

RESOLUTION ON THE WITHDRAWALS OF GRANT APPLICATIONS CORRESPONDING TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE AWARDING OF GRANTS BY THE INSTITUT RAMON LLULL, ON THE BASIS OF COMPETITIVE TENDERING AND AN OPEN APPLICATION PROCESS, FOR ACTIVITIES INVOLVING THE OVERSEAS PROMOTION AND DISSEMINATION OF CATALAN LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY AND LITERATURE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN 2016.

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# **Factual Background**

- 1. By virtue of the resolution issued by the Director of the Institut Ramon Llull on 16 March 2016 (Official Gazette of the Government of Catalonia (DOGC) no. 7082 of 18 March 2016), the application process was opened for the awarding of grants by the Institut Ramon Llull, on the basis of competitive tendering and an open application process, for activities involving the promotion and dissemination abroad of Catalan literature and philosophy and literature for children and young people in 2016.
- 2. The assessment committee met on 12 May 2016 to study and nominate the submitted applications.
- 3. On 30 May 2016, the examining body formulated a motion for a provisional resolution on the awarding of the grants, in accordance with the assessment committee's proposal.
- 4. On 6 June 2016 the motion for a provisional resolution on the awarding of the grants was published on the Institut Ramon Llull's electronic noticeboard and the noticeboard at its Barcelona offices.

# **Legal Grounds**

- 1. The General Grants Act (Law 38/2003 of 17 November) and Royal Decree 887/2006 of 21 July approving the Regulations for said Act.
- 2. Legislative Decree 3/2002 of 24 December approving the revised text of the Public Finance Act of Catalonia.
- 3. Government Agreement 110/2014 of 22 July approving the model of regulatory rules for procedures regarding grants awarded on the basis of competitive tendering, as processed by the administration of the Government of Catalonia and the corresponding public sector bodies. (DOGC no. 6671 of 24 July 2014).
- 4. Article 71 of the Legal Framework for Public Administrations and Common Administrative Procedure Act (Law 30/92 of 26 November).
- 5. Notwithstanding the withdrawal procedures provided for in Rule 11.4, Rule 12.4 of the rules governing the application process stipulates that any applicant may withdraw its grant application in writing prior to the awarding of same, and that said withdrawal must be accepted by the examining body.

In accordance with the assessment committee's report and Rule 12.3 of the rules governing the application process, which stipulates that it falls upon the examining body to reach a decision regarding the withdrawal of the submitted applications,



### Resolution

Accordingly, I resolve

To accept the withdrawal of the grant applications listed in the Annex and declare the corresponding application procedures closed.

# **Admissible Appeals**

This resolution does not exhaust the administrative channels for appeal and in accordance with Articles 114 and 115 of the Legal Framework for Public Administrations and Common Administrative Procedure Act (Law 30/1992 of 26 November) and Article 18.1 of the Statutes of the Institut Ramon Llull, an appeal for the matter to be passed to a higher authority may be lodged with the Director of the Institut Ramon Llull within a period of one month following publication of this resolution.

Barcelona, 22 June 2016

The Examining Officer

Josep Marcé i Calderer

Manager of the Institut Ramon Llull



#### ANNEX

### L0124 U10 N-PRO 29/16-1

Applicant: HISPABOOKS PUBLISHING S.L.

Dates: 18 September 2016

Activity: the promotion at the Brooklyn Book Festival in New York of the translation into English of the work

La decisió de Brandes by Eduard Márquez.

The committee made a positive appraisal of the grant application submitted by HISPABOOKS PUBLISHING S.L. for the promotion at the Brooklyn Book Festival in New York of the translation into English of the work *La decisió de Brandes* by Eduard Márquez. The committee appreciated the experience of the applicant, which specialises in publishing English translations in e-book format of works by Hispanic writers. The committee also welcomed the cultural value of the activities, given that they will take place at a local festival in New York that enjoys a significant degree of public attendance. Moreover, it appreciated the level of co-financing on the part of the publisher, which has allocated a very a tight budget. The committee also valued the international scope of the activity, given its impact on the New York-based audience for independent fiction. Finally, the committee valued the event's promotional outreach and impact on the internationalisation of Catalan literature, given that this will be the first time a Catalan author will feature in this festival in Brooklyn.

The committee proposed that the grant be used to cover the costs arising from the travel and accommodation arrangements and fees for the participating author.

On 17 June 2016, HISPABOOKS PUBLISHING S.L. notified the Institut Ramon Llull of the withdrawal of its application. The examining body accepted the withdrawal and declared the corresponding application procedure to be terminated.

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Applicant: Words Without Borders. Dates: 1 April to 1 May 2016

Activity: the reading of poems by Melcion Mateu in "(In)verse: Poets Translate Each Other", to be held at

Poets House in New York, and the publication the writer's poems in WWB magazine.

The committee made a positive appraisal of the grant application submitted by Words Without Borders for the reading of poems by Melcion Mateu in "(In)verse: Poets Translate Each Other", to be held at Poets House in New York, and the publication of the writer's poems in *WWB* magazine. The committee appreciated the experience of the applicant, which is a leading promoter of foreign literature in the United States. It took a positive view of the cultural value of the activities, as demonstrated by the magazine's continued focus on Catalan literature. The degree of co-financing was also highly appreciated. Moreover, the committee welcomed the international outreach of the activity, in light of the applicant's impact in the United States, and the widespread publicity given to the poetry reading held at Poets House. The committee also valued the event's promotional outreach and impact on the internationalisation of Catalan literature, in light of previous events such as the 2008 publication of an anthology of Catalan poetry and the hosting of a poetry reading at Poets House in New York that was attended by the directors of Poets House and WWB.

The committee proposed that the grant be used to cover part of the costs arising from the travel and accommodation arrangements and fees for the author, Melcion Mateu, and to cover the costs arising from communication, marketing and production of graphic material.



In accordance with Rule 11.3 of the rules governing this application process, the applicant shall have 10 working days (starting the day following publication of this proposed provisional resolution on the awarding of grants) in which to submit the documentation specified in Rule 11.5, as follows:

 Photocopy of the documentation accrediting the applicant's legal personality. For legal personalities, the documents accrediting the powers of representation held by the natural person submitting the application, and a photocopy of his or her passport, must also be attached.

As of 17 June 2016, following the termination of the period for submission of the necessary documentation (said period having been granted by means of the resolution issued by the examining body of the Institut Ramon Llull on 30 May 2016), the applicant had not submitted said documentation. For this reason, the examining body declares the application as having been withdrawn.