Read Russia Program at Frankfurt Book Fair
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Language: Russian with German translation

Wednesday, October 10

10.30 Official Opening of the Russian National Stand.

11.00 Book Fairs in Russia. Presentation of Moscow International Book Fair, Saint Petersburg International Book Fair, Red Square Book Festival.

12.30 The Read Russia Prize - 2018 presentation and special event. The 2018 finalist’s diploma awarded to Ganna-Maria Braungardt for her German translation of Fathers and Sons by Ivan Turgenev (Iwan S. Turgenjew, Väter und Söhne). Moderator: Evgeny Reznichenko.


14.00 Russian Literature on Both Sides of the Ocean. A dialogue of translators of Russian literature, featuring Read Russia Prize winners Anne Coldefy-Faucard (France) and Lisa Hayden (USA). On peculiarities of perception of Russian literature in translation into English and French, Russian Library series in French and English, and writer-translator relationship. Moderator: Evgeny Reznichenko.

15.00 In Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Maxim Gorky's Birth. A. M. Gorky Institute of World Literature of the Russian Academy of Sciences introduces new publications about the writer’s life and work. Participants: Dr. of Philology Daria Moskovskaya and writer Zakhar Prilepin. Moderator: Marina Arias-Vikhil.

17.00 Translation as Cultural Diplomacy. The Institute for Literary Translation staff discuss the World Congress of Translators and the Institute’s activities. A friendly get-together with literary translators followed by a glass of wine.

Thursday, October 11

10.00 Russian Publishing Today. Presenter: Alexander Voropaev, the Russian Federal Agency for Press and Mass Communications (Rospechat).


12.00 In Conversation with the Author. Maya Kucherskaya discusses her book Faith and Humor: Notes from Muscovy published with the support of the Institute for Literary Translation in German by the Edition Hagia Sophia (Maja Kutscherskaja, Das Zeitgenössische Paterikon. Lektüre für von Mutlosigkeit Befallene). Participants: author and translator Roman Bannack. Moderator: Galina Yuzefovich.

14.00 Commemorating Vladimir Mayakovsky’s 125th Birthday. A. M. Gorky Institute of World Literature of the Russian Academy of Sciences introduces a complete collection of the poet’s works and an album of his revolutionary posters. Participants: writers Igor Volgin and Zakhar Prilepin. Moderator: Doctor of Philology Vera Terekhina.

15.00 The Novel is Dead? Long Live the Novel! A discussion about the modern-day novel in Russia. Participants: writer, founder and leader of the Moscow Creative Writing School Maya Kucherskaya, director of Moscow Creative Writing School Natalia Osipova, literary translator Lisa Hayden (USA), literary critic Galina Yuzefovich, and philologist Maria Tsiruleva. Moderator: Natalia Osipova.


17.00 Why is Erich Maria Remarque Loved so Much in Russia? A roundtable discussion in celebration of the 120th anniversary of the writer. Writers Zakhar Prilepin, Igor Volgin, Maya Kucherskaya talk about their perceptions of Erich Maria Remarque’s writings. Moderator: Nina Litvinets.
Friday, October 12

11.00 Meet Yakut Publishing House Bichik. Books from the northern land of diamonds, shamans and mammoths preserved in permafrost are discussed by director general of the publishing house Avgust Yegorov.


14.00 Author Zakhar Prilepin talks about his books and prospects. Moderator: Nina Litvinets.

15.00 The Big Book Prize - Things are Coming to a High Point! Director of the prize Georgy Urushadze discusses the books shortlisted for the Big Book award. Participants: laureate of the Big Book Prize Zakhar Prilepin and literary critic Galina Yuzefovich.

16.00 What if I Am a Writer?: Introducing Literary Workshops at the Creative Writing School. Participants: the project founder and leader Maya Kucherskaya, project director Natalia Osipova, graduates of the CWS Maria Tsiruleva, Elena Poddubskaya, and Larissa Dyck. Moderator: Natalia Osipova.

17.00 A Young Readership: the Overriding Priority. The Director of the Kniguru All-Russian competition for the best literary work for young adults Georgy Urushadze talks about the Kniguru Award, its children's jury and the most recent award winners with writer Maya Kucherskaya.

Saturday, October 13

11.00 How Does the Internet Affect the Russian Language and Speech Etiquette? A dialogue between writer Dmitry Glukhovsky and vice rector of the Pushkin State Russian Language Institute doctor of philology Mikhail Osadchy. Moderator: Nina Litvinets.


13.00 Producer, composer and film director Anatoly Balchev discusses his book The Story of Zhivago. Lara for Mr. Pasternak.

14.00 The Presidential Library presents: unique archival photographs The Legacy of Carl Bulla and His Sons. Moderator: Svetlana Belova, editor-in-chief of the publishing and printing complex of the Presidential Library.
14.45 The 10th Anniversary of the Boris N. Yeltsin Presidential Center. Head of the Department of Special and International Projects at the Boris N. Yeltsin Presidential Center Tatiana Voskovskaya talks about the Center’s programs and projects.


16.30 Vladimir Vysotsky’s 80th Birthday. Film director Anatoly Balchev talks about his film Vysotsky, Odessa Notebook followed by screening.

Sunday, October 14

12.00 Let’s Study the Russian Language in a New Way. In conversation with doctor of philology and vice rector for research of the Pushkin State Russian Language Institute Mikhail Osadchy.

13.00 Author Alexei Makushinsky talks about his new novel The World Brought to a Standstill. Moderator: Georgy Urushadze.

16.00 Author Dmitry Glukhovsky discusses his new novel Text (Europa Verlag, translated into German by Franziska Zwerg). Moderator: Georgy Urushadze.