



Krakow elected new ICORN Board member

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On 4 June, at the General Assembly of the International Cities of Refuge Network - ICORN, which brings together representatives of over 70 cities around the world, a representative of Krakow was elected to the ICORN Board of representatives. Our city will be represented by Robert Piaskowski, the Mayor of Krakow's plenipotentiary for culture. This election is a great distinction and at the same time a confirmation of international recognition of Krakow's actions for writers and artists at risk.

The International Cities of Refuge Network ICORN is an organization of cities and regions offering shelter to writers at risk. The aim of the organisation is to provide safe living and working conditions for the writers and artists who are vulnerable because of what they do. ICORN creates a dynamic network of nearly 70 cities and is one of the strongest voices in the world for the right to freedom of opinion and expression and international solidarity.

The group of cities involved include Amsterdam (Netherlands), Barcelona (Spain), Bergen (Norway), Brussels (Belgium), Copenhagen (Denmark), Frankfurt (Germany), Lucerne (Switzerland), Malmö (Sweden), Mexico (Mexico), Molde (Norway), Norrköping (Sweden), Nörrköping (Sweden), Norwich (UK), Oaxaca (Mexico), Oslo (Norway), Paris (France), Pittsburgh (USA) or Reykjavik (Iceland).

Krakow is a member of ICORN by virtue of the Resolution of the Krakow City Council of 25 May 2011. Krakow joined the Network during the Czesław Miłosz Year celebrated in Poland. It is worth noting that Krakow received an invitation to ICORN as the first city in Central and Eastern Europe!

ICORN is headed by a Board elected by the General Assembly. It directs ICORN between assemblies. The ICORN Board is elected by the member cities and consists of representatives of 6 member cities from different nations throughout the network, representing and supporting the views of ICORN.