



# **Thessaloniki**

# **Book Fair**

24 - 27 May 2012

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS  
with simultaneous interpretation

## Thursday 24th May 2012

**18:00-19:30** Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)

**Serbia: Guest of Honour**

Book presentation

*And Where Am I in this Story?* by Emir Kusturica

The author in conversation with writers Nicos Panayotopoulos and Soti Triantafyllou

Languages: Serbian & Greek

Organisers: EKEBI, Culture Ministry of Serbia, Chamber of Commerce of Serbia, Patakis Publishers

## Friday 25th May 2012

**10:30-13:00** Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)

First Balkan Poetry festival

**10:30-11:00** Greetings

**11:00-13:00** "Poetry in the Balkans"

Tozan Alkan (Turkey), Zoran Anchevski (FYROM), Sylvia Choleva (Bulgaria), Dan Coman (Romania), Tanja Kragujevits (Serbia), Romeo Tsolaku (Albania) and Vladimir Djuricic (Montenegro) will speak about the poetry of their countries. Alexis Ziras will talk about Greek poetry. To be followed by a discussion between the public and Greek poets Stavros Zafeiriou, Yiannis Zervas, Giorgos C. Theoharis, Theoni Kotinou, Eftychia-Alexandra Loukidou, Athina Papadaki, Vassilis Papas and Anteia Fratzi.

Organiser: Writers' Society with support from the Municipality of Thessaloniki and EKEBI.

**16:00-17:00** Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)

"Irony, hope and literature"

Israeli writer Etgar Keret talks to his publisher Antaios Chrystomidis on the occasion of the Greek edition of his latest book, *The Girl in the Fridge* (pub. Kastaniotis).

Languages: English & Greek

Organiser: Embassy of Israel

**18:00-19:00** Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)

**Serbia: Guest of Honour**

Book Presentation

The novels *Russian Window* by Dragan Velikić and *Triangle. Square* by Goran Milašinić (pub. Konidaris)

Moderator: Gaga Rosic

Languages: Serbian & Greek

Organiser: Culture Ministry of Serbia, Chamber of Commerce of Serbia

## Saturday 26th May 2012

**13:00-14:00** Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)

Book presentation

*The Green Shore* by Natalie Bakopoulos

Speaker: poet Haris Vlavianos and the author

Languages: English & Greek

Organisers: Patakis Editions, EKEBI (part of meetings EKEBI organizes every year for writers of Greek origin)

**14:00-15:00** Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)

**Serbia: Guest of Honour**

Discussion

"Contemporary Serbian drama"

Speakers: Dušan Kovačević and Vida Ognejenović and Biliana Srbljanovic

Moderators: Playwright Dimitris Dimitriadis and writer-translator Gaga Rosic

Languages: Serbian & Greek

Organiser: Culture Ministry of Serbia, Chamber of Commerce of Serbia

**14:30-15:30 Memory and History exhibition auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Discussion

“Problems in Greece today in relation to recent historical writing”

Writer and *Le Monde* journalist **Florence Noiville** in discussion with academic **Sokratis Petmezaz**

**Languages: French & Greek**

**Organiser: EKEBI**

**15:00-16:00 Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Meet the author

Contemporary Croatian literature: **Goran Fercec**

**Languages: Croatian & Greek**

Speakers: Writer and publisher Ivan Srsen and the author

**Organiser: Culture Ministry of Croatia**

**16:00-17:00 Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Book Presentation

*Almost Saints: Spiritual Narratives from Russia of the Past and Present* by Russian writer Archimandrite **Tykhon Shevkunov**

Speakers: journalist Pantelis Savvidis and the author

**Languages: Russian & Greek**

**Organiser: En Plo Editions**

**17:30-18:30 Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Discussion

“The image of Greece in Germany”

*The Portrait of a Country* by **Eberhard Rondholz**

Speaker: The author

Moderator: Spyros Moskovou, journalist at Deutsche Welle and translator

**Languages: German & Greek**

**Organiser: Goethe Institute, Thessaloniki**

**18:30-20:00 Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Discussion – interview

**Victoria Hislop**, author of the international bestsellers *The Island* and *The Return*, talks to Evripidis Konstantinidis about her latest book, *The Thread* (pub. Dioptra), which is set in Thessaloniki.

**Languages: English & Greek**

**Organiser: EKEBI, Konstantinidis bookshop**

**19:00-20:00 Memory and History exhibition auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Book presentation

*Le Turquetto* by **Metin Arditi**

The author in conversation with writers Vassilis Vassilikos and Eleni Ghika about his latest book.

**Languages: French & Greek**

**Organiser: Kalendis Publishers, EKEBI**

**20:00-21:00 Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Discussion

Words and money – Culture and the rules of the market

**André Schiffrin**, publisher and author of the books *Words and Money* and *The Business of Books*, in conversation with **Florence Noiville**, journalist at *Le Monde* and writer Sofia Nikolaidou

**Languages: English & Greek**

**Organiser: Aiora Publishers, EKEBI**

**21:00-22:00 Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Book Presentation

*Rigas Ferraios: Unpublished Documents* by **Lia Brad-Chisacof** (Romania)

Speakers: Evangelos Hekimoglou, PhD economic History, Anna Stavroakopoulou, professor emerita of theatre studies at Aristotle University and the researcher  
Organiser: Gutenberg Editions, University Editions of Cyprus

**21:00-22:00 Memory and History exhibition auditorium (pavilion 13)**

“Archaeology of the Ottoman World: the connection with Greece. Some Greek dimensions of archaeology in the Ottoman world from Choiseul-Goiffier to Osman Handi”

Speaker: **Edhem Eldem**, historian

Languages: **English & Greek**

Organiser: EKEBI

**Sunday 27th May 2012**

**11:00-12:00 Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Discussion

Approaches to Arab-Islamic and Greek Culture: the example of Egypt.

Speakers: Hisham Darwish, cultural attaché of the Embassy of the Arab republic of Egypt in Athens, Hasan Badawi, Assistant Professor, Aristotle University

Languages: **Arabic & Greek**

Organiser: Cultural Centre / Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt

**12:00-13:00 Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Book presentation

*Accused: Wiera Gran*, by **Agata Tuszynska**

Speakers: Writers Nikos Davvetas and Leon Nar

Presenter & moderator: Journalist Manolis Piblis

Languages: **English & Greek**

Organiser: Kapon Editions, EKEBI

**15:00-16:00 Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)**

**Serbia: Guest of Honour**

Discussion

“Talk to Serb and Croat writers”

Participants: **Borivoje Adašević** (Serbia), **Tatjana Bjelić** (Republika Srpska of Bosnia-Herzegovina), **Dalibor Šimpraga** and **Goran Ferčec** (Croatia)

Languages: **Serbian & Greek**

Organiser: Culture Ministry of Serbia, Chamber of Commerce of Serbia

**16:00-17:00 Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Book presentation

*Petkana – The Aghia Paraskevi of the Slavs*, by **Liliana Habjanović - Đurović** (Serbia)

Speaker: the author

Languages: **Serbian & Greek**

Organiser: En Plo Editions

**17:00-18:00 Nikiforos Vrettakos auditorium (pavilion 13)**

Round table

*Daring to remember*, short stories and poems from Southeastern Europe, read and discussed by writers **Dalibor Šimpraga** (Croatia) and **Niki Marangou** (Cyprus) and translator Ismini Radoulovits.