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Press Release

FILIP FLORIAN READS IN BERLIN AND SLOVENIA Romanian author and HALMA grantee invited to two international festivals

The European literature network HALMA supports two public readings with the Romanian author Filip Florian at two international literature festivals in September:

Thursday, 2 September, Filip Florian will read at the **Vilenica International Literary Festival** in Slovenia from his novel "Little Fingers", at 7 p.m. at the St. Daniel Church in Hruševje.

Sunday, 19 September at 6 p.m. Filip Florian reads at the **international literature festival berlin** in the framework of this year's focus on Eastern Europe. Moderator: Carmen Francesca Banciu, German Translation: Elias Arens. Venue: Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Conference Room 1.

Filip Florian, born 1968 in Bucharest, is considered a major talent of the Eastern European literature. His novel "Degete mici" (Little Fingers) was published 2005 by Polirom. Since then it has received numerous awards and it has been translated into many languages. In 2008 it was translated into English and published at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in the U.S. This year it was published by Didakta in Slovenian language.

In 2010 Filip Florian received a **HALMA-grant**, which enabled him to work at the Thomas-Mann-Centre in Nida/Lithuania and at the Slovene Writers' Association in Ljubljana/Slovenia.

HALMA, the European Network of Literary Centres, awards two-months mobility grants to authors, and makes thus possible a stay in two European countries. This year for the first time, the grants programme is supported by the European Commission. 30 authors from 22 countries have received a HALMA grant in 2010.

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 Polish Borderland Foundation, the Literary Colloquium Berlin and the Robert Bosch Foundation.

Please find more information about the network on our website:
www.halma-network.eu

We would appreciate it very much, if you could circulate this information. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,
Nicola Beissner