

04/23/2015 Events

Every year, on 23 April, at the initiative of UNESCO, is celebrated the World Book and Copyright Day. By this day UNESCO aims to promote reading, publishing and protection of intellectual property rights in objects through copyright. UNESCO's General Council decided decreeing, in 1995, the World Book and Copyright Day to mark the symbolic birth and death of some great writers and also to encourage reading, a dramatic drop phenomenon.

World Book and Copyright Day commemorates the death, in the same year (1616), of three great writers of the world: one British, William Shakespeare; one Spanish, Miguel de Cervantes, and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, Peruvian writer of Spanish origin. Also, April 23 is the date of birth of several people in the area, such as Maurice Druon, K. Laxness, Vladimir Nabokov, Josep Pla and Manuel Mejía Vallejo.

World Book and Copyright Day was first celebrated on April 23, 1996.

The idea of marking this day on April 23 was provided by Spain, where, in this day occurs the Rose Festival, an event that is celebrated in St. George (St Jordi) and is commemorated the author Miguel de Cervantes, along with William Shakespeare. On this day, in Spain, since the Middle Age, girls and women receive flowers, being a celebration of joy. After 1925 it became a habit as men to be offered a book in exchange for a flower. The custom is preserved today in Catalonia, where about half of the annual sales of books are made on this occasion.

This year, the Incheon city of the Republic of Korea was named World Book Capital 2015, in recognition of the program to promote reading among disadvantaged people in the ranks of society.

In the Republic of Moldova, on this day is also marked the Librarian Day, established in recognition of the role that librarians have in the knowledge-based society. Thus, the Ministry of Culture and the Association of Librarians of the Republic of Moldova (ALRM) have organized on 23 April this year, within the premises of the National Philharmonic "Sergei Lunchevici" a festive meeting with the participation of the representatives of public authorities in the republic, IREX Moldova/Novateca. In the event were mentioned the winners of the contests "Best Librarian 2014" and "Best Works in the Field of Librarianship and Information Sciences 2014". Also on this significant day, in Chisinau was organized a book fair dedicated to the late poet Grigore Vieru, and various meetings, events dedicated to book, writers, librarians, copyright.

More information about the event can be found here: http://abrm.md/files/Program_Ziua_Bibliotecarului_2015.pdf [1]

In order to support and stimulate librarians who promote the national intellectual property protection system among the population through libraries in the territory, the State Agency on Intellectual Property in cooperation with the Association of Librarians of the Republic of Moldova (ALRM) launched the fifth edition of the Republican Contest "Public Library - Partner in Promoting Intellectual Property". The contest will run in the period 1 April 2015 - 1 April 2016. Information about the conditions of participation in the contest and The Regulation of the contest are published on the website of the AGEPI (http://www.agepi.gov.md/md/news/detail.php?ELEMENT_ID=34,948 [2]) and ALRM (<http://abrm.md/> [3])

Also, the subject of copyright protection and enforcement was promoted today in the broadcast "Buna dimineata" on the national television station Moldova 1, in which participated Mr. Ion Tiganas, Deputy Director General of AGEPI (<http://trm.md/ro/buna-dimineata-a/buna-dimineata-din-23-aprilie-2015-partea-i/> [4]).

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