



## ***Books make a difference! Children's right to read in challenging times***

IBBY European Regional Conference

Thursday, 3 April 2025    Sala Concerto, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Wing D, Centro Servizi, Bologna Children's Book Fair

### **Programme**

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- 9.00    **Registration**
- 9.15    **Introduction – Laia López Arboleda – Marta Roig, IBBY Spain**  
**Welcome – Basarat Kazim, IBBY President**  
**Elena Pasoli, Bologna Children's Book Fair Director**
- 9.35    **The right to read: understanding its full scope for reading promotion**  
**Eva Berghmans, human rights expert, Belgium**
- 10.15    **Panel 1 – Freedom of Culture – Challenges in Destabilized Political Times**  
Panel moderated by **Doris Breitmoser, IBBY Germany**  
**Marie Aubinais, ATD Quart monde – Street libraries, France**  
**Ken Wilson-Max, author, illustrator and children's books publisher, Zimbabwe/UK**  
**Valentina Stoeva, Children's Books Foundation, Bulgaria**  
**Mateusz Świetlicki, University of Wrocław, Poland**
- 11.35    **Break**
- 12.00    **Panel 2 – Young People's Voices and Freedom of Expression**  
Introduction – **Pam Dix, IBBY UK**  
**Gvantsa Jobava, International Publishers Association President, Intelekti Publishing, Georgia**  
**Nicky Parker (Seen and Heard), children's literature and human rights specialist, UK**  
**Farriba Schulz (Seen and Heard), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Universität Potsdam, Germany**  
**Chris Riddell (Seen and Heard), illustrator, UK (online)**
- 13.00    **Conclusion, summary and perspectives – Charalambos Demetriou, IBBY Cyprus, liaison for IBBY Europe**
- 13.15    **Closing and Lunch**

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