pm)

Communication (continued)

- Ambassadors of bibliodiversity

'A la carte' topics depending on the issues left open in the previous days

Review of decisions taken and conclusions

Meeting between the coordinators and the team (5.30pm-6.30pm)

Spanish-language network

Friday 27 October 2023

Departure of coordinators

Participants

The International Committee of Independent Publishers

- Ronny AGUSTINUS, Indonesia (Marjin Kiri), vice-coordinator of the English-language network
- Paulin ASSEM, Togo (AGO Média), vice-coordinator of the French-language network
- Élisabeth DALDOUL, Tunisia (elyzad), coordinator of the French-language network
- Germán GACIO BAQUIOLA, Ecuador (Editores independientes de Ecuador), coordinator of the Spanish-language network
- Samar HADDAD, Syria (Atlas Publishing), coordinator of the Arabic-language network
- Colleen HIGGS, South Africa (Modjaji Books), coordinator of the English-language network
- Francisca MUÑOZ MÉNDEZ, Chile (Editoriales de Chile), coordinator of the Spanish-language network
- Jean-Claude NABA, Burkina Faso (Sankofa & Gurli), vice-coordinator of the French-language network
- Carla OLIVEIRA, Portugal (Orfeu Negro), coordinator of the Portuguese-language network
- Azadeh PARSAPOUR, UK/Iran (Nogaam), coordinator of the Persian-language network
- Mariana WARTH, Brazil (Pallas Editora), coordinator of the Portuguese-language network

Members of the Alliance Board

- Laura AUFRERE
- Jérôme CHEVRIER
- David ELOY
- Marielle MORIN
- Luc PINHAS
- Thierry QUINQUETON
- Mariette ROBBES

Members of the Alliance permanent team

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Restaurant L'Avant-Poste (dinner on 25 October)
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<https://www.lavantposteparis.fr/projet/>

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