Austrian Section of IBBY

BIENNAL REPORT
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. Austria

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1.4. Organization

Structure

1.4.1. How is your NS organized? Describe the structure of the NS in general.
Relevant Austrian Children’s Book Organizations together form the Austrian National Section as a union.
1.4.2. Is your NS affiliated to, or a branch of another organization or institution?

No

The following organizations are members of the Section:

**Buchklub der Jugend**
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**Design Austria**
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1.4.3. **Do you have an office and paid staff?**
The International Institute for Children’s Literature and Reading Research is the office of the Austrian National Section and provides equipment and staff within its own budget.

1.4.4. **How often do you have business meetings?**
The business meetings of the section are held once a year.

**Membership**

1.4.5. **Does your NS have organization as members?** Yes
How many? 6 member organizations
What kind of organizations? NGO’s

1.4.6. **Does your NS have individual members?**
The section has two individual members.

2. **FUNDING**

2.1. **Annual budget**
*What is your average annual budget in US$? Is it increasing or decreasing?*
The annual budget is within the budgets of the above-named organizations, who contribute to the budget of the IBBY section.

2.2. **Sources of income**

2.2.1. **Is there a membership fee?**
There is no membership fee.

2.2.2. **Do you receive financial support from individual sponsors and/or donors?**
There is no financial support from individual sponsors or donors.

2.2.3. **Do you receive grants from government or national institutions?**
The governmental grant for the work of the IBBY – Secretariat is included in the annual financial support given by the Austrian Ministry for Education, Division of Arts, to the Institute for Children’s Literature.
2.2.4. **Do you receive grants from other organizations?**
   We don’t receive grant from other organizations.

2.2.5. **Have other NS contributed any financial support? If so, how much?**
   No

2.2.6. **Do you generate income through publications? If so, how much?** What percentage of your budget does this account for?
   The Austrian IBBY Section does not generate income through publications.

2.2.7. **Do you have other sources of income not mentioned above? What are they and what percentage of your budget do they account for?**
   There are no other sources of income.

2.2.8. **Are the sources of income listed in points 2.2.1 to 2.2.7 regular contributions?**

2.2.9. **Do you receive support specifically for your IBBY dues? If so, from whom?**
   No.

**3. THE NATIONAL SECTION’S ACTIVITIES**

3.1. **Main activities**

3.1.1. **Has your NS organized national, regional or international meetings and conferences? Which ones?**
   The member organizations of the Austrian IBBY Section organize several meetings and conferences, national and regional as well as international ones.

3.1.2. **Have members of your NS represented IBBY at other national, regional or international meetings and/or conferences?**
   Members of the member organizations represented IBBY at several meetings, conferences and book fairs.

3.1.3. **Does your NS organize courses or seminars at a local level?**
   All organizations of the section organized a number of local seminars and courses for experts from different professions (teachers, librarians, researchers,...)

3.1.4. **Does your NS organize or host exhibitions and/or fairs?**
   E.g. “Literature for Young Readers”, a literature week held each year in spring, including author readings, drama, painting and drawing, informal talks with authors and many other types of animation. A comprehensive exhibition of books for children and young adults encourages children to read and informs adults about the rich variety of books on the market. The event took place 6th - 12th of March 2008 and 19th – 25th of March 2009.

   “Reading in the Park”. This project is conducted each year during the summer months next to large Viennese playgrounds. The aim is to win new sectors of readers...
by making available a large and interesting selection of books and by presenting a series of book-related activities. “Reading in the Park” is organized with the support of a Vienna municipal department as a part of its programme of vacation activities for children. This project took place from 30th June until 29th of August 2008 and 6th of July until 4th of September 2009.

3.1.5. Does your NS administer awards or prizes? Does it organize contests?
Some of the organizations organize awards, such as the “Dixi Kinderliteraturpreis” (www.kinderliteraturpreis.at) or the “Romulus Candea Prize” (www.designaustria.at).

3.1.6. Does your NS run a library or bookstore?
The Institute runs a library with a comprehensive selection of primary and secondary literature. This includes about 60,000 children’s and juvenile books, 7,000 secondary books and important learned journals. The main focus is on information about Austrian writers, illustrators and translators as well as on reading research.

3.1.7. Has your NS organized other activities? Which ones have been especially successful in your country? Please specify
The Austrian National Section through its Secretariat, the Institute, cooperates with all groups involved with children’s literature in the country through lectures, guidance for students and teachers in in-service training, readings and book exhibitions in schools, compilation of booklists and training of school librarians.

3.2. Communication

3.2.1. Does your NS have a website? What is its URL?
www.jugendliteratur.net (Institute for Children’s Literature and reading research)
www.1001buch.at (Magazine on children’s literature)

3.2.2. Does your NS publish a regular newsletter?
No

3.2.3. Does your NS develop lists of book selections? Which ones?
E.g.: The Study and Information Center publishes book selections once a year (“Seitenweise”), the Institute for Children’s literature offers regularly updated book critics in its magazine “1001 Buch” and a list of recommended newly published books for the website www.dixi.at four times a year.

3.2.4. What, if any, are your other regular publications? Please give names (original and translation into English) and a description of their content and purpose.

„1000 und 1 Buch“ (1001 and 1 book), published four times a year in german language with comprehensive professional articles on children’s literature.
- new developments and research results from all German-language countries
- specialist information for librarians in school and public libraries
- reports of events in all areas of children’s literature
- announcement of important dates and information about important awards
- comprehensive reviews, providing a critical overview of current children’s books and specialized professional literature.

3.2.5. Does your NS work with national media to promote your own activities or the work of IBBY?
The NS works regularly with the national media in order to promote its projects and work.

3.3. Cooperation at a national level

3.3.1. Is your NS consulted about children’s books in your country? By whom?
The member organizations are consulted regularly by professionals working in the field of children’s literature, reading research and reading promotion.

3.3.2. Are there NGOs or established institutions in your country for which the development of a children’s reading and publishing culture is an objective? Which ones? Are you informed of their projects and needs?
see list of member organizations

4. COOPERATION WITH IBBY

4.1. International activities in cooperation with IBBY

Congress and General Assemblies

4.1.1. How many of your members participated in the last two IBBY Congresses and General Assemblies? 5 – 10 persons
Representatives of the Austrian Section participated in the IBBY-Congress and voted in the General Assembly: 1

4.1.2. Does your NS Participate in IBBY regional conferences? If so, which ones? If not, what are the barriers to your participation?
No, due to lack of time and money.

International Children’s Book Day (ICBD)

4.1.3. What activities, if any, does your NS organize to celebrate the ICBD?
The member organizations do not run specified activities to celebrate the ICBD.

4.1.4. Did you design your own poster? No
If not, did you use the message and poster of the sponsoring NS? No

4.1.5. How do you disseminate information about the ICBD? By mail
**IBBY Awards and projects**

4.1.6. *Did your NS present any nominations for the Hans Christian Andersen Award?*

Every two years the Austrian IBBY Section nominates candidates for the Hans Christian Andersen Award and provides the documentations. In 2008 Adelheid Dahiméne (Author) and Heide Stöllinger (Illustrator) were nominated, in 2010 Heinz Janisch (Author) and Linda Wolfsgruber (Illustrator).

4.1.7. *Did your NS present any nominations for the IBBY Honour List?*

Every two years the National Section nominates three artists for the IBBY Honour List.

2008: Rachel van Kooij (Author), Renate Habinger (Illustrator), Sigrid Laube (Translator)

2010: Renate Welsh (Author), Renate Habinger (Illustrator), Jacqueline Csuss (Translator)

4.1.8. *Did your NS nominate a project for the IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award?* No

4.1.9. *Did your section submit an application for funds from the IBBY-Yamada Programme? If not, why not? If yes, what was it and was the application successful?*

No.

4.1.10. *Did you nominate any titles for the Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities selection?* Yes

4.1.11. *Did you donate or recommend any books for the IBBY Documentation Centre of Books for Disabled Young People?* No

4.1.12. *Did you host any IBBY travelling exhibitions (Honour List, HCA, Books for Disabled, etc.)?* No

**Bookbird and other projects**

4.1.13. *How many members of your NS have individual subscriptions to Bookbird?*

In Austria we have about 20 subscribers to Bookbird.

4.1.14. *Does your NS have a Bookbird associate editor? Have you contributed any articles to, or cooperated with Bookbird?*

Karin Haller, the director of the Institute for Children’s Literature, serves as Associate Editor for Bookbird.

4.1.15. *Have you participated in any other IBBY international activities not listed above? If so, which ones?* No.
4.2. Cooperation with other National Sections

4.2.1. Are you involved in regional cooperation with other NS? What is the nature of this cooperation? No.

4.2.2. Do you cooperate bilaterally with other NS? No.

4.2.3. Do you exchange newsletters or information with other NS? If so, how often? No.