

IBBY NATIONAL SECTIONS 2012-2014

Summary of Biennial Reports

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FOREWARD

This report is a summary of the Biennial Reports submitted by the IBBY National Sections for the period 2012 to 2014. It gives an overview of the various organization and membership structures, the sources and issues related to funding and the activities of the National Sections. It also highlights the ways in which the Sections contribute to international and regional IBBY activities.

The Biennial Reports of the National Sections reflect the diversity and depth of the IBBY organization and the myriad activities that support the goal of bringing children and books together. In many countries the IBBY Section is often the leading organization for children's literature. Many Sections work under very challenging conditions, with few resources and little recognition; nonetheless through dedication, ingenuity as well as advice and assistance from other IBBY Sections they achieve their aims.

The past two years have seen important changes in the areas of funding and communication. As donors and sponsors, and especially governments, have cut back funding in recent years, many Sections have been forced to change their attitude towards funding. They have developed innovative ways to raise money including partnerships with public and private organizations, consulting and organizing events. Many IBBY Sections have also sought ever more effective ways to communicate: all IBBY Sections have email and many have their own website and use Facebook, Twitter and blogs to reach their Members and to communicate with other IBBY Sections.

To collect the data for this report, each IBBY National Section was given access to an electronic survey with questions regarding its organization, membership, funding, activities and cooperation with IBBY. The list of questions is provided in Appendix 1. Over three-quarters of the National Sections responded. We would like to thank all those National Sections who completed the survey. The information provided is invaluable as an overview for the Executive Committee and as a source of ideas for other National Sections and in particular new Sections.

All information in this summary reflects the membership as at June 2014. Current information on the IBBY National Sections can be found at www.ibby.org.

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IBBY NATIONAL SECTIONS – JUNE 2014

A total of 74 countries have an IBBY National Section as of June 2014. In the list below, the 58 National Sections that completed the electronic survey have been marked with an *

Afghanistan Argentina* Armenia* Australia* Austria* Azerbaijan Belgium* Bolivia* Brazil* Cambodia* Canada* Chile* China* Colombia* Costa Rica*1 Croatia* Cuba* Cyprus Czech Republic*

Denmark*
Ecuador*
Egypt
Estonia*
Finland*
France*
Germany*
Ghana*
Greece
Haiti*
Iceland*
India
Indonesia*

Iran* Ireland Israel Italy* Japan* Korea* Kuwait Latvia* Lebanon* Lithuania Malaysia* Mexico* Moldova* Mongolia* Netherlands* New Zealand* Norway* Pakistan* Palestine* Peru* Poland* Portugal Russia* Rwanda* Serbia Slovakia* Slovenia* South Africa*

Spain*
Sweden*
Switzerland
Thailand*
Tunisia*
Turkey
Uganda*
Ukraine

United Arab Emirates*
United Kingdom*

United States of America*

Uruguay* Venezuela* Zambia

Hungary and Guatemala were members until end 2012. Nepal, Romania and Zimbabwe were members until end 2013

I. NATIONAL SECTIONS' ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Of the 58 National Sections (referred to hereafter as NS or Section) that completed and returned the survey over two-thirds are **independent** organizations work closely with other institutions with similar goals. Independent NS are: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Palestine, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

The other third of the reporting NS are **affiliated** with, or are a **branch** of, another institution: Belgium (Flemish branch), Bolivia, Chile, Croatia, France, Haiti, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Russia, Rwanda, Slovakia, Thailand, Uganda and Venezuela.

Of the reporting NS, one-third have their own independent office space, a further third are allowed to use office space of similar organizations and another third of the Sections have no office space and are operating from private quarters.

The majority of the Sections work solely with **volunteers**, only a third have paid employees. Almost all of the Executive Committees and Board Members of the NS work on a voluntary basis. Volunteers vary in the length of their commitment from a couple of months to ten years or more.

The National Sections' teams meet on a regular basis. Most Sections hold their team meetings every three months, some meet every month.

Most of the NS have an Executive Committee or Administrative Board, with a President, Secretary and two liaison officers. The Sections' representatives are usually elected by the Board or by the Members at the General Assembly with a term of office of two years. This enables new members to participate in the decision-making process and gain perspectives of the Section's organization while enriching the Section with their experience and knowledge.

MEMBERSHIP

The majority of IBBY members are teachers, librarians and authors or belong to publishing houses and reading promotion organizations. The NS typically have two main categories of membership: individual and institutions or other organizations. Teachers, librarians and authors make up the majority of the Sections' individual members. Other individual members include illustrators, publishers, storytellers, translators, booksellers, academics, animators, students and journalists.

Institutional/organizational membership is mostly made up of NGOs, publishing houses, libraries, and educational and governmental institutions including libraries, book councils, author and/or illustrator associations, schools, publisher associations and bookstores.

Members attend events and workshops organized by the Section and actively participate by organizing events, giving workshops and technical support, serving in juries, storytelling, making book selections and performing administrative tasks.

The NS determines the amount it will charge for each category of membership: institutional membership is the most expensive category and student or senior citizen membership the least expensive or free of charge. Honorary memberships, founder or life memberships are usually without a fee. Membership dues usually constitute an important part of the Section's budget.

Most NS keep in touch with their members through e-mails and social media on a regular basis, usually once a month. The use of Facebook, Twitter and blogs has increased dramatically in the last four years allowing the NS to keep their members upto-date with the Section's news. These media have a wide reach and impact and help encourage interested persons to join the Section. The organization of events for members is the other preferred channel to keep in touch with NS members. These events vary in character and scale ranging from organizing book readings, professional meetings and award ceremonies, to inviting speakers and holding conferences, lectures and workshops.

All NS strive to be inclusive and representative of the country's children's and youth literature community in their membership. Only with diversity in its membership is the NS' importance and relevance guaranteed. This inclusiveness can be achieved through communication and transparency throughout the NS activities, election procedures and statutes. Strategies being explored by NS to become more inclusive include: lowering membership requirements to include more potential members, cooperation with other organizations with similar goals, recruiting younger members, corporate members and professionals, preparing workshops and promotional materials for parents and introducing new types of membership. The most popular way to attract members is through the organization of events, workshops and awards. Direct collaboration with schools, as well as offering a lower membership fee is a way to attract young people.

The current list of National Section representatives and contact information can be found on www.ibby.org.

TABLE 1: ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

National Section *Report submitted	Website	Office Space	Paid Staff	Regularity of Board Meetings	Individual Members	Organizations as Members	
Afghanistan	www.aschiana.com	-	-	-	-	-	
Argentina*	www.alija.org.ar	Shared	Yes	3 months	10-30	-	
Armenia*	-	Shared	No	Once a week	10-30	Yes	
Australia*	Ibbyaustralia.wordpress.com	No	No	4 months	100+	Yes	
Austria*	www.jugendliteratur.net	Shared	No	Once a year	5-10	Yes	
Azerbaijan	www.clb.az	-	-	-	-	-	
Belgium*	www.stichtinglezen.be	Yes	Yes	6 months	50-100	Yes	
	www.ibbyfrancophone.be						
Bolivia*	-	Yes	No	Once a month	30-50	Yes	
Brazil*	www.fnlij.br	Shared	Yes	Once a week	50-100	Yes	
Cambodia*	ibbycambodia.org	Shared	No	2 months	5-10	Yes	
Canada*	www.ibby-canada.org	Shared	No	2 months	50-100	Yes	
Chile*	www.ibbychile.cl	No	No	Once a month	10-30	Yes	
China*	-	Shared	No	Once a month	100+	Yes	
Colombia*	www.fundalectura.org	Yes	Yes	Once a week	-	Yes	

Costa Rica*	www.leeryhacerleer.wordpress.com	Shared	No	6 months	-	Yes
Croatia*	-	Shared	Yes	6 months	-	Yes
Cuba*	-	No	No	3 months	10-30	-
Cyprus	www.cybby.org	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic*	www.ibby.cz	Shared	No	3 months	50-100	Yes
Denmark*	www.ibby.dk	No	No	2 months	100+	Yes
Ecuador*	www.girandula.org	Yes	Yes	2 months	30-50	-
Egypt	www.ebby-egypt.com	-	-	-	-	-
Estonia*	www.elk.ee	Shared	No	3 months	30-50	Yes
Finland*	www.ibbyfinland.fi	No	No	2 months	100+	Yes
France*	lajoieparleslivres.bnf.fr	Shared	Yes	3 months	50-100	Yes
Germany*	www.jugendliteratur.org	Yes	Yes	2 months	100+	Yes
Ghana*	-	Shared	Yes	Once a year	-	Yes
Greece	www.greekibby.gr	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala / -2012	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haiti*	-	Shared	No	4 months	10-30	Yes
Hungary / -2012	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iceland*	www.ibby.is	No	No	Once a month	100+	Yes

India	www.awic.in	-	-	-	-	-
Indonesia*	www.kpba-murti.org	Yes	Yes	Once a month	30-50	Yes
Iran*	www.cbc.ir	Yes	Yes	Once a week	100+	-
Ireland	www.ibbyireland.ie	-	-	-	-	-
Israel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy*	www.bibliotecasalaborsa.it/ragazzi/ibby	Shared	Yes	3 months	50-100	Yes
Japan*	www.jbby.org	Yes	Yes	Once a month	100+	Yes
Korea*	www.kbby.org	Yes	Yes	3 months	100+	-
Kuwait	www.ksaac.org	-	-	-	-	-
Latvia*	-	Shared	No	3 months	50-100	-
Lebanon*	-	No	No	Once a month	5-10	Yes
Lithuania	http://rubinaitis.lnb.lt	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia*	www.mbby.org	No	No	Once a month	100+	Yes
Mexico*	www.ibbymexico.org.mx	Yes	Yes	Once a week	100+	Yes
Moldova*	-	Shared	No	3 months	10-30	Yes
Mongolia*	-	No	No	3 months	5-10	Yes
Nepal / -2013	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands*	-	No	No	4 months	100+	Yes

New Zealand*	www.storylines.org.nz	No	No	2 months	100+	Yes
Norway*	www.ibby.no	No	No	Once a month	100+	Yes
Pakistan*	-	Shared	No	6 months	10-30	Yes
Palestine*	www.ibbypalestine.org	Shared	No	Once a month	30-50	-
Peru*	www.cediliibbyperu.com	Yes	No	3 months	30-50	-
Poland*	www.ibby.pl	No	No	4 months	100+	-
Romania / -2013	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russia*	www.rbby.ru	No	Yes	3 months	-	-
	www.pushkinlib.spb.ru/sectionibby.html					
Rwanda*	www.bakame.rw	Shared	No	6 months	-	Yes
Slovakia*	www.bibiana.sk	Yes	Yes	Once a month	100+	Yes
Slovenia*	www.ibby.si	Shared	No	3 months	30-50	Yes
South Africa*	-	No	No	3 months	50-100	Yes
Spain*	www.oepli.org	Yes	No	6 months	-	Yes
Sweden*	www.ibby.se	No	No	2 months	100+	Yes
Switzerland	www.sikjm.ch	-	-	-	-	-
Thailand*	www.thaibby.in.th	Yes	Yes	3 months	10-30	-
Tunisia*	-	No	No	2 months	5-10	-

Turkey	www.cgyd.org	-	-	-	-	-
Uganda*	-	Yes	Yes	3 months	10-30	-
Ukraine	-	-	-	-	-	-
UAE*	www.uaebby.org.ae	Yes	Yes	Once a week	50-100	-
UK*	www.ibby.org.uk	No	No	3 months	100+	Yes
USA*	www.usbby.org	Shared	Yes	4 months	100+	Yes
Uruguay*	www.ibbyuruguay.org	No	No	2 months	50-100	-
Venezuela*	www.bancodellibro.org.ve	Yes	Yes	3 months	5-10	Yes
Zambia	www.lubuto.org	-	-	-	-	-
Zimbabwe / -2013	-	-	-	-	-	-

II. FUNDING

IBBY Sections face a variety of financial situations ranging from NS that have no or very low budgets to those that have over \$100,000 in funding. All NS have had to adapt to changing economic conditions though most report that their financial situation is stable. Membership dues remain an important source of income for many NS, though they have not been able to increase these dues.

Government grants are an important source of funding for 40% of the reporting NS. However, this support has decreased significantly as funding for cultural and educational programmes has been cut. There has been, therefore, a shift in thinking and funding strategies resulting in more partnerships with public and private organizations to fund specific projects or programmes. NS are also increasingly acting as consultants and organizing events for private or public organizations in the same field. In addition, some NS such as Indonesia, Pakistan, Peru and Uganda generate revenues through the sale of publications such as brochures and manuals for schools.

Seven annual budget categories were defined for this reporting period:

No budget: Uruguay.

Below \$1,000: Armenia, Ghana, Korea, Malaysia, Tunisia.

From \$1,000 to \$5,000: Argentina, Cambodia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, Indonesia, Lebanon, Palestine, Rwanda, Uganda, Venezuela.

From \$5,000 to \$10,000: Austria, Bolivia, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Mongolia, Netherlands, Peru, Russia, UK.

From \$10,000 to \$40,000: Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Iceland, Iran, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden.

From \$40,000 to \$100,000: Brazil, Norway, Pakistan, South Africa, Spain, USA.

Over \$100,000: Germany, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Thailand, UAE.

All NS pay IBBY membership dues. Sections in difficult financial situations are able to apply for assistance from the IBBY Solidarity Fund to meet their annual dues. Several Sections have received support from the Fund: IBBY Uruguay in 2012, IBBY Cambodia in 2013 and IBBY Tunisia in 2014. Some Sections have obtained support for their dues from other NS. USBBY paid the IBBY membership dues of the NS of Haiti, Lebanon, Palestine and Zambia in 2012, 2013, and 2014. IBBY Sweden supported IBBY Cambodia, paying the full membership dues in 2012 and half of the dues in 2013 and 2014.

NATIONAL SECTIONS' FUNDING STRATEGIES

IBBY Argentina charges an institutional annual membership fee to publishing houses and a small individual membership fee.

IBBY Australia sells limited edition prints of artwork donated by illustrators and organizes fundraising events.

IBBY Bolivia organizes an IBBY Bolivia dinner event, sells publications and organizes workshops.

IBBY Brazil's most important sources of income are its reading promotion projects: Salão FNLIJ do Livro para Crianças e Jovens (a book fair); its partnerships with Instituto Ecofuturo - Cia. Suzano de Papel e Celulose, the C&A Institute, the National Library Foundation and the Rio de Janeiro Department of Education (SME), and the Project Bibliotecas Comunitárias Ler é Preciso (creation of community libraries).

IBBY Cuba organizes the international biennial regional congress *Para leer el XXI* and the workshop *Trabajamos Para los Niños*.

IBBY Czech Republic secures funding from individual sponsors and/or donors.

IBBY Finland generates funds through the sale of publications.

IBBY Germany organizes seminars, sells publications and reviews and has raised its membership fees.

IBBY Iran generates income through the royalties from the *Encyclopedia for Young People* and the Children's Book Council publications. A painting exhibition was organized to commemorate the Children's Books Council 50th anniversary.

IBBY Italy holds an annual sale of IBBY Italy marketing items, organized a silent auction of illustrations donated by Italian artists and organized a raffle of illustrations. Funds have been raised through promotion for the *Silent Books* Project in Lampedusa.

IBBY Malaysia collaborates with other organizations in organizing workshops and seminars.

IBBY New Zealand organizes competitions, raffles and events.

IBBY Pakistan raises funds through the sale of publications.

IBBY Peru organizes workshops for other organizations and sale of publications.

IBBY Uganda raises money through the sale of publications.

IBBY UK organizes an annual conference in cooperation with the National Centre for Research in Children's Literature and sells children's literature-themed Christmas cards.

IBBY USA relies upon membership renewals and recruiting new members through university instructors and state ambassadors and during the biennial regional conference.

TABLE 2: FUNDING (only includes NS that submitted a Report)

National Section	Support for IBBY dues	Membership fees	Government support	Grants by other organizations/institutions	Sponsors and donors	Projects and services	Fundraising
Argentina	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-
Armenia	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	50%	-	10%	5%	-	30%
Austria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	10%	90%	-	-	-	
Bolivia	-	5%	-	-	-	60%	30%
Brazil	-	10%	-	-	-	90%	-
Cambodia	IBBY Sweden	5%	-	-	-	-	50%
Canada	-	10%	-	50%	20%	10%	5%
Chile	-	90%	-	-	-	5%	-
China	-	-	20%	-	-	-	-
Colombia	-	-	-	-	5%	90%	-
Costa Rica	-	-	60%	10%	10%	10%	-
						5% Publishing	
Croatia	-	-	50%	10%	-	-	40%
Cuba	-	-%	-	-	-	90%	-

Czech Republic	-	40%	30%	-	20%	10%	-
-							
Denmark	-	50%	50%	-	-	-	-
Ecuador	-	20%	-	70%	-	5%	5%
Estonia	-	10%	90%	-	-	-	-
Finland	-	10%	60%	5%	-	20%	5%
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	-	5%	70%	5%	-	10%	5%
Ghana	-	-	5%	-	5%	-	-
Haiti	USBBY	-	-	-	60%	20%	5%
Iceland	-	40%	60%	-	-	-	-
Indonesia	-	10%	-	-	50%	20%	20%
Iran	-	10%	-	-	70%	10%	10%
Italy	-	30%	-	5%	30%	10%	25%
Japan	-	20%	-	10%	5%	60%	5%
Korea	-	50%	-	-	40%	10%	-
Latvia	-	5%	30%	-	5%	60%	-
Lebanon	USBBY	10%	-	10%	20%	10%	5%

Malaysia	_	5%	_	40%	-	55%	-
-							
Mexico	-	-	70%	5%	-	10%	5%
Moldova	-	20%	20%	-	50%	10%	-
Mongolia	-	10%	10%	20%	30%	20%	10%
Netherlands	-	40%	-	30%	5%	-	5%
New Zealand	-	30%	20%	30%	5%	5%	5%
Norway	-	10%	10%	-	-	-	5%
Pakistan	-	-	-	-	-	60%	5%
Palestine	USBBY	5%	-	-	90%	-	-
Peru	-	-	-	-	5%	90%	-
Poland	-	20%	50%	-	30%	-	-
Russia	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-
Rwanda	-	20%	-	-	80%	-	-
Slovakia	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	-	30%	60%	-	10%	-	-
South Africa	-	5%	-	-	95%	-	-
Spain	-	23%	72%	5%	-	-	-
Sweden	-	20%	70%	10%	-	-	-

Thailand	-	-	-	80%	-	-	20%
Tunisia	-	80%	-	-	10%	10%	-
Uganda	-	40%	-	-	30%	30%	-
UAE	-	-	30%	30%	30%	10%	-
UK	-	60%	-	-	-	20%	20%
USA	-	85%	-	-	10%	5%	-
Uruguay	-	5%	-	-	95%	-	-
Venezuela	-	-	-	20%	-	70%	10%

III. NATIONAL SECTIONS' ACTIVITIES

The organization of **regional and/or international meetings, conferences and congresses** are important activities for the National Sections. These events are an essential platform for the exchange of ideas, experiences, planning and realization of projects between IBBY members. The number of events has increased and they have raised the national and international profile of IBBY in the field of children and youth literature. More than half of the participating sections have organized a national, regional or international meeting during the reporting period.

The most important international meetings were the IBBY International Congresses: 2012 organized by IBBY UK in London; 2014 organized by IBBY Mexico in Mexico City. In the non-Congress year 2013 several sections successfully organized IBBY Regional Meetings: IBBY Indonesia (Asia and Oceania IBBY Regional Meeting), IBBY UAE (CANA Regional Meeting), IBBY Cuba (Congreso Internacional de la Lectura 2013), IBBY USA (IBBY Regional Conference), IBBY South Africa (African IBBY Regional Conference) and IBBY Brazil (III Encuentro Lationoamericano y del Caribe).

The proceedings from Regional or International Congresses are valuable records and information for other NS.

Other sections organized workshops, seminars, meetings, lectures and festivals inviting national, regional and international participants. The **workshops and seminars** offered at a local level by the IBBY sections are becoming increasingly popular among teachers, librarians, parents, editors and the public that have an interest in the field of children's and youth literature. During this period the sections held: workshops for teachers and librarians on reading promotion and reading for pleasure in classrooms and libraries, workshops on literature perception and evaluation, ICBD awareness and celebrations, storytelling, use of the *Kamishibai*, festivals, illustration, writing and literary appreciation. These activities create a strong national network between IBBY members and professionals in the field.

In the funding of workshops and seminars many sections take advantage of resources available under the **IBBY-Yamada Fund**. These funds, of up to CHF 5,000 per project per year, are used in projects that help develop a book culture in countries with few resources. In the period 2012 to 2014 workshops in Ecuador, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya (with IBBY Finland), Lebanon (with IBBY France), Mexico, Tunisia (with IBBY France) and Venezuela received funding.

Many IBBY sections participate in **book fairs** in their countries and abroad. The Bologna International Children's Book Fair is an important meeting point for many IBBY members. At Bologna, they participate in the IBBY events and take the opportunity to network, exchange ideas and news, as well as explore new collaborations. Book fair organizers are aware of the NS activities in their countries and often seek NS support in the organization of the fair. IBBY Ecuador organizes the *Maraton del Libro* and the Children's Book Fair in Quito. IBBY Brazil

organizes the *Salão do Livro para Crianças e Jovenes*. IBBY Sweden organized seminars in the Gothenburg Book Fair. IBBY Cambodia was co-host of the Cambodia Book Fair 2013, IBBY Russia participates in the Bologna Children's Book Fair and IBBY Argentina is organizer of the Buenos Aires Book Fair.

Many IBBY Sections have organized exhibitions based on the IBBY Honour List or the Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities collections. IBBY Iran has organized two exhibitions of the HCAA collections. IBBY Japan has exhibited the Outstanding Books in 17 venues. IBBY Italy organized the travelling exhibition *Silent Books: Final Destination Lampedusa*. Other sections have organized exhibitions at their headquarters or together with other institutions.

Awards, prizes and contests are another good way to promote interest in children's literature. Children especially love to participate in the various literature festivals and events. More than half of the NS participating in the survey present awards and organize contests. These awards recognise outstanding writers and illustrators, individuals that have contributed to the development of children's literature, outstanding published books in various categories, reading contests and outstanding radio adaptations of books.

Several sections have **libraries** at their premises: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Mongolia, Pakistan, Peru, Russia (St. Petersburg branch), UAE. IBBY Mexico also runs a bookstore at its library. Other sections are involved as consultants for libraries, or promote the establishment of libraries through training of teachers and librarians or by securing a collection of IBBY Honour List books.

NS publish different materials depending on their resources and publishing network. NS that publish a **catalogue** with book selections include: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Estonia, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, UAE, USA, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Electronic media has enabled National Sections to cooperate more with other sections in the same region and to learn more about the work and activities of all IBBY members. All of the NS have a functioning electronic address and some have a website, Facebook page or blog. These are now the standard ways to communicate with members or with other sections. In 2014 IBBY Mexico successfully live-streamed all the plenary sessions and main events of the 34th IBBY International Congress.

Many sections also have **online newsletters** with which they communicate with their members and interested public. The link to the newsletters is shared through Facebook and the IBBY website, ensuring a larger number of readers. NS that have a newsletter are: Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Korea, Netherlands, South Africa and the United States. Regional online newsletters have also gained in importance. Finally, many NS promote their activities and projects through their national media.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NATIONAL SECTIONS' ACTIVITIES

For the full range of activities of the individual National Sections, go to www.ibby.org.

Argentina

Participated in organizing committee of the Buenos Aires' Book Fair and Buenos Aires' Children's Book Fair in 2013 and 2014. Organized Recorridos ALIJA (12 small guided tours) during the fairs. Organized the Night of Bookstores events: Selecting Books for Small Children, Reading Picture Books and Classics Revisited. Hosted Interview with Maria Cristina Ramos, Hans Christian Andersen Award 2014 candidate.

Armenia

Organized two seminars at a local level on the actual issues of children and youth contemporary literature and the importance of the literary hero in children's and youth literature.

Australia

Organized an ICBD seminar in 2014. Awarded the Ena Noel Award (encouragement award for young writer or illustrator).

Austria

Organized three successful events: *Literature for Young Readers* 2013 and 2014, *Reading in the Park* 2012 and 2013 and *Picture Book Kindergarten* 2013 and 2014. The Section awarded the *Dixi Kinderliteraturpreis* and *Romulus Candea Prize*. Held seminars with all the member organizations of the section, including meeting on the context of EU projects and international cooperation.

Belgium (Flemish Branch)

Organized a visit to the Salon du Livre et de la Presse Jeunesse in Paris, France. In 2013 launched the programme O mundo, bringing books from other cultures into classrooms with children from different countries.

Bolivia

Organized the storytelling festival *El trenecito de la Lectura*, *Ciudad y Literatura*, *Con Ojos y Voz de Mujer*, *Libros de las Plazas*.

Brazil

Organized the 16° Salão FNLIJ do Livro para Crianças e Jovens and the FELISB Feira Literária de São Bernando do Campo- São Paulo.

Cambodia

Organized ICBD 2014 celebration.

Canada

Awarded the *Cleaver Award for Illustration*, the *Russel Grant Award* for research in children's literature, the *Claude Aubry* award for contribution to the field of children's literature and the *Joanne Fitzgerald Illustrator in Residency* grant.

Chile

Awarded the Medalla Colibri for the best published children's book.

Colombia

Implemented the reading and library programme in unconventional spaces. Designed and implemented the projects *Paraderos Paralibros Para Parques* and *Biblioestaciones*. In both projects small libraries offer services of reading promotion, animation and book lending. Evaluation committees revise and review current books submitted by publishers to *Fundalectura*. Launched the programme *Leer Para Sanar* reading promotion programme for hospital patients and a programme to encourage reading in families. Cooperated with *Fondación SM* to produce a Colombian illustrators' directory. Offers consultant services to libraries.

Costa Rica

Organized a national quiz promoting reading.

Cuba

Organized conferences and meetings with writers in three provinces. Participated in the research project *Reading Universities* and in national and regional workshops about the relationship between learning and the school library. Offered consulting services to organizations and institution with similar goals. Co-sponsored the semi-annual publication *Julio Como En Enero* specialized in literature for children and young people. Cooperated with the children's pavilion at the Havana International Book Fair.

Czech Republic

Presented the Golden Ribbon Award, organized the Children Read! and Tabook festivals.

Ecuador

Organized the Reading Marathon and the Children's Book Fair in Quito.

Estonia

In cooperation with the Estonian Children's Literature Centre started the programme *Joy of Books* to provide Tallinn Children's Hospital with quality children's literature. Continuation of the summer programme *Library in the Park* in Tallinn.

Finland

Organized an ICBD 2012 celebration, presented the *Anni Swan Medal*, and other events for their members. Participated in the planning and organization of the annual *Fairy Tale Day*.

France

Organized the seminars *Lire en vo 2013* on British children's literature and *Lire en vo 2014* on Argentinian children's literature.

Germany

Organized the reading promotion project *Literanauten überall*, a peer-to-peer reading promotion programme held in public libraries and activity centres. Organized the contest *Wer liest, gewinnt* in cooperation with *Das Telefonbuch* and the German Library Association. Participated in the Leipzig and Frankfurt Book Fairs.

Ghana

Celebrated ICBD every year and organized a reading contest.

Haiti

Organized the *Reading in the Parks* programme.

Iceland

In collaboration with the Icelandic Broadcast Company organized a short story event to celebrate the ICBD. The short story was read to 43,000 children and young adults across the country at the same time.

Indonesia

Organized a storytelling festival during the Asia-Oceania IBBY Regional meeting in Bali.

Iran

Set up the *Committee of Library Services for Disabled Children* reading circles and provided book bags for deprived marginal communities.

Italy

Organized three IBBY camps on the island of Lampedusa to establish a children's library and organized activities for the local children, parents and teachers. Organized relief programme for children in the Emilia Romagna Region affected by the 2012 earthquake with the support of the IBBY Children in Crisis Fund.

Japan

Continued with the *Ehon Project*, bringing relief to areas that were affected by the tsunami and nuclear catastrophe in 2011. Organized a Japanese children's book presentation at the Bologna International Children's Book Fair 2013 and 2014.

Latvia

White Wolf Readings: annual international readings featuring authors from the Baltic countries.

Lebanon

Donated portable libraries to schools and public libraries.

Malaysia

Organized and implemented the MBBY Literacy Centre for the Rohingya stateless children with the support of the IBBY-Yamada Fund.

Mexico

Organized summer courses for children, cinema workshops and reading sessions.

Moldova

Organized several contests: *Imaginary Trip in the World of Books 2012*, *On the Wings of Fantasy to the Kingdom of Childhood: Homage to Spiridon Vangheli 2013*, Pages from the *History of My Family 2014*.

Mongolia

In cooperation with local publishing companies, organized reading and library promotion tours for children.

New Zealand

Organized the Margaret Mahy Lecture Award Day in 2013 and 2014 and the Betty Gilderdale Award event in 2013 and 2014.

Pakistan

Set up rickshaw libraries for communities, offered training for women to run libraries from their homes as part of a reading promotion programme and established up 100 reading corners in state run schools in Multan and Muzaffargarh.

Palestine

Organized seminars promoting reading culture and workshops for librarians.

Peru

Celebrated the ICBD at the *Biblioteca del Carmen Chincha* with festive activities.

Poland

Organized the Book of the Year exhibition, awarded the IBBY Medal and the *Dong Award*.

Russia (St. Petersburg Branch)

Organized a travelling exhibition of the IBBY Honour List Collections and ICBD celebrations in the region.

Rwanda

Organized a book donation drive to establish reading corners in schools.

Slovakia

Organized 24 hours of reading children's literature with Radio Slovakia. Participated at the Prague International Book Fair as guest of honour.

Slovenia

Organized an exhibition and symposium in cooperation with Pionirska-Centre for Children's and Youth Literature and Librarianship.

South Africa

A member of IBBYSA organized the 1st African Regional meeting in Pretoria 2013. Awarded the IBBYSA / Exclusive Books Picture Book award.

Spain

Awarded the Lazarillo Award 2012, 2013, 2014 to writers and illustrators of picture books.

Sweden

Held meetings and seminars during the Gothenburg Book Fair.

Thailand

Organized reading promotion activities for disabled children.

Uganda

Organized reading evaluations and supported schools with the set-up of libraries.

UAE

Organized the reading promotion campaign *Read, Dream, Create.* Celebrated the ICBD 2011, 2012, 2013.

UK

Hosted and publicized an exhibition of *Chinese Illustrators of Children's Books*, in cooperation with CBBY, and organized a seminar with Chinese and British illustrators at the London Book Fair 2012. Organized a series of workshops with London schools using the 2012 Honour List books to produce a film for 2012 IBBY World Congress. Organized London Book Fair 2013 event, in cooperation with the British Council, with Turkish author Fatih Erdogan and British author Guy Bass with London school students. Hosted an evening with 2010 HCAA winner, David Almond, to mark the fifteenth anniversary edition of his book, *Skellig*.

Uruguay

In cooperation with the *Universidad de la Republica*, organized a workshop for teachers and librarians. Provided authors and Illustrators seminars for IBBY members. Set up a library in a *Caif Center* for children in precarious situations.

USA

Local and regional activities organized by individual State ambassadors.

Venezuela

Organized an illustration workshop with the Spanish illustrator Javier Zabala 2012 and a creative writing workshop for young people with Miteya Tabuas. In 2013, organized a writing and illustration workshop with the Colombian writer-illustrator team Jairo Buitrago and Rafael Yockteng (supported by the IBBY-Yamada Fund).

IV. COOPERATION WITH IBBY: INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The main international activities organized by IBBY are: the biennial IBBY World Congress, International Children's Book Day, Hans Christian Andersen Awards, IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Awards, IBBY Honour List, the Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities Selection and the Silent Books Selection.

National Sections contribute to the international activities of IBBY by hosting the Congresses, by nominating candidates for the various awards, nominating books for IBBY book selections (IBBY Honour List, Outstanding Books, Silent Books), and also by their nominations of candidates to serve on the HCAA Award Jury and on the IBBY Executive Committee.

Although participation has been increasing over the years, some NS are unable to fully participate in IBBY international activities due to a lack of financial and/or human resources. Nonetheless, the NS are aware that participation is important to creating networks of people interested in the promotion and development of children and youth literature.

Congresses and General Assemblies 2012 and 2014

Attending the IBBY Congress has become a priority for members of the NS and interested public, where teachers, students, librarians, editors, writers, illustrators, academics and the general public have an opportunity to learn and exchange ideas. The Congresses are held every two years in a different country with a different theme. The hosting NS chooses a theme and has the responsibility of establishing the programme and inviting experts in the field.

The 33rd IBBY World Congress was held 23-26 August 2012 in London, UK with the theme: *Crossing Boundaries: Translations and Migrations*. The 34th IBBY International Congress took place 10-13 September 2014 in Mexico City, Mexico with the theme: *May everyone really mean everyone*. In non-Congress years members meet at IBBY Regional Meeting and Conferences.

The IBBY General Assembly takes place during the biennial World Congress. The election of IBBY officers and the business of International IBBY is discussed and discharged. Financial restrictions hinder many members from participating in the Congress, although when a NS is not represented in person, a proxy NS may be delegated to vote on their behalf at the GA. In addition to funding difficulties, there continues to be visa difficulties for some members to attend the IBBY Congresses. However, IBBY is actively involved in supporting IBBY members to attend. At least two-thirds of the NS have been able to attend the General Assembly in recent years. At the 2012 General Assembly in London 55 NS of a total 75 NS were represented: 50 directly and by 5 by proxy. Two years later, at the 2014 General Assembly 62 NS of a total 74 NS were represented: 58 directly and 4 by proxy.

International Children's Book Day

The most popular international activity is the International Children Book Day (ICBD) held on Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, 2 April, to inspire love of reading and promote children's and youth literature. IBBY National Sections are responsible for the establishment of this

celebration in their countries and they are encouraged to hold activities on the day or week around the 2 April. Every year a different NS sponsors the ICBD, creating a poster and message to celebrate this day. The sponsoring NS sends the poster and message to all IBBY NS and promotes the celebration in various ways. This activity has gained in popularity with IBBY members and the general public. The ICBD is celebrated at schools, libraries, and festivals. Activities include meetings with authors, illustrators, contests, readings, storytelling events, exhibitions, conferences, lectures and book fairs. The ICBD 2012 was sponsored by IBBY Mexico, in 2013 by USBBY and in 2014 by IBBY Ireland.

Most sections use the poster and message of the sponsoring National Section, translating them into their own language. The 2014 poster and message were translated into 21 languages: Arabic, Catalan, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, Estonian, Farsi, Finnish, Greek, Hungarian, Japanese, Khmer, Latvian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Slovakian, Slovenian, Spanish and Urdu.

Bookbird

As members, all National Sections receive two annual subscriptions to *Bookbird*, A *Journal of International Children's Literature*. Many Sections have appointed *Bookbird* correspondents and those correspondents that have actively written or solicited texts for *Bookbird* have made a valuable contribution to the journal.

TABLE 3: COOPERATION WITH IBBY: INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

National Section	Voting delegate at	Voting delegate at	Bookbird correspondent	International Children's Book Day (ICBD) promotion and celebrations
* Report submitted	GA 2012, London	GA 2014, Mexico City		
Afghanistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Argentina*	Yes	Yes	No	-
Armenia* / 2013-	NA	No	No	-
Australia*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Organized events in three states.
Austria*	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Azerbaijan	Yes	Yes	No	-
Belgium*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Disseminated information through Facebook page.
Bolivia*	Yes, by proxy	Yes	Yes	Organized book fairs in schools and plazas.
Brazil*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Disseminated the ICBD in <i>Noticias</i> (monthly newspaper) and Sections newsletter and on the <i>Salão FNLIJ do Livro</i> website.
Cambodia*	Yes	Yes	No	Organized a festival in park with book exhibitions, storytelling, reading promotion and other activities. Promoted festivals and ICBD through local media.
Canada*	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Chile*	No	Yes	Yes	Organized school visits, storytelling and book exhibitions.

China*	Yes	Yes	No	-
Colombia*	No	Yes	No	Organized a lecture on Children's Literature with promotion through the Section's website and Facebook page.
Costa Rica*	NA	Yes	No	-
Croatia*	No	No	No	-
Cuba*	Yes, by proxy	Yes	Yes	Organized celebrations with schools and promoted through the national media.
Cyprus	Yes, by proxy	Yes	Yes	-
Czech Republic*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Organized the event One Night with Andersen.
Denmark*	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Ecuador*	No	No	No	Section members visited schools to promote ICBD.
Egypt	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Estonia*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Section website and press release sent to the national media. HCAA 2014 author nominee gave interview and shared message. HL 2014 author nominee shared message on Estonian Public Broadcasting.
Finland*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Organized seminars.
France*	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Germany*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Organized poetry slam workshop for teens.
Ghana*	Yes	Yes	No	Organized reading competition at the central library and rural schools.
Greece	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Guatemala / -2013	No	NA	No	-

Haiti*	No	Yes	No	Organized exhibitions, meetings and promotion through media.
Hungary / -2012	No	NA	No	-
Iceland*	No	No	Yes	In cooperation with the Icelandic Broadcasting Company, a story is written, send to schools to be read across the country and broadcasted. Activities around the story are organized.
India	Yes	No	Yes	-
Indonesia*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Organized reading promotion events at schools.
Iran*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Translated the poster and message, published bookmark calendars. Organized activities for children, youths and reading promoters.
Ireland	No	Yes	No	Sponsor of ICBD 2014
Israel	No	No	Yes	-
Italy*	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Japan*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Organized an event for children and parents, circulated the translated poster and message to all public libraries.
Korea*	Yes	Yes	No	-
Kuwait	No	No	No	-
Latvia*	Yes	Yes	No	Organized conferences 2013-14.
Lebanon*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Organized activities in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, held seminars, storytelling and book-signing event.
Lithuania	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Malaysia*	Yes	No	Yes	Organized reading contest, promoted ICBD in schools and libraries.
Mexico*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sponsor of ICBD 2012. Writers and illustrators promoted ICBD in schools.

Moldova*	Yes	Yes	No	Organized exhibitions and meetings with writers and illustrators.
Mongolia*	No	Yes	Yes	-
Nepal / -2013	No	NA	No	-
Netherlands*	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
New Zealand*	Yes	Yes	No	Organized Margaret Mahy Lecture Award Day.
Norway*	No	Yes	No	-
Pakistan*	Yes	Yes	No	Organized book readings and displayed poster and message at schools.
Palestine*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Organized seminar.
Peru*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Promoted poster and message in different organizations and on the sections website and with e-mails. Visited children in Kindergarten.
Poland*	Yes, by proxy	Yes, by proxy	Yes	Disseminated a poster and promotion through Section's website.
Portugal	No	No	No	-
Romania / -2013	No	NA	No	-
Russia*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Translated poster and message, promotion through the national media. Celebrations in 60 children's libraries, organized meetings with authors and illustrators.
Rwanda*	Yes	Yes, by proxy	No	-
Serbia	No	No	No	-
Slovakia*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Reading of children's books by the Slovak Radio. Organized Days of Children's Books.
Slovenia*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Translated poster and message, organized a symposium and exhibition followed by an evening celebration.

South Africa*	No	Yes	Yes	-
Spain*	Yes	Yes	No	Promoted the poster in libraries and to the national media and promoted activities and contests.
Sweden*	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Switzerland	Yes	Yes, by proxy	Yes	-
Thailand*	Yes	No	Yes	Produced a poster and organized activities at International Book Fair.
Tunisia*	NA	Yes	Yes	Organized reading activities in Borj Kallel.
Turkey	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Uganda*	Yes	Yes	No	Organized reading tent for disadvantaged children.
Ukraine	No	No	Yes	-
UAE*	Yes	No	No	Organized reading and storytelling activities, invitation to writers from the region.
UK*	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
USA*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sponsor of ICBD 2013. Posted ideas for celebrating ICBD in classrooms and libraries locally and regionally on the Section's website.
Uruguay*	No	Yes	No	Press conference.
Venezuela*	Yes, by proxy	Yes	Yes	Presented the award to outstanding children's books.
Zambia	No	No	No	-
Zimbabwe / -2013	No	NA	No	-

V. COOPERATION WITH IBBY: NOMINATIONS

Through their nominations, the National Sections play an important role in assuring that IBBY is able to promote and honour a truly international range of quality children's literature and reading promotion projects.

Hans Christian Andersen Awards

The Hans Christian Andersen Awards are presented biennially to an author and an illustrator whose complete works have made a lasting contribution to children's literature. This is the highest international distinction given to an author and an illustrator of children's books. Nami Island Inc., from the Republic of Korea sponsors the Award.

Every two years, the IBBY NS are invited to nominate outstanding authors and illustrators. The NS is required to submit a representative selection of the works of the candidates in the original language and a dossier that reveals the breath of the candidate's work. The books and dossier are submitted to the international jury (ten members), the Jury President, the IBBY President, the IBBY Secretariat and to the *Bookbird* editor. There is also a nomination fee levied to defray the costs involved in connection with the Awards. Each nomination requires not only significant commitment by the nominating NS but also financial and administrative resources.

In 2012 there were 26 author submissions and 28 illustrator submissions. The short-list comprising five authors was: María Teresa Andruetto (Argentina), Paul Fleischman (USA), Bart Moeyaert (Belgium), Jean-Claude Mourlevat (France), and Bianca Pitzorno (Italy). In the illustrator category the short list was: Mohammad Ali Beniasadi (Iran), John Burningham (UK), Roger Mello (Brazil), Peter Sís (Czech Republic) and Javier Zabala (Spain). The 2012 Hans Christian Andersen Award was given to the author **María Teresa Andruetto** of Argentina, and illustrator **Peter Sís** from the Czech Republic.

In 2014 there were 27 author submissions and 29 illustrator submissions. The short-list included six authors: Ted van Lieshout (Netherlands), Houshang Moradi Kermani (Iran), Mirjam Pressler (Germany), Nahoko Uehashi (Japan), Renate Welsh (Austria) and Jacqueline Woodson (USA). The illustrators on the short-list were: Rotraut Susanne Berner (Germany), John Burningham (UK), Eva Lindström (Sweden), Roger Mello (Brazil), François Place (France) and Øyvind Torseter (Norway). Author Nahoko Uehashi from Japan and illustrator Roger Mello from Brazil won the 2014 Award.

The jury members to the HCAA work on a volunteer basis. The reading, reviewing and commenting on the dossiers and submitted books as well as participation in the HCAA meetings requires considerable time and commitment. Nominated by the NS, their contribution to the HCAA is invaluable. María Jesús Gil (Spain) was Jury President in 2012 and 2014. Other jury members included: Anastasia Arkhipova (2012 and 2014, Russia), Françoise Ballanger (2012, France), Ernest Bond (2012, USA), Fanuel Hanan Diaz (2014, Venezuela), Sabine Fuchs (2012 and 2014, Austria), Sang-Wook Kim (2014, Korea),

Enrique Pérez Díaz (2014, Cuba), Jan Hansson (2012, Sweden), Eva Kaliskami (2012, Greece), Deborah Soria (2014, Italy), Nora Lía Sormani (2012, Argentina), Susan M. Stan (2014, USA), Sahah Tarhandeh (2012 and 2014, Iran), Erik Titusson (2014, Sweden), Ayfer Gürdal Ünal (2012 and 2014, Turkey) and Regina Zilberman (2012, Brazil).

Full details of the winners, shortlist, nominees and jury members can be found on www.ibby.org.

IBBY Honour List

The IBBY Honour List is a selection of outstanding recently published books that distinguishes authors, illustrators and translators whose work is particularly representative of their country. Each NS is invited to nominate one title in each of the official languages of the country for writing and translation, and one for illustration in any of those languages. The IBBY Honour List is published biennially. The NS also provides seven copies of each book to create travelling exhibitions of the Honour List selection.

In 2012 the IBBY Honour List included 169 titles: 65 authors, 54 illustrators and 50 translators, were chosen from 58 countries in 44 different languages. In 2014 the IBBY Honour List included 150 titles: 57 authors, 50 illustrators and 43 translators were chosen from 52 countries, in 39 different languages. The Honour List catalogues can be seen online at www.ibby.org.

IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award

The IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award was established in 1986 and is sponsored by the Asahi Shimbun newspaper company of Japan. The Award is given biennially to two groups or institutions whose outstanding activities are judged to be making a lasting contribution to reading promotion programmes for children and young people. The nominations are submitted by the NS and may include projects from any part of the world. All the nominations are submitted to a jury comprising members of the IBBY Executive Committee. The prize of US\$ 10,000 and a diploma are presented to each of the winners at the biennial IBBY World Congress.

16 projects were submitted for the 2012 awards. The project **Abuelas Cuentacuentos** in Argentina, nominated by IBBY Argentina and **SIPAR**, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia nominated by IBBY France and supported by IBBY Switzerland were the winners. 14 projects were submitted for the 2014 awards. In 2014 **The Children's Book Bank** in Toronto, Canada nominated by IBBY Canada and **PRAESA** in Cape Town, South Africa nominated by IBBY Sweden were the winners. Detailed information about the Awards can be found on www.ibby.org.

Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities

IBBY established the Documentation Centre of Books for Disabled Young People in Oslo in 1985. In 2013 the complete IBBY collection of books and documentation moved to the Children's Department of the North York Central Library at the Toronto Public Library. The renamed Collection of Books for Young People with Disabilities was inaugurated in February 2014. The Collection includes books and materials specifically created for readers with special needs and is open to the public as well as scholars and researchers.

The National Sections make recommendations for books to be included in the biennial selection of Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities. The 2013 catalogue comprised 60 titles, selected by the Director of the Documentation Centre of Books for Disabled Young People in Oslo, Norway, Heidi Cortner Boiesen. The annotated catalogue can be seen at www.ibby.org. The selection also tours as an exhibition that is hosted by the sections.

Silent Books

In 2012, in response to the waves of refugees arriving on the island of Lampedusa, IBBY Italy requested contributions of wordless picture books, *Silent Books*, to establish a collection for a library to be created on the island. Over one hundred books from over twenty NS were contributed. One set of these books was deposited at the documentation and research archive in Rome, a further set travelled throughout Italy and will travel to other countries in the future.

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National Sections *Report submitted	Hans Christian Andersen Award (Winners in bold, finalist §) A—Author nominee I—Illustrator nominee			onour List aber of inees)	IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award (Winners in bold)	Books for Young People with Disabilities Selection, 2015
Afghanistan	2012	2014	2012	2014	2012 and 2014	_
Argentina*	María Teresa Andruetto (A) Pablo Bernasconi (I)	María Cristina Ramos (A) Isol (I)	0	3	Abuelas Cuentacuentos (2012)	
Armenia*	-	-	-	-	International Book Art Festival: Back to Book, Yerevan (2014)	-
Australia*	Christobel Mattingley (A) Bob Graham (I)	Nadia Wheatley (A) Ron Brooks (I)	2	2	-	Yes
Austria*	Monika Pelz (A) Renate Habinger (I)	Renate Welsh (A) § Linda Wolsgruber (I)	3	3	-	-
Azerbaijan	-	Sevinj Nurugizi (A)	-	1	-	-
Belgium*	Bart Moeyaert (A) § Louis Joos (I)	Frank Andriat (A) Carli Cneut (I)	4	3	-	Yes
Bolivia*	-	-	-	1	-	-

Brazil*	Bartolomeu Campos de	Joel Rufino dos Santos	3	3	-	-
	Queiros (A)	(A)				
	Roger Mello (I) §	Roger Mello (I)				
Cambodia*	-	-	2	3	-	-
Canada*	Tim Wynne-Jones (A)	Kenneth Oppel (A)	6	5	The Children's Book Bank,	Yes
	Stéphane Jorisch (I)	Philippe Béha (I)			Toronto (2014)	
Chile*	-	-	3	3	-	-
China*	-	Hongying Yang (A)	1	3	New Education Kid's Reading	-
		Liang Xiong (I)			Promotion Plan (2012)	
Colombia*	-	-	3	-	-	-
Costa Rica*	-		-	-	-	-
Croatia*	-	Svjetlan Junaković (I)	3	3	-	-
Cuba*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	Elli Peonidou (A)		2	2	-	-
Czech Republic*	Peter Sís (I)		3	3	-	Yes
Denmark*	Lene Kaaberbøl (A)	Lene Kaaberbøl (A)	3	3	-	Yes
	Charlotte Pardi (I)	Charlotte Pardi (I)				
Ecuador*	-	-	2	2	-	-

Egypt	-	-	3	-	-	-
Estonia*	-	Aino Pervik (A)	3	3	-	-
Finland*	Sinikka Nopola / Tiina Nopola (A) Virpi Talvitie (I)	Kirsi Kunnas (A) Pekka Vuori (I)	5	4	-	Yes
France*	Jean-Claude Mourlevat (A) § Henri Galeron (I)	Jean-Claude Mourlevat (A) François Place (I) §	3	3	SIPAR, Cambodia (2012) ATD Quart Monde: Street Libraries (2014)	Yes
Germany*	Paul Maar (A) Rotraut Susanne Berner (I)	Mirjam Pressler (A) § Rotraut Susanne Berner (I) §	3	3	Room to Read (2012) Room to Read (2014)	Yes
Ghana*	-	-	2	2	-	-
Greece	Christos Boulotis (A) Effie Lada (I)	Sophia Madouvalou (A) Daniela Stamatiadi (I)	3	3	The Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation and Library, Piraeus (2012) The Travelling Library: Knowledge Beyond, Piraeus (2014)	-
Guatemala / - 2012	-	-	-	-	-	-

Haiti*	-	-	3	-	-	-
Iceland*	-	-	3	3	-	-
India	-	-	3	-	PaanPoee Vachanalay, Pune (2012)	Yes
Indonesia*	-	-	3	2	-	-
Iran*	Mohammad Ali Baniasadi (I) §	Houshang Moradi Kermani (A) §	3	3	Kanun Tose fahangi Kudaka: Give us Books, Give us Wings, CCDG (2012)	Yes
Ireland	Eoin Colfer (A)	Eoin Colfer (A) PJ Lynch (I)	3	-	-	-
Israel	-	-	3	3	-	-
Italy*	Bianca Pitzorno (A) § Francesco Tullio-Altan (I)	Bianca Pitzorno (A) Fabian Negrin (I)	3	3	Nati per Leggere / Born to Read (2012) Le Biblioteche di Antonio, Rome (2014)	Yes
Japan*	Masamoto Nasu (A) Satoshi Kako (I)	Nahoko Uehashi (A) Ken Katayama (I)	2	3	-	Yes
Korea*	Hwang Sun-mi (A) Hong Seong-Chan (I)	Jin-Kyung Kim (A) Byoung-Ho Han (I)	3	-	-	Yes

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Kuwait	-	-	-	-	-	-
Latvia*	Anita Paegle (I)	Reinis Pētersons (I)	3	3	-	-
Lebanon*	-	-	-	3	-	Yes
Lithuania	-	-	3	3	-	-
Malaysia*	-	-	-	2	-	-
Mexico*	-	-	2	3	Palabra en la Montaña, Tepoztlán, Morelos (2014)	-
Moldova*	-	-	3	3	-	-
Mongolia*	-	-	3	2	Sod Nomun (Nomadic library) (2012)	-
Nepal / -2013	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands*	Tonke Dragt (A) Annemarie van Haeringen (I)	Ted van Lieshout (A) § Marit Törnqvist (I)	4	4	Society for the Advancement of Children's Literature, Indonesia (2012)	Yes
New Zealand*	-	-	3	3	-	Yes
Norway*	Bjørn Sortland (A) Øyvind Torseter (I)	Bjørn Sortland (A) Øyvind Torseter (I) §	3	-	-	Yes
Pakistan*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palestine*	-	-	3	3	-	Yes

Peru*	-	-	1	-	Institución Educativa Parroquial Cristina Beatriz: More Books Close to You, Lima (2012) Voice Keeper Children of the Forest, Lamas (2014)	-
Poland*	-	-	1	1	The All-Poland Tactile Book Library, Lublin (2014)	Yes
Portugal	-	António Torrado (A) Teresa Lima (I)	2	-	-	-
Romania / - 2013	Silvia Kerim (A) Valeria Moldovan (I)	-	-	-	-	-
Russia*	Gennadij Spirin (I)	Vladislav Krapivin (A) Igor Oleinikov (I)	3	3	-	Yes
Rwanda*	-	-	2	-	-	-
Serbia	Ljubivoje Ršumović (A) Dobrosav Živković (I)	-	-	-	-	-
Slovakia*	-	Daniel Hevier (A) Peter Uchnár (I)	3	3	-	Yes

Slovenia*	Tone Pavček (A) Alenka Sottler (I)	Polonca Kovač (A) Alenka Sottler (I)	3	3	Slovene: Reading Badge Crossing Boundaries to All Kinds of Minorities (2012) Slovene Reading Badge: Crossing Boundaries to All Kinds of Minorities (2014)	Yes
South Africa*	-	-	4	3	-	-
Spain*	Agustín Fernández Paz (A) Javier Zabala (I) §	Javier Zabala (I)	9	9	Llibre Obert: The Great Beak of the Hunter Bird, Barcelona (2012)	Yes
Sweden*	Lennart Hellsing (A) Anna Clara Tidholm (I)	Eva Lindström (I) §	3	3	White Elephant / Domrei Sor, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (2012) PRAESA, Cape Town, South Africa (2014)	Yes
Switzerland	Franz Hohler (A) Kathrin Schärer (I)	Albertine	4	3	SIPAR, Cambodia (2012)	-
Thailand*	-	-	-	2	-	-
Tunisia*	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Turkey*	Sevim Ak (A) Feridun Oral (I)	Serpil Ural (A) Saadet Ceylan (I)	2	-	-	-

Uganda	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ukraine	-	-	1	1	-	-
United Arab Emirates*	-	-	3	3	-	-
UK*	Philip Pullman (A) John Burningham (I) §	Jacqueline Wilson (A) John Burningham (I) §	3	3	Book Aid International: Reading Corners in Kenya and Tanzania (2012)	Yes
United States*	Paul Fleischman (A) § Chris Raschka (I)	Jacqueline Woodson (A) § Bryan Collier (I)	3	3	Dagdag Dunong: READ, Manila, Philippines (2012) Lubuto Library Project, Lusaka, Zambia (2012) Literacy Project, Lake Titicaca, Peru (2014) The Sullivan Literacy Centre, Valdosta, GA (2014)	Yes
Uruguay*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venezuela*	Arnal Ballester (I)	-	3	3	BBVA Provincial Foundation Papagayo Program, Caracas (2014)	-
Zambia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zimbabwe /-2013	-	-	-	-	-	-

VI. COOPERATION WITH OTHER IBBY NATIONAL SECTIONS

IBBY national sections are able to access a strong and diverse network of IBBY members. This is an invaluable resource that enriches projects and activities and enlarges the scope and impact of the section's work. In non-Congress years, **regional meetings and conferences** are an important forum for NS to meet and work together. Several successful regional meetings and conferences have been organized during the reporting period. The regional meetings attract participants from the NS in the region as well as international guests.

The European IBBY Regional Meeting takes place during the Bologna Children's Book Fair each year. This cooperation between European Sections has produced the IBBY Europe website, showcasing quality children's books in European languages submitted by IBBY sections. NS that participate in this project are: Armenia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK, and Ukraine.

The 1st IBBY Conference for the CANA Region was held 21 and 22 April 2013 in Sharjah, UAE and included representatives from Afghanistan, Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and the UAE.

The 1st Asia and Oceania regional meeting was held 23-26 May 2013 in Bali, Indonesia with representatives from Australia, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand and Thailand.

The *III Encuentro Latino Americano IBBY* was hosted by IBBY Brazil and held 15 June 2013 with the participation of the IBBY sections from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The 2nd African IBBY Regional Conference was held 16-16 September 2013 in Pretoria, South Africa with representatives from Ghana, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The 10th IBBY Regional Conference was held 18-20 October 2013 in St. Louis MO with delegates from USA and Canada.

IBBY Cuba organized the *Congreso Internacional de Lectura 2013: Para leer el siglo XXI* in Havana from 22-26 October 2013, welcoming delegates from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Regional newsletters are a very important channel for communication and cooperation between sections. The *IBBY European Newsletter* is published twice a year. The number of contributions from sections in the region has increased and in the April 2014 issue it included items submitted by the sections of Cyprus, Estonia, France, Germany, Russia, Slovenia, Ukraine and UK.

The *IBBY Asia and Oceania Newsletter*, also published twice a year, has become very popular. Sections that collaborated for the February 2014 issue included: Afghanistan, Australia, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Pakistan, Palestine and UAE.

Sections also cooperate with each other in more direct ways: as a "twin" or partner with another NS. Although there can be some financial benefit for the NS, the most important benefit of partnering has been the interaction between sections and the valuable networks formed.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONAL SECTIONS

Some examples of joint ventures and cooperation between IBBY national sections are listed below.

Belgium

The Flemish and French branches of IBBY Belgium cooperate together as well as with the Dutch IBBY section. Participated in the European Regional Meetings, collaborated with the IBBY Europe website and participated in the Silent Books project with IBBY Italy. IBBY sections from around the world collaborated with the project *O Mundo* initiated by IBBY Belgium. The section also contributed to the Children in Crisis Fund.

Brazil

Participates and promotes the *Congreso Internacional Lectura* in Cuba. Collaborated with IBBY Mexico in the promotion of the 2014 IBBY International Congress during the *Salão do Livro* where Mexico was the guest of honour. Invited IBBY Argentina to the *Salão FNLIJ do Livro* when Argentina was guest of honour.

Cambodia

Partnership with IBBY Sweden: included IBBY Cambodia's activities in its meeting agenda, posted articles related to IBBY Cambodia's activities on its website and paid half of IBBY Cambodia's membership fees in 2013 and 2014.

China

Receives help from the IBBY National Sections network to contact publishers for buying copyrights for publishing HCAA winners' and nominees' books in China.

Cuba

Exchanges information, consultations and coordination of activities as contribution to the organization and participation in Regional Meetings.

Finland

Organized ICBD seminars, in cooperation with IBBY Estonia and IBBY Russia.

France

IBBY France is consulted by other IBBY NS for contact details of books professionals in France or for selections of books in French.

Germany

Exchanges information with other IBBY NS.

Iceland

The Nordic NS co-publish the magazine Nordisk Blad.

Italy

Collaborated with IBBY Belgium in the project O Mundo.

Latvia

Cooperates with other Sections organizing conferences and awarding international prizes.

Mexico

Cooperated with other Sections of the region in the production of a catalogue of the best books in Latin America and a catalogue of outstanding reading promotion activities. Cooperated in the draft of a document on children's rights to be presented to UNICEF.

Moldova

Cooperates with the IBBY Sections of Romania and Lithuania in participation at book fairs and conferences.

Netherlands

The Dutch IBBY Section supported the Latvian Section by helping to set up the Children's Literature Centre in the National Library in Riga. The Section has a close bond of friendship and cooperation with the Sections in Indonesia and Uruguay and has raised money for several projects in Indonesia.

New Zealand

Is in close communication with IBBY Australia.

Palestine

Representatives of PBBY visited the Iranian section of IBBY in Tehran and exchanged ideas and information. PBBY twins with USBBY and exchanges information. USBBY has supported PBBY membership expenses each year. The NS collaborates with the IBBY Asian Newsletter.

Peru

Exchanges information with the NS of Mexico, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile and Brazil. Participated in the *III Encuentro Latino Americano IBBY* in Brazil, works in cooperation with the Sections in the Region on implementing the resulting agreements and actions.

Russia

Russia (St. Petersburg Branch) cooperates with IBBY Estonia in art exhibitions.

Sweden

The Section has regular meetings with other Nordic sections. Supports IBBY Cambodia financially and exchanges information with them.

UK

Cooperated with IBBY China during the London Book Fair 2012, assisting and hosting an exhibition of Chinese illustrators of Children's Books and organizing a seminar with Chinese and British illustrators during the Fair. Cooperated with IBBY Turkey during the London Book Fair 2013 organizing a joint session for a British and Turkish author with a London school.

United States

During the reporting period USBBY had twinning partnerships with Haiti, Lebanon, Palestine, South Africa and Zambia that included support for the annual IBBY membership dues, exchange of information, newsletters, and support of projects. USBBY also contributes to the Solidarity Fund to support underfunded NS.

Uruguay

Participated in the making of four book catalogues organized by the Latin American NS to be presented at the IBBY Congress 2012. Participated in the *III Encuentro Latino Americano IBBY* in Brazil, works in cooperation with the sections in the region on implementing the resulting agreements and actions.

APPENDIX 1

INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR THE NATIONAL SECTIONS BIENNIAL REPORTS REPORTING PERIOD: 2012-2014

Every two years IBBY National Sections are requested to complete a survey outlining their organization and structure, their sources of finance, their activities and their interaction with other NS. For the first time the Sections were asked to fill out an electronic survey: the link to the survey and guidelines were sent to the National Sections on May 2014 and the survey was closed at the end of October 2014. 59 National Sections submitted their completed surveys to the Secretariat. Listed below are the questions included in the electronic survey that the IBBY National Sections were requested to complete for the period 2012-2014.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. Name of person submitting this survey.
- 2. Contact information
- 3. Names of Representatives of your National Section
- 4. Is your National Section affiliated to, or a branch of another organization or institution?
- 5 Name the organization or institution your National Section is affiliated to.
- 6. Does your National Section have an office?
- 7. Does your National Section have paid staff?
- 8. How many volunteers are active in your National Section?
- 9. How difficult is it to find volunteers compared to previous years?
- 10. About how long do volunteers typically work for your National Section?
- 11. How efficiently are your team meetings conducted?
- 12. How often do you have business meetings?
- 13. Describe your National Sections governance structure
- 14. Officers and their term of office
- 15. How are your Officers selected? (tick all those that apply)

II. MEMBERSHIP

- 16 What categories of membership does your National Section have? (tick all those that apply)
- 17. Do members pay a membership fee?
- 18. If you have organizations as members, who are they?
- 19. If you have individual members, how many?
- 20. What contributions do individual members make to your National Section?
- 21. Who are your members?
- 22. How inclusive is your National Section of all sectors connected to the children's book world in your country?
- 23. If your National Section is not inclusive of all sectors of the children's book world in your country, describe your plans to make it more inclusive.
- 24. Do you make any specific effort to attract young people?
- 25. How do you keep in touch with your members?
- 26. How often do you keep in touch with your members?

III. FUNDING

- 27. What is your National Section's average annual budget in USD?
- 28. Is it increasing or decreasing?
- 29. If there is a membership fee, what percentage of your budget does this account for?
- 30. If you receive financial support from individual sponsors and/or donors, what percentage of your budget does this account for?
- 31. Do you receive grants from national institutions or other organizations, what percentage of your budget does this account for?
- 33. What percentage of your budget is generated through projects and services?
- 34. What percentage of your budget comes from fundraising?
- 35. Does your National Section use social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to raise money?
- 36. Did your National Section raise enough money to reach its fundraising goals in this period?
- 37. List what your National Section does to raise money.

- 38. Have other National Sections contributed financial support?
- 39. Has your National Section contributed to the IBBY Solidarity Fund during the reporting period?
- 41. Do you receive support specifically for your IBBY dues?

IV. THE NATIONAL SECTIONS' ACTIVITIES

- 42. Has your National Section organized national, regional, or international meetings/conferences?
- 43. Name and year of any national, regional or international meetings/conferences organized by your National Section during the reporting period.
- 44. Does your National Section organize courses or seminars at a local level?
- 45. Name and year of any courses or seminars organized at a local level?
- 45. Name and year of any courses or seminars organized at a local level by your National Section and for whom?
- 46. Does your National Section organize or host exhibitions and/or fairs?
- 47. Which exhibition and/or fairs were organized by your National Section during the reporting period?
- 48. Does your National Section award prizes or organize contests?
- 49. Which prizes or contests were organized by your National Section during the reporting period?
- 50. Which other successful activities has your National Section organized during the reporting period?
- 51. Does your National Section run a library or bookstore?
- 53. Is your National Section consulted about children's books in your country?
- 54. List your regular publications: names (original and translation into English) and a description of their content and purpose.
- 55. Do you cooperate bilaterally with other National Sections outside your region?
- 56. Does your National Section participate in IBBY regional conferences? If yes, which ones? If no, why not?

- 57. Which NGOs or institutions in your country does your National Section cooperate with?
- 58. If your National Section has a website, Facebook page or blog please submit the address.
- 59. Does your National Section publish a regular newsletter? (tick all those that apply)
- 60. Does your National Section work with national media to promote your own activities and/or the work of IBBY?
- 61. Do you exchange newsletters or information with other National Sections?
- 62. If yes, how often?
- 63. What in your opinion are the major obstacles to closer cooperation between National Sections?

V. COOPERATION WITH IBBY

- 64. Did members of your National Section participate in the last two IBBY Congresses?
- 65. Did members of your National Section participate in the last two General Assemblies?
- 66. Does your National Section participate in IBBY regional conferences?
- 67. Did your national Section organize special activities to celebrate ICBD?
- 68. How did your National Section celebrate ICBD during the reporting period?
- 69. Did you use the message and poster of the sponsoring National Section?
- 73. How do you disseminate information about ICBD? (tick all those that apply)
- 74. Did your National Section make any nominations for the Hans Christian Andersen Awards?
- 75. Select one or more reasons why your National Section did not make any nominations for the Hans Christian Andersen Awards.
- 76. Did your National Section present any nominations for the IBBY Honour List? (tick the number of nominations)

- 77. Select one or more reasons why your National Section did not present any nominations for the IBBY Honour List.
- 78. Did your National Section nominate a project for the IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award?
- 89. In your opinion, what would encourage your National Section to participate in the IBBY award programme? (Hans Christian Andersen Awards, IBBY Honour List and IBBY-Asahi Award).
- 80. Did your National Section submit an application for funds from the IBBY –Yamada programme?
- 81. List year, name and category of your National Section's applications, if any, to the IBBY Yamada programme in the reporting period.
- 82. Was your application accepted?
- 83. Did your National Section submit any titles for the Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities selection in the reporting period?
- 84. Did you donate or recommend any books for the IBBY Documentation Centre of Books for Disabled Young People in the reporting period?
- 85. Did your National Section host any IBBY travelling exhibitions in the reporting period?

VI. BOOKBIRD

- 86. Is a subscription to Bookbird included in your membership fee?
- 87. Does your National Section have a Bookbird correspondent?
- 88. Has the Bookbird correspondent of your National Section contributed any articles or cooperated with Bookbird?
- 89. Is your National Section regularly receiving Bookbird issues?

VII. FINALLY

90. Additional comments