



WORLD BOOK CAPITAL 2008

Decision of the selection Committee

The Selection Committee of the World Book Capital 2008, made up of Ana Maria Cabanellas, Representative of the International Publishers Association (IPA), Françoise Dubruille, Representative of the International Booksellers Federation (IBF), Peter Lor, Representative of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and Georges Poussin, Chief of the Cultural Enterprise and Copyright Section as UNESCO representative, met on 8 June 2006, in order to examine the applications for nomination as World Book Capital 2008, in accordance with Resolution 31 C/Resolution 29, adopted by the UNESCO General Conference on 2 November 2001. The meeting was chaired by Ana Maria Cabanellas.

The Selection Committee examined the following candidatures:

Amsterdam (The Netherlands), Bangkok (Thailand), Beirut (Lebanon), Dublin (Ireland), Havana (Cuba), Rabat (Morocco) and Sao Paulo (Brazil).

The Committee welcomed the further increase in the number of applications from various parts of the world.

The city of Amsterdam was nominated as World Book Capital 2008 for the following reasons:

- Quality and variety of the proposed programme including numerous specific initiatives for the World Book Capital City 2008 period;
- International nature of the programme;
- Focus on the freedom of expression;
- Involvement of local, national and international public and private stakeholders in the book sector.

Paris, 8 June 2006.

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