



Commemorating the Centenary of the Armenian Genocide Worldwide Reading on 21st April, 2015

Events in:

ARGENTINA Asociación Cultural Armenia, Buenos Aires | **ARMENIA** 1st Armenian Literary Agency, ArtBridge Bookstore Café, Yerevan; Armenian Literature Foundation and Mass Media Educational Center of Yerevan State University, Yerevan; Marine Karoyan, Tekeian Art Center, Yerevan; Russisch-Armenische (Slawische) Universität, Yerevan; "Centre of Juridical-political and cultural diplomacy" NGO, Yerevan; DAAD Armenien, Cafesjian Center for the Arts, Yerevan; The Armenian Educational Foundation, Yerevan; literary festival "Literary Ark", The State Musical Chamber Theatre, Yerevan | **AUSTRALIA** Jackie Mansourian, PEN Melbourne, Athenaeum Library, Melbourne; Armenian Book Club Australia, Theme and Variations Studios, Sydney | **AUSTRIA** Kulturzentrum bei den Minoriten, Internationales Haus der Autor und Autorinnen Graz, ISOP, Graz; Anna Pfeiffer, FREIRAD 105.9 (Radio), Innsbruck; Österreichisch-armenische Kulturgesellschaft, Arco-Verlag (Wuppertal), Vienna | **BELGIUM** Thorsten Baensch, Aida Kazarian, Boulevard Jamar 19, Brussels; Anita Bernacchia, Ioana Belu, Bookshop EuropaNova, Brussels | **BOLIVIA** Bolivian PEN Centre, Biyú Suárez, Plaza Callejas, Santa Cruz | **BRAZIL** Sibila journal, Sao Paulo; Lenira Buscato, Bandeirantes School, Sao Paulo | **BULGARIA** Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) Plovdiv Chapter, Gerogi Baev Gallery Museum, Bourgas; AGBU Plovdiv Chapter, Hristo Smirnenski Library, Haskovo; AGBU Plovdiv Chapter, Rouse; AGBU Plovdiv Chapter, Ethnographic Museum, Sliven; AGBU Plovdiv Chapter, Veliko Tarnovo; AGBU Plovdiv Chapter, Varna; Eojeni Sakaz, St.Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia; Vanina Bojkikova, Sofia University | **CANADA** Tekeyan Cultural Association of Montreal, Tekeyan Center Library, Montreal; Simone de Beauvoir Institute, The Institute's lounge, 2170 Bishop, room 201, Montreal; Marsha Skrypuch, Brantford Public Library, Ontario; Perouz Seferian, Western University in London, Ontario | **EGYPT** Armenian Democratic Liberal Party – Culture Committee, Gogonian Club, Cairo | **ENGLAND** James Derounian, University of Gloucestershire, Francis Close Campus, Cheltenham | **FRANCE** Esther Heboyan, Librairie La Terrasse de Gutenberg, Paris; The Publishing House Tripode and Conférences du Salon de Littérature arménienne, Maison de la Poésie de Paris, Paris | **GERMANY** internationales literaturfestival berlin, Literaturhaus Berlin, Berlin; Tuncay Gary, Galerie Terzo Mondo, Berlin; Assoziation A, Büro Hamburg, Maxim Gorki Theater, Berlin; Heide Rieck, Kulturzentrum: ROTTSTR5 H.O.F., Bochum; Deutschlandradio Kultur, deutschlandweit; Bildungsstätte Anne Frank, Frankfurt; Peter Völker, Petra M. Jansen, Kunstverein Meerholz e.V., der Welt-Schriftstellerverband Liceo Poetico de Benidorm und Amnesty International (AI), Gruppe Gelnhausen, Gelnhausen; Assoziation A, Büro Hamburg, Buchhandlung im Schanzenviertel, Hamburg; HOENSCH Bestattungsdienst GmbH, Leipzig (Kulturhalle), Leipzig; Lepsiushaus Potsdam, Hans Otto Theater und Potsdam Museum, Potsdam Museum Veranstaltungssaal, Potsdam; Tuchfabrik Trier e.V., Trier; LiteraturSeiten München; Mirak-Weißbach-Stiftung, Wiesbaden | **GREECE** Free Thinking Zone statement bookshop, Athens | **HUNGARY** Armenian Self-Government, Budapest, Debrecen, Nyíregyháza | **ISRAEL** Herzel Hakak, Old Yishuv Court Museum, Jerusalem | **ITALY** Gabriella Uluhogian, Isa Guastalla, Palatina Library, Parma; Marcello Flores, University of Siena -Aula Magna, Siena; Ugo Volli, Circolo della Stampa, Turin | **LEBANON** Embassy of the Republic of Armenia, Haygazian University of Beirut, Beirut | **MALAWI** Charles Mulaga, Mzuzu | **MEXICO** Carlos Antaramian, Casa Refugio Citlaltepétl, Mexico City; Nelly Calderón de la Barca and Alejandro Navarro Osuna, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, Facultad de Ciencias Administrativas y Sociales, Ensenada | **NETHERLANDS** Hanneke Eggels, Museum Van Bommel van Dam, Venlo; Pegasus Publishers, American Book Centre in Den Haag, Den Haag | **NORWAY** Norwegian PEN, PROSA, Bokvennen, Steinar Lone, Anders Ribu, Kristina Quintano, House of Literature Oslo | **PERU** Peruvian Centre PEN International, Lima, New York | **POLAND** Książkowe Klimaty, Białogłoka; Książkowe Klimaty, Łódź; De Revolutionibus Books & Cafe and Książkowe Klimaty, Krakow; Publiczna i Miejska Biblioteka im Pantaleona Szumana w Pile, Piła; Praska Biblioteka Sąsiedzka, Warsaw; Sławek Foundation, Warsaw; Skład Butelek, Warsaw; Powszechny Theatre, Zamoyskiego, Warsaw; Pedagogium, Warsaw; Komuna Warszawa and Correctional Facility in Siedlce, Warsaw; Grotowski Institute and Książkowe Klimaty, Wrocław; | **REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA** Union of Writers in Moldavia, Aula of the Union of Writers, Chinisau | **ROMANIA** Union of Armenians in Romania, Cantacuzino Palace, Bucharest; The Headquarter of the Union of Armenian Branch in Bacau, Bacau; The Trade Unions Culture House, Constanta; The Museum of Ethnography, Cluj-Napoca; Sorin Francu, Municipal Theatre Gh. Pastia, Focşania; The Armenian Culture House, Gherla; The Museum of Romanian Literature and the branch of the Union of Armenians, Iaşi; The Municipal Library, Roman | **RUSSIA** Hayordiyac Tun, Azatuhi Ghukasyan, Church of the Holy Cross, Samara | **SCOTLAND** Scottish PEN's Writers in Prison Committee, McCance building in the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow | **SPAIN** Ararat Ghukasian, The Armenian Center, Valencia | **SWEDEN** Swedish PEN Centre, Stallet, Stockholm | **UKRAINE** Kiev | **USA** Judith Saryan, Taline Voskeritchian, MIT in Cambridge, 127 Mass Ave, Cambridge; The Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois; Center Theatre Group & Armenian Dramatic Arts Alliance, Kirk Douglas Theater, Los Angeles; Arno Yeretjian, Aline Ohanesian, Abril Bookstore, Los Angeles; LARK Musical Society, Los Angeles; Ara Echighian, Raffi Armenian Romanian Cultural Organisation, Los Angeles; Michael Barakiva, Allentown High School, New Jersey; Lola Koundakjian, Armenian Poetry Project, Holy Cross Armenian Church, New York; Stockton University (in New Jersey) and the Armenian Genocide Centennial Committee of Philadelphia, Philadelphia; Houry Boyamian, St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School, Watertown

Appeal for a worldwide reading on April 21st 2015

The international literature festival berlin (ilb) and the Lepsiushaus Potsdam are calling for a worldwide reading on 21 April 2015 - the day that marks 100 years since the beginning of the Armenian Genocide.

Several hundred Armenian intellectuals – poets, musicians, parliamentary representatives and members of the clergy – were arrested in Constantinople (today Istanbul) on 24 April 1915, and deported to the Turkish interior where most of them were murdered. It was the start of a crime against humanity. The extermination of the Armenians during World War One was the first systematically planned and executed genocide of modern times. More than a million Armenians in the Ottoman Empire died during this genocidal campaign.

The events took place before the eyes of the whole world and were clearly documented by German, Austro-Hungarian, Italian, American, Scandinavian, Armenian and Ottoman sources as well as by a great number of historical research projects. As early as August 1915, The New York Times reported on a methodically planned programme of ethnic cleansing and extermination which was unprecedented in history up to that time. The German Reich's government, which was allied to the Ottoman Empire, reached the same conclusions without undertaking anything against what was happening.

The Turkish political world denies the Armenian Genocide up to the present day, although the facts have been known for more than a hundred years. The Indian writer Arundhati Roy has spoken publicly about this scandal on many occasions, including at the 2009 international literature festival berlin.

A great number of Armenian voices were silenced in 1915 and in the years thereafter. Since then, others have become loud and have spoken out against forgetting, among them an increasing number of voices from the democratic Turkish civil society. In remembrance of the victims and in association with the demand for international recognition of the genocide, we are calling for a worldwide reading on 21 April 2015, with literary texts from Armenian authors, among them Varujan Vosganian, Zabel Yesayan, Siamanto, Daniel Varujan, Krikor Zohrab, Rupen Sevag, Komitas, Yeghishe Charents, William Saroyan, Hovhannes Shiraz, Paruyr Sevak, Hakop Mntsurian, Silva Kaputikyan and Hrant Dink.



For more information about the venues and times of the worldwide readings see www.worldwide-reading.com

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