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PRESS RELEASE

HALMA PRESENTS „TRAVEL THROUGH EUROPE“ Essay collection by HALMA writers 2010 at Frankfurt Book Fair

In October, HALMA publishes a collection of essays by European authors who received a HALMA grant in 2010, with a view to the presentation of the successful scholarship programme and its writers. The publication will be multilingual; all essays are being published in original language and in English and German translation.

Five authors write about their personal encounters with Europe. They travelled as writers and cultural ambassadors and discovered their Europe in the local and in the details: Filip Florian (Romania), Ignacy Karpowicz (Poland), Mareike Krügel (Germany), Flavio Soriga (Italy), Jeroen Theunissen (Belgium).

Graphics and photographs by artists from Minsk (Belarus) give a visual perspective on Europe and enrich the collection.

Literary travel essays by all HALMA writers are available on the network's website www.halma-network.eu

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Four HALMA grantees will read at the Frankfurt Book Fair:

Mareike Krügel (Germany) and **Flavio Soriga** (Italy) read on Friday, 8 Oct., at 3 p.m. at the ARTE-Stand, Hall 3.1 Foyer West. In cooperation with ARTE Deutschland TV.

Daniel Goetsch (Zurich/Berlin) and **Roland Reichen** (Bern) read on Sat., 9 Oct., at 1 p.m. at the stand of the SBVV (Swiss Booksellers' and Publishers' Association), Hall 4.1 A106. In cooperation with bilger publishing house.

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 scholarships for writers. It was initiated by the Polish Borderland Foundation, the Literary Colloquium Berlin and the Robert Bosch Foundation.

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