**Russian Delegation Shall Present the Best Book Graphic Creations**

**at Fiera del Libro Per Ragazzi in Bologna**

The world's leading exhibition for professionals in the sphere of book printing for children, FIERA DEL LIBRO PER RAGAZZI, shall open its doors this year in Bologna in April 4 to 7, 2016.

Each spring, the publishers, authors, and illustrators, literature agents, and distributors, vendors and librarians meet at the Fair: they sell and buy copyrights, establish new contacts, discuss the most recent books and trends of the book market for children. The Bologna Children Book Fair is an opportunity to see the books of the classics of story-telling, which have been re-printed and illustrated in the modern style, as well as to make oneself familiar with the most recent creations by modern writers for children. Also, this is a great venue for young talents to present themselves. The Agenda includes meetings, discussions, lectures, ceremonies of giving awards.

2016 Fiera del Libro Per Ragazzi in Bologna shall cover the following themes:

• Books for Children

• Books for Young People

• Magazines

• Learning Aids

• Software

• Licensed Publications

• Paper Making and Printing Industry

• Advertising

• TV and Radio Broadcasting Technologies

This year, Russian exhibition stand shall present the books of renowned publishing houses from Moscow, Saint-Petersburg, other regions of Russia, and the traditional show of illustrations by graphic artists. Visitors of the Fair shall make themselves familiar with new publications of "Labyrinth", "Clever", "Mescheriakov’s Publishing House", "Walking into History", "Samokat", "Rech", OGI, ROSMAN, et al.

The focus of the Russian Exhibition shall be the presentation by "TriMag" Publishing House of Childrens' Magazine "Yozh" published in Leningrad from 1928 to 1935. The name of this magazine in Russian sounds as a funny abbreviation of "a monthly magazine". In diversity and creativity of presentation, this was one of the best Russian magazines and a forum of journalism for children in 1920-es and 1930-es. "Yozh" is a true landmark of its epoch richly illustrated by drawings of renowned painters and graphic artists. The magazine was created by outstanding writers and poets, both famous and those who were taking the first steps in literature.

This year, the exhibition shall present the creations by painter and illustrator **Anton Lomayev.** Anton received several awards of "Book Image" Contest established jointly by The Federal Agency for Press and Mass Communications and Section "Book Graphics" of The Moscow Union of Artists. Young artist **Anna Morgunova** shall also present her works. She was "Book Image" and NAMBOOK (South Korea) Laureate.

 The Russian agenda shall also include a presentation of "Picture-Book About Myself" and "Pamela Travers Returns to Russia" by **Olga Mäeots,** Head of Childrens' Book Section of Foreign Literature Library named after M.I.Rudomino.

 Artist **Svetlana Ivanova** shall present the book by Boris Pasternak "The Animal Zoo" dedicated by OGI Publishers to 125th anniversary of the poet.

 **Angela Lebedeva**, member of IBBY Executive Committee, shall make a presentation on activities of the Russian Section.

 **Georgy Urushadze**, Head of Executive Directorate of "Kniguru" shall speak on this All-Russia Contest for the best literature work for children and young people.

 **Boris Kousnetsov**, CEO of ROSMAN Publishing House shall make a presentation of Contest "New Children’s Book".

**Anna Belobrova** and **Marat Ganiyev** will present two publishing houses for children from Tatarstan: "Tatarmultfilm" and Tatar Publishing House for Children that have jointly created a Community of Publishers for Children in Tatarstan. They will speak of the experience of publishing poly-lingual books for children, new forms of childrens' books in Tatarstan (e-libraries for children, multi media, artistic-animation publications).

In the first day of the Fair, the Russian exhibition shall hold a round table "Bilingual Kids: Education and Development” with engagement of our compatriots - teachers of Russian “School of Joy” who permanently reside in Bologna.

Head of Russian delegation is **Anastasia Arkhipova**, Honored Artist of the Russian Federation, Correspondent Member of the Russian Academy of Arts, book artist, Laureate of “Book of the Year” Contest in the nomination “The Best Illustrations”, Chairman of Section “Book Graphics” of The Moscow Artists Union.

Other members of the delegation are:

**Tatyana Kosterina** – Honored Artist of the Russian Federation, Chief Artist of "Prozaik" Publishing House.

**Ivan Alexandrov** – Member of The Russian Board for Books for Young People (RBBY), which is part of The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), member of The Artists Community “Magic Saw”, Laureate of “Golden Apple” of the Biennial of Book Illustration in Bratislava (BIB).

**Alexander Alperovich**, CEO of "Clever" Publishing House.

**Irina Balakhonova,** Head of “Samokat” Publishing House.

**Ekaterina Buntman,** Editor-in-Chief for childrens' literature of “Labyrinth” Publishing House.

 **Ekateriana** **Kashirskaya**, CEO of “Walking into History” Publishing House.

 **Mikhail Vizel,** Chief Editor of "Year of Literature" website, translator of books for children from Italian and English into Russian.

 **Leonid Yankovskiy,** Head of "Rech" Publishing House.

Events will be held at the Russian exhibition stand, pavilion # 30 (D 26), from April 4 to 7.

*FIERA DEL LIBRO PER RAGAZZI, the international exhibition for professionals in the sphere of book printing for children, is being annually held from 1964. Every year, the Fair scores over 600 visiting journalists from 70 countries of the world.*

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