

PRESS RELEASE

LBF INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2015: WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Belgian publishers crowned twice and Croatia takes home Adult Trade Publisher Award

LONDON, 15 APRIL 2015, 10:00: The winners of The London Book Fair International Excellence Awards, in association with The Publishers Association, were announced at a prestigious awards ceremony last night, held on the first day of The London Book Fair.

This year saw winners from every corner of the globe: from Belgium to Bangladesh; from the US to the UAE.

The Belgian publishing industry was in joint first spot at this year's awards. Judges identified Belgian publishers as some of the world's most innovative in children's and educational publishing. Clavis Publishing triumphed in The International Trade Children's and Young Adult Publisher category and were commended for their "innovation" and "brilliant international sales and marketing". And Uigeverij Van In won The International Educational Learning Resources Award for their digital learning platform Bingel which takes children on an educational tour of fantasy islands.

The US continued their excellent record this year with two wins overall. In The International Academic and Professional Publisher category, independent publisher Sage Publications took the prize from last year's winner the University of Chicago Press. New York-based non-profit Library for All picked up The International Education Initiatives Award for their work helping people in developing countries "lift themselves out of poverty through education".

In The Bookseller International Adult Trade Publisher Award, Croatian publisher Fraktura took the crown. Judges declared Fraktura winners for "their unique combination of quality publishing, innovation and digital marketing". The award caps off a year of global success in which the leading literary publisher has brought writers from more than 40 countries to Croatian readers.

Jacks Thomas, Director, The London Book Fair, said:

"In the last few years, we have seen the rise and rise of international publishing and it is brilliant to see this celebrated at The London Book Fair International Excellence Awards. Each one of our winners brings something special to the industry. We are proud to give them the recognition they deserve as they are the people and organisations who make publishing the significant, powerful global industry it is today."

Richard Mollet, Chief Executive, The Publishers Association (UK), said:

"It is great to see publishing innovation and excellence receive such international recognition. The sheer spread of countries whose publishing industries are recognised tonight demonstrates the continuing global relevance of our industry in the digital age. Many congratulations to all the winners this evening."

The full list of this year's International Excellence Awards winners is below:

The International Literary Agent Award
Nicole Witt, Literarische Agentur Mertin Inh. (Germany)

The Award for Best Use of IP across Multiple Media Platforms
Mojang (Sweden)

The International Literary Translation Initiative Award
Asymptote Journal (Singapore)

The International Academic and Professional Publisher Award
Sage Publications (US)

The International Education Initiatives Award
Library for All (US)

The International Educational Learning Resources Award
Uigeverij Van In (Belgium)

The Bookseller International Adult Trade Publisher Award
Fraktura (Croatia)

The International Trade Children's and Young Adult Publisher Award
Clavis Publishing (Belgium)

The Publishers Association Copyright Protection Award
Nigerian Publishers Association (Nigeria)

The Mexico Market Focus Outstanding Contribution Award
Daniel Hahn, British Centre for Literary Translation (UK)

The Market Focus Achievement Award
Sharjah International Book Fair (UAE)

The Publishers Weekly International Book Industry Technology Supplier Award
BooXtream (Netherlands)

Also hosted on the night was a selection of awards held in association with The London Book Fair:

The London Book Fair Chairman's Award

The Publishing for Digital Minds Innovation Award

The Association for Publishing Education Dissertation and Project Prizes
Best Dissertation for a Postgraduate: Nigel Graves (Anglia Ruskin)
Best Dissertation for an Undergraduate: Sarah Wild (Oxford Brookes)
Best Overall Project: Victoria Love (Anglia Ruskin)

Accessible Books Consortium Award for Accessible Publishing: Initiative
Young Power in Social Action, YPSA (Bangladesh)

Accessible Books Consortium Award for Accessible Publishing: Publisher
Cambridge University Press (UK)

The London Book Fair Lifetime Achievement Award
Peter Usborne, founder and Managing Director of Usborne Books (UK)

The awards which celebrate international excellence in the book industry cover all areas of international publishing including: academic and scholarly, children's publishing and digital innovation. In each award category the judging panel was made up of experts in that sector.

The awards were presented at the stunning new venue for The London Book Fair, London Olympia Conference Centre.

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THE LONDON BOOK FAIR

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