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Press Release

HALMA at the Leipzig Book Fair

HALMA-Network introduces **Scholarship Program** and the **European Library**

At the Leipzig Book Fair 2009, authors and members of the HALMA network introduce the network's **Scholarship Program** and it's **European Library**.

Participants in the event are **Penka Angelova**, (Elias Canetti Society, Rousse, Bulgaria), **Ieva Balode** (International Writers' and Translators' House Ventspils, Latvia), **Urs Faes** (author), and **Daniel Goetsch** (author). Dr. Berthold Forssman translates from Latvian.

The event takes place on **March 15th at 11.00 AM at the Café Europa (D 505)**.

The Swiss author Urs Faes and Ieva Balode, project manager of the International Writers' and Translators' House at Ventspils/Latvia, speak of the experiences they made with the grant program until this point. The author Daniel Goetsch speaks of the impressions he gathered at the Elias Canetti Center, which is run by Penka Angelova.

Furthermore, texts written by the authors are read out; these texts are being published in the **European Library** of the HALMA network, which is accessible under **www.halma-network.eu**.

HALMA connects 27 literary centers in 21 European countries, from Finland in the north to Rhodes in the south, from Minsk in the east to France in the west. The network organizes annual meetings as well as two-month scholarships for writers. It was initiated by the Literary Colloquium Berlin, the Robert Bosch foundation, and the Polish Pogranicze foundation.

It would be great if you included the above news in your publications.

Sincerely,

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