



Dear friends, dear Yobos and collaborators,

As I'm writing you the first time as the new President of ICYB, I can say I am having an exciting time myself and I hope you will too. In these times of economical turmoil and tide of major changes inside the book business we need to be more and more open to new ideas a than never before. I strongly believe we can better reach our goals with international cooperation and close contacts between professionals in the trade.

With regards,
Antti Pyykkönen
President of ICYB

On this newsletter I will cover 3 subjects.

1. ICYB at the Frankfurt Book Fair

I would like to remind you of our forthcoming event at the Frankfurt Book Fair within just a month: You are more than welcome to come see us on *Friday, October 14, 9:30 to 10:30 at Forum Dialog, in Hall 5.*

During the hour, we will report new ideas developed at the last May's ICYB conference in Moscow, and give a preview to next year's ICYB conference which is to be held in Vienna. After the presentations you are invited to have drinks and a snack with us. Speakers include myself, Anna Kristkeitz (Vice President) from Germany, Maria Parikou (Past President) from Greece and Karl Pus (Past President of IBF) from Austria.

2. ICYB on Facebook

In case you haven't yet joined our ICYB group on Facebook, now is the time to do so. There we will keep you informed on important matters concerning ICYB and post interesting news about the book trade every now and then. Here's a direct link to our group: <https://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=19869537056>

3. Yobo reunion in Vienna

FYI: The Austrians are also planning a reunion for current and past Yobos (Obos) after the Vienna conference, so if you're interested, please look up an event called "ICYB REUNION 2012 VIENNA" in Facebook's Search field. There is absolutely no reason why you couldn't attend both the ICYB conference and the reunion.

Your ICYB board consists of these people... feel free to e-mail us!

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About ICYB

ICYB stands for *International Congress of Young Booksellers*.

It's the most inspiring congress ever for booksellers - especially young ones - for already 53 years!

The annual conference is held in a different country every year, and it gathers enthusiastic and dedicated young booksellers from many countries (young at age or just young at heart).

While the purpose of the Congress is to provide training in a specific issue, it also acts as a forum for young booksellers from a variety of backgrounds to share experiences of their trade and establish invaluable international contacts for both professional and personal development. Another function of the ICYB is to collect and disseminate material on training, exchange programs, and trade organizations.

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