



## THE BUCHAREST 2008 PLR RESOLUTION

### 5<sup>TH</sup> European Public Lending Right Conference Bucharest 19-21 September 2008

This Conference brought together representatives of authors' organisations and other agencies from over 20 European Union member and candidate states. The meeting was organised under the aegis of the European Writers Council (EWC-FAEE AISBL). The Conference reviewed the progress of Member States in implementing the PLR provisions of Directive 92/100/EEC on Rental, Lending Rights and Piracy (codified in **Directive 2006/115/EC** of the European Parliament and the Council, of 12 December 2006 [OJ L 376, 27.12.2006, P. 28] during the year since the Conference's last meeting in Budapest in April 2007.

The Conference deplores the continuing failure or delay of several Member States, in particular Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Romania, to fully and effectively implement the PLR provisions of the 1992 Directive so that authors may receive their legal and material remuneration. We also call on non-EU countries like Switzerland and EU candidate countries such as Croatia to implement PLR schemes for their authors.

The failure of these countries to meet their legal obligations and introduce PLR systems is in marked contrast to the situation in other Member States where PLR is now a great success story and where PLR remuneration provides vital support for authors' creativity and for their livelihoods. These include the longer-established PLR systems in the Scandinavian countries, Germany and the UK, but also the newer PLR systems in countries like France, Slovenia and Estonia where PLR is now making a real difference to authors' lives.

We are therefore disturbed that the report of the European Commission<sup>1</sup> suggests that no further action is needed on PLR, in spite of the fact that not all countries have satisfactory operational schemes. We call upon the Commission to undertake in 2009 a review of the Directive's implementation, and to renew its efforts to ensure that the Directive is fully complied with in every member state.

#### **Organisations Represented at the Conference**

European Writers' Congress – "EWC-FAEE A.I.S.B.L."  
NFF - The Norwegian Non-Fiction Writers' and Translators' Association  
AELC - Associació d'Escriptors en Llengua Catalana  
ALCS - The Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society  
CEDRO - Centro Español de Derechos Reprográficos

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Czech Association of Professional Artists' Organisations  
Czech Translators' Guild  
Czech PEN  
DILIA - Authors' Licensing and Collecting Society  
European Council of Artists  
The Irish Writers' Union  
LATGA-A, Agency of Lithuanian Copyright Protection Association  
AKKA/LAA - Latvian authors' society  
HLACS - Hungarian Literary Authors' Collecting Society  
Norwegian Authors' Union  
Slovene Writers' Association  
Swedish Writers' Union  
Writers' Union of Romania  
Authors' Remuneration Fund of Estonia  
SNS - Sindacato Nazionale Scrittori  
SPA - Sociedade Portuguesa de Autores



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