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Press Release

“Translating Europe“

HALMA-conference under the auspices of the Hungarian Foreign Minister Kinga Göncz

Between April **23rd and 27th 2009** HALMA, the European Network of Literary Centres, organises a conference dedicated to the topic “Translating Europe“. Representatives of 27 literary centres in 21 European countries assemble in order to discuss the **relevance of literary translation for European cultural understanding**. In particular, we will focus on the relevance of translation from “smaller” European languages and on networking between European translators.

In the course of this conference, there will be three public events:

Friday, April 24th, 11:00 AM to 12:30 AM

Panel Discussion: Hungary in European Literature

Friday, April 24th, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Reading: Péter Esterházy reads from *The Glance of Countess Hahn-Hahn* (Down the Danube)

Introduction by the mayor of Balatonfüred, Dr. István Bóka

Saturday, 25. April, 14.00 bis 15:30 Uhr

Panel Discussion: Translating Europe after 1989. What difference can translators make?

Further information on these events in English and German are available on the website www.halma-network.eu.

HALMA, the European Network of Literary Centres, was initiated in 2006 by the Literary Colloquium Berlin, the Robert Bosch foundation, and the Polish Pogranicze foundation. The conference at Balatonfüred is organised by HALMA and the Hungarian Translators’ House; it is supported by the German Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media, the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb), and the city of Balatonfüred.

It would be great if you included the above information on the conference in your publications.

Sincerely,

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