



3-DAY LITERARY FELLOWSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS, EDITORS OF FICTION AND NON-FICTION, JOURNALISTS AND FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS IN SLOVENIA, AUGUST 21 – 24/25 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

the **Slovenian Book Agency** cordially invites you to visit Slovenia this summer and get to know our country, our book market, authors, publishers and translators as well as some of the most interesting literary events that take place this time of the year.

With only two million inhabitants, Slovenia is one of the smallest book markets in Europe. Nevertheless, we are among top five countries in the number of published titles per million inhabitants and we have a highly developed library system that loans twelve books per inhabitant per year. Although much translation-oriented, we have a strong local book production for children and young adults. Over time, some locally produced titles reached print-runs that equal 10% of entire population of Slovenia.

In the perspective of our Guest of Honour appearances at the Bologna Children's Book Fair in 2021 and at the Frankfurt Book Fair in 2022, we organize yearly fellowships for foreign publishers since 2015 in order to enhance the translational potential of Slovenian literature.

Your visit will take place in late August, during the international festival Days of Poetry and Wine and the Translation seminar for translators from Slovenian into foreign languages.

- At the translation seminar in Maribor (Slovenia's second largest town) you will get to meet translators from Slovenian into various foreign languages and receive translator recommendations for your respective languages.
- At a networking event with Slovenian publishers in Ljubljana you will meet the publishers, their programmes and outstanding authors. You will also get to visit some publishing houses and bookshops.
- We will present you different financing opportunities provided by our Book Agency and the Slovenian Writers' Association.
- Last but not least, you will visit Days of Poetry and Wine – one of the most internationally renown literary events in Slovenia, taking place in the oldest Slovenian town Ptuj. This festival is the place where cultural crowds from Slovenia and neighbouring countries of Austria, Hungary and Croatia, including authors, translators, journalists, cultural managers and artists, meet, enjoy the rich festival programme and use the relaxed atmosphere for informal networking. There will also be time to explore Ljubljana, Maribor and some additional gems Slovenia has to offer.

If you would like to join in, please fill in the application form attached and send it to the fellowship coordinator Anja Kovač (anja.kovac@jakrs.si) by May 15 2019. Bear in mind that you should arrive to Ljubljana no later than **Wednesday, 21 August at 5 p.m.** and that you will be **departing from Ptuj on Sunday, 25 August** (anytime). Your travel costs of up to 500 € and the complete lodging and program costs will be covered by the Slovenian Book Agency.

We will respond to your application by June 1 and arrange your travel in agreement with you by the end of the month.

Best regards,

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Director of the Slovenian Book Agency

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International cooperation and Frankfurt 2022