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Press Release

SLOVENIAN BOOK AGENCY SUPPORTS HALMA

FIRST SLOVENIAN WRITER RECEIVES A HALMA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDED BY THE SLOVENIAN BOOK AGENCY.

Thanks to the scholarship, the Slovenian poet **Barbara Pogačnik**, born 1973, will be a writer in residence of two HALMA houses for two months: In February 2010 she will stay at the **Villa Decius in Krakow** and in March she will live at the **Translators' House Wales**. Barbara Pogačnik graduated in Romance linguistics and literature from the University Paris - Sorbonne and has published two poetry collections as well as several translations from French into Slovenian.

The **Slovenian Book Agency** (www.jakrs.si) was founded in 2009 and is part of the Ministry of Culture. The Agency supports the HALMA scholarship program this year for the first time.

HALMA organizes **scholarships** for writers, translators and promoters of literature. Each scholarship lasts for two months, and includes a grant holder's stay in at least two different host countries. Each grant holder receives a monthly allowance and a compensation for traveling. Grant holders are selected by their respective home country in collaboration with HALMA. In 2010 the grants program is also supported by the European Commission.

HALMA connects **26 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-months scholarships for writers. It was initiated by the Literary Colloquium Berlin, the Robert Bosch Foundation, and the Polish Pogrnicze Foundation.

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

Sincerely,

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