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Press Release

European Literature in Serbia

European literary network HALMA defies riots

The European literary network HALMA has decided on holding the next meeting in Serbia, despite or rather because of the most recent riots which shook up the region.

“If we want to represent European literature, we can’t only do it in places where Europe has already grown together. On the contrary, we explicitly have to go to those places which are dominated by tension and conflicts. Last but not least, we want to support those in the countries who want to establish the European idea as self-evident”, says Péter Rácz, vice president of the HALMA network. “Therefore we have just decided to hold the next HALMA plenary meeting in Serbia.”

The semi-annual HALMA plenary meeting takes place from April 2nd to 6th 2008 in Sremski Karlovci and Novi Sad. In the course of this meeting, there will be a public panel discussion on the Vojvodina as a European cultural region. The event takes place on April 3rd in Sremski Karlovci.

The HALMA network was founded in 2006 by the Literary Colloquium Berlin in cooperation with the Robert Bosch foundation (Germany) and the Borderland foundation from Sejny (Poland). It was first introduced by the German foreign minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier. So far, the network represents literary institutions from Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia, and Slovenia.

It would be great if you included these news in your publications. For further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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