

## LIBER 2023 Information

<b>Event:</b>	LIBER   International Book Fair
<b>Location:</b>	Pavilion 14.0   IFEMA MADRID
<b>Dates:</b>	4 - 6 October 2023
<b>Edition:</b>	41st
<b>When:</b>	Annually. Alternating with Barcelona
<b>Audience:</b>	Professional
<b>Time:</b>	Opening: 3 October 7:00 PM 4 - 5 October: from 10:00 to 19:00 6 October: from 10:00 to 17:00
<b>Total Area of Exhibition Space:</b>	4,229 m2
<b>Number of Participating Companies:</b>	373 (210 companies taking part directly)
<b>Participating countries:</b>	Belgium, China, Colombia, USA, Greece, India, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Panama, Poland, Türkiye, USA, Venezuela
<b>Invited Country of Honour:</b>	Poland
<b>Other Activities:</b>	Day Events LIBER 2023 Awards
<b>Sectors:</b>	Publishing houses and editorials; Literary agents; Distributors; Graphic designers; Multimedia; Professional associations and guilds; Representatives from the service industry; Suppliers; Press
<b>Organised by:</b>	IFEMA MADRID
<b>Promotion:</b>	Spanish Association of Publishers Guilds - FGEE
<b>In collaboration with</b>	Madrid Publishers' Association; AC/E Acción Cultural Española
<b>Sponsored by:</b>	Ministry of Culture and Sport, ICEX España Exportación e Inversiones, Community of Madrid, Madrid City Council, and the Centro Español de Derechos Reprográficos (CEDRO)

**Ana Uruñuela**  
LIBER Press Officer  
Tel.: +34 629644968  
anau@ifema.es

**Gerardo de Miguel**  
Spanish Association  
of Publishers Guilds  
Press Officer  
Tel.: +34 91 5765250  
prensa@fge.es

**Helena Valera**  
International Press  
Tel.: +34 629 64 42 08  
evalera@ifema.es



## Press Release

### **LIBER 2023 is set to take place in Madrid, solidifying the vibrancy of the Spanish-language publishing sector.**

The numbers reveal that the fair has grown significantly, going beyond the involvement and capacity of previous fairs before the pandemic. This is in keeping with the growing interest in Spanish literature, as evidenced by foreign sales figures.

At the 41st LIBER 2023 International Book Fair, there will be **373** participating companies from **13** countries, including **210** exhibitors, the largest number for the last six years. The event, taking place over three days, promises to provide the most comprehensive overview of present-day publishing in the Spanish language. Poland joins this prestigious event as the Guest of Honour.

Organised by IFEMA MADRID and the Spanish Association of Publishers Guilds (FGEE), the event is scheduled for **4 to 6 October 2023 (Wednesday to Friday)** at Pavilion 14.0 in the Recinto Ferial.

The Spanish Association of Publishers Guilds (FGEE) presents the LIBER Prizes to individuals and organisations involved in the literary industry.

**Madrid, 26 September 2023** - From **4 to 6 October**, **LIBER 2023**, the International Book Fair, will transform Madrid into a prominent display of the Spanish-language publishing industry. **Organised by IFEMA MADRID** and promoted by the **Spanish Association of Publishers' Guilds (FGEE)**, this year **LIBER** has experienced noteworthy growth across all aspects of the Fair, indicating the liveliness of the Spanish-language publishing industry. Last year, the literary industry's exports rebounded after pandemic-related challenges, achieving a total of **403 million euros**. Publishing sales accounted for 347 million euros of this figure. **LIBER** is prominent expo for the publishing industry, aimed at raising awareness of the Spanish market's influence abroad.

This year, LIBER is uniting **373 companies from 13 nations**, with **210 exhibiting at the fair, the largest number in the past 6 years**. Compared to the previous Madrid LIBER fair in 2021, this direct participation **showcases an increase of nearly 80%**.

The international wing of LIBER 2023 brings together companies from Belgium, China, Colombia, the USA, Greece, India, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Panama, Poland,

**Ana Uruñuela**  
LIBER Press Officer  
Tel.: +34 629644968  
anau@ifema.es

**Gerardo de Miguel**  
Spanish Association of  
Publishers Guilds Press  
Officer  
Tel.: +34 91 5765250  
prensa@fge.es

**Helena Valera**  
International Press  
Tel.: +34 629 64 42 08  
evalera@ifema.es



FEDERACIÓN DE GREMIOS  
DE EDITORES DE ESPAÑA





## Press Release

Türkiye, and Venezuela on 20 stands, almost twice as many as in 2021. **Poland**, as this year's **Guest of Honour**, will present an exceptional presence with an extensive programme of events during the three-day fair. China's participation this year is also noteworthy with the organisation of a **China-Spain Publishing Cultural Exchange Forum**. Additionally, **Greece** has arranged a conference on **Hellenic Literary Landscapes: exploring contemporary Greek literature and festivals**.

In keeping with the upward trend, these sectors have also experienced significant growth: **Microliber**, which focuses on the suggestions of 18 young publishers and start-ups (an increase of 66%), and the **Services Sector for the Book Industry**, with 21 companies offering publishing and editorial production services (including translation, proofreading, layout, and graphic design), digital production (such as e-books, audiobooks, and podcasts), printing, distribution, sales, promotional tools, and technological solutions (a growth of 80%).

It is noteworthy that virtually all the regional associations were represented in the group: Asociación Galega de Editoras (Galicia), Editores de Castilla y León (Castilla y León), Generalitat Valenciana (Valencia), Gremio de Editores de Euskadi (Basque Country), Gremi d'Editors de Catalunya (Catalonia), and Asociación de Editores de Andalucía (Andalusia). There is also a well-represented section for the Madrid Publishers' Association, featuring 52 participating publishers. The **Religious Publishing Houses** section is also notable, as there are 19 expert publishers, which is more than twice the number from the previous fair.

**LIBER 2023** is the foremost Spanish-language book fair and an epicentre for business and professional exchange in the industry, showcasing contemporary publishing works and drawing in authors, booksellers, illustrators, and other industry stakeholders. A brief overview of opportunities for increasing exports and the publishing business, encompassing various aspects and industries. Special emphasis is given to digital content, self-publishing, intellectual property, and new publishers.

In addition to the in-person event, the digital platform **LIBER LiveConnect** will be active for a year and will focus on extending the fair's reach in terms of both time and its audience. Content will be made available with complementing communication and networking opportunities beyond the event dates.

### Buyers' Programme

Participating companies at the **LIBER 2023** International Book Fair will have the chance to establish business partnerships with foreign markets to grow their reach. This is made possible through a robust **Buyers' Programme** initiated by the Spanish Association of Publishers Guilds (FGEE), supported by over 800 different member guilds

**Ana Uruñuela**  
LIBER Press Officer  
Tel.: +34 629644968  
anau@ifema.es

**Gerardo de Miguel**  
Spanish Association of  
Publishers Guilds Press  
Officer  
Tel.: +34 91 5765250  
prensa@fge.es

**Helena Valera**  
International Press  
Tel.: +34 629 64 42 08  
evalera@ifema.es



## Press Release

and associations, as well as Spanish Economic and Commercial Offices abroad. The guest profiles comprise importers, distributors, booksellers, people who want to buy copyrights, as well as officials from public bodies and libraries, literary agents, university professors, publishers, and journalists. This year, **332 experts from 53 nations are participating.**

At the same time, **LIBER** is coordinating a **Priority Interest Prescribers** programme that targets librarians, publishing agents, university professors, publishers, journalists, and public officials. This initiative will convene **28 literary specialists from 17 countries** globally in Madrid, enabling them to prescribe, decide, and/or procure Spanish books. Our collaboration with Acción Cultural Española (AC/E) has made this programme happen.

**LIBER 2023** features a Reverse Mission of Librarians from the US, organised by ICEX in partnership with the Spanish Commercial Office in Miami and the FGEE. **Over 30 people accountable for selecting or recommending books in the Spanish language for public libraries in the US have been invited.** Furthermore, the FGEE is organising a programme of **gatherings with publishers and literary agents from Germany, Denmark, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Taiwan, and Türkiye.**

### Poland, Country of Honour

The event will also strengthen the commercial and cultural connections with **Poland**, the **Guest of Honour**, who will exhibit at **LIBER** an exclusive showcase to spread and advertise Polish publishing in Spain. The momentous event will feature **20 Polish publishers** and the appearance of distinguished Polish authors and publishers.

Poland has arranged a professional programme consisting of presentations and discussions designed to exchange perspectives and experiences with experts from the Spanish and Latin American publishing industries. The topics covered include the progress of children's literature, bookstart initiatives, advancements in the local book market, as well as an overview of new Polish adult literature and Polish literature translated into Spanish. Other relevant topics will also be discussed.

### Highly professional meetings, workshops, conferences, and presentations.

Over 80 sessions will convene prominent institutional and business experts from the publishing sector as a component of the **LIBER Conference Programme** to discuss some of the sector's most pressing topics. New technologies and the emergence of artificial intelligence, environmental sustainability, book business and marketing models, international collaboration among publishers, new forms of promotion to reach readers in different international markets, and intellectual property and the promotion of reading will be among the most important topics discussed at the fair, among others.

**Ana Uruñuela**  
LIBER Press Officer  
Tel.: +34 629644968  
anau@ifema.es

**Gerardo de Miguel**  
Spanish Association of  
Publishers Guilds Press  
Officer  
Tel.: +34 91 5765250  
prensa@fge.es

**Helena Valera**  
International Press  
Tel.: +34 629 64 42 08  
evalera@ifema.es



## Press Release

### **Mikko's "The Book as a Meeting Point", LIBER's promotional image**

**LIBER'S** graphic design for this year is named "**The Book as a Meeting Point**" created by Valencian illustrator **Mikko**. True to illustrator **Mikko's** agile style, which blends the immediacy of hand drawing with the precision of digital media, **LIBER's** latest graphic design draws inspiration from the fair as a melting pot for a diverse audience of publishers, translators, agents, and suppliers. The primary objective is to foster reading as a habit. A friendly image with book as the base and two figures which speak to collaboration, decision, curiosity, professionalism, while hinting at internationality as they approach from different directions.

### **LIBER 2023 Awards**

As part of the International Book Fair, there will be the traditional **LIBER 2023 Awards** ceremony. This ceremony is given out by the Spanish Association of Publishers Guilds (FGEE) to individuals and organisations in the publishing industry. It will take place on **5 October in the afternoon at the Fundación Ortega-Marañón**.

This year, the FGEE Board of Directors has granted the **Promotion of Reading in the Media award to El Mundo's supplement *La Lectura***, and the **LIBER Prize for the finest audiovisual translation of a literary work** to the show *Los pacientes del doctor García*, adapted from Almudena Grandes's novel.

In **Promoting Reading in Libraries Open to the Public**, the prize was awarded to the **Madrid City Council Public Library Network. Gran Vía's Casa del Libro** in Madrid on its centenary won the **Boixareu Ginesta Prize for Bookseller of the Year**. The **LIBER 2023 Award to the most celebrated Spanish-speaking author**, writer and journalist, **Elvira Lindo**. Furthermore, **Joaquín Sabaté**, the founder of Ediciones Urano, will be **honoured with the LIBER 2023 Tribute** by the FGEE, in recognition of his extensive career and leadership of the publishing house.

**LIBER 2023**, which is organised by **IFEMA MADRID** and the **FGEE**, is a fair sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Sport, ICEX España Exportación e Inversiones, Community of Madrid, Madrid City Council, and the Centro Español de Derechos Reprográficos (CEDRO). It also benefits from the collaboration of Acción Cultural Española (AC/E) and the Madrid Publishers' Guild.

**Ana Uruñuela**  
LIBER Press Officer  
Tel.: +34 629644968  
anau@ifema.es

**Gerardo de Miguel**  
Spanish Association of  
Publishers Guilds Press  
Officer  
Tel.: +34 91 5765250  
prensa@fge.es

**Helena Valera**  
International Press  
Tel.: +34 629 64 42 08  
evalera@ifema.es

## **Poland to be the Guest of Honour Country at LIBER 2023**

- **The Book Institute and the Polish Institute of Culture will collaborate in a special joint initiative to disseminate and promote Polish publishing in Spain, as well as raising awareness of the country's leading authors and publishers.**
- **The Polish booth will feature the participation of 20 Polish publishers, and will offer a professional programme of presentations and debates on children's literature.**
- **It will present bookstart programmes, new phenomena on the book market, and a review of new Polish books, among other activities.**

The upcoming **LIBER** fair, the leading business platform dedicated to Spanish-language publishing in our country and one of the major benchmarks in the Spanish-language publishing field, will have the outstanding participation of Poland as the Guest of Honour Country.

Poland will be one of the leading players at LIBER 2023, the event organised by **IFEMA MADRID** and the **Federation of Publishers' Guilds of Spain (FGEE)**, which will take place from **4 to 6 October** at the Exhibition Centre. The **Book Institute**, a public institution belonging to the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of Poland, in collaboration with the **Polish Institute of Culture** based in Madrid, has organised a major presence at LIBER, with the main objective of promoting and disseminating Polish publishing in Spain, as well as raising awareness of prominent Polish authors and publishers.

This tribute to Poland is part of the joint efforts of the Fair and the Federation of Publishers' Guilds of Spain (FGEE) to promote the internationalisation of the book sector and to establish closer cultural and commercial relations with markets of great potential for our country.

Poland will have a booth with a surface area of 120 m2, which will host **20 Polish publishers**, who will show the wide range of the country's new publications. It will also be a place to contact and talk to representatives of these publishers and the Book Institute. Poland is also preparing a **full professional programme** of presentations and debates, in which it aims to share views and experiences with professionals from the Spanish and Latin American book

**Ana Uruñuela**  
Press Officer LIBER  
Tel.: +34 629644968  
anau@ifema.es

**Gerardo de Miguel**  
FGEE Press  
Tel.: +34 915765250  
prensa@fge

**Helena Valera**  
International Press  
Tel.: +34 629 64 42 08  
evalera@ifema.es



## Press Release

sector. Among other topics will be the development of **children's literature, bookstart programmes and new phenomena in the book market. There will also be a review of new Polish books.**

To round off **Poland's proposal at LIBER, the Book Institute's offer for foreign translators and publishers** will be presented, and various **cultural events** will be organised to enable the people of Madrid to get to know Polish culture better.

### About LIBER 2023

The 41st **LIBER** fair is specially designed to bring together a wide range of publishing companies and organisations, distributors, literary agents, multimedia, suppliers, professional associations, service companies, etc., making it a comprehensive showcase of current publishing production and a focus of attraction for authors, booksellers, illustrators and other players in the sector.

Organised by **IFEMA MADRID** and promoted by the **Federation of Publishers' Guilds of Spain, LIBER 2023** is sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Sport, *ICEX España Exportación e Inversiones*, the Regional Government of Madrid, Madrid City Council and the Spanish Centre for Reprographic Rights (CEDRO). It also has the support of *Acción Cultural Española (AC/E)* and the Madrid Publishers' Association.

**Ana Uruñuela**  
Press Officer LIBER  
Tel.: +34 629644968  
anau@ifema.es

**Gerardo de Miguel**  
FGEE Press  
Tel.: +34 915765250  
prensa@fge

**Helena Valera**  
International Press  
Tel.: +34 629 64 42 08  
evalera@ifema.es



FEDERACIÓN DE GREMIOS  
DE EDITORES DE ESPAÑA





## Nota de prensa

### ORGANISING COMMITTEE LIBER 2023

#### President:

Daniel Fernández  
Editorial Edhasa

#### Members:

Cristina Abelenda  
Head of the Editorial Sector of ICEX Spain Export and Investments

Henrique Alvarelllos  
Alvarelllos Editora  
President of the Galician Association of Publishers

Ana del Arco  
Comares Publishing House  
President of the Publishers Association of Andalusia

José María Arizcun  
Ediciones Miraguano  
Madrid Publishers Association

Antonio María Ávila  
Executive Director of the Federation of Publishers' Guilds of Spain

Leopoldo Blume  
Naturart, S.A.  
Publishers' Guild of Catalonia

Angel Celorrio  
Director of LIBER at Fira de Barcelona

Jorge Corrales  
General Manager of the Spanish Center for Reprographic Rights CEDRO

**Ana Uruñuela**  
jefe de Prensa LIBER  
Tel.: +34 629644968  
anau@ifema.es

**Gerardo de Miguel**  
Prensa FGEE  
Tel.: +34 915765250  
prensa@fge.es

**Helena Valera**  
Prensa Internacional  
Tel.: +34 629 64 42 08  
evalera@ifema.es



FEDERACIÓN DE GREMIOS  
DE EDITORES DE ESPAÑA







## Nota de prensa

Paulo Cosín  
Ediciones Morata  
Madrid Publishers Association

José Manuel Díaz  
Grupo Comunicación Loyola  
President of the Publishers' Guild of Euskadi

Héctor L. Escobar  
Eolas Ediciones  
President of the Castilla y León Publishers Guild

Margot Gómez-Arnau  
Head of the Cultural Industries Department of ICEX España Exportación e Inversiones (ICEX Spain Export and Investments)

Mr. Jesús González  
Deputy Director General for the Promotion of Books, Reading and Spanish Literature,  
Spanish Ministry of Culture and Sport  
Ministry of Culture and Sports

Mónica González  
Narcea, S.A. de Ediciones  
Madrid Publishers Association

Manuel González  
ANAYA GROUP  
President of the Madrid Publishers Association

Isabel Moyano  
Deputy Director General of Books of the Madrid Regional Government

José Moyano  
President of the Asociación Nacional de Editores de Libros y Material de Enseñanza (ANELE)  
(National Association of Publishers of Books and Teaching Materials)

Ilya Pérdigo  
Clandestina BCN  
President of the Associació d'Editors in Catalan Language (AELLEC)

**Ana Uruñuela**  
jefe de Prensa LIBER  
Tel.: +34 629644968  
anau@ifema.es

**Gerardo de Miguel**  
Prensa FGEE  
Tel.: +34 915765250  
prensa@fge.es

**Helena Valera**  
Prensa Internacional  
Tel.: +34 629 64 42 08  
evalera@ifema.es



FEDERACIÓN DE GREMIOS  
DE EDITORES DE ESPAÑA





## Nota de prensa

Gabriel Planella  
Director of Programming, Acción Cultural Española AC/E

Africa Ramirez  
Balandra Editorial  
President of the Associació d'Editorials del País Valencià (Association of Publishers of the Valencian Country)

Emilio del Río  
Director General of Libraries, Archives and Museums of the Department of Culture, Tourism and Sport of the Madrid City Council

Nuria de Miguel  
Director of LIBER at IFEMA MADRID

Ainhoa Sánchez  
Head of the Literature Department at Acción Cultural Española AC/E

Patrici Tixis  
Grupo Planeta  
President of the Gremi d'Editors de Catalunya (Catalan Publishers' Guild)

D. Román de Vicente  
Ediciones Urano  
Publishers' Guild of Catalonia

D. Luis Zendrera  
Editorial Juventud  
Publishers' Guild of Catalonia

**Ana Uruñuela**  
jefe de Prensa LIBER  
Tel.: +34 629644968  
anau@ifema.es

**Gerardo de Miguel**  
Prensa FGEE  
Tel.: +34 915765250  
prensa@fge.es

**Helena Valera**  
Prensa Internacional  
Tel.: +34 629 64 42 08  
evalera@ifema.es



## Nota de prensa

### LIBER 2021 staff

**Director**

Nuria de Miguel

Sales Manager

Pilar Heredero

Secretariat

Ana Agulló

### Dirección de Comunicación

Director of Communication and Marketing- IFEMA MADRID

Raúl Díez

Director of Communication- IFEMA MADRID

Marta Cacho

Press officer of LIBER

Ana Uruñuela | [anau@ifema.es](mailto:anau@ifema.es) | +34 629 64 49 68

Press officer of the FGEE

Gerardo Miguel | [prensa@fge.es](mailto:prensa@fge.es) | +34 91 5765250

International Press

Helena Valera | [evalera@ifema.es](mailto:evalera@ifema.es) | +34 629 644 208

Secretariat

Pilar Serrano | [pilars@ifema.es](mailto:pilars@ifema.es) | +34 648 189 218

Social Media

Tamara Sánchez | [tamara@acercacomunicacion.org](mailto:tamara@acercacomunicacion.org)

**Ana Uruñuela**

jefe de Prensa LIBER  
Tel.: +34 629644968  
[anau@ifema.es](mailto:anau@ifema.es)

**Gerardo de Miguel**

Prensa FGEE  
Tel.: +34 915765250  
[prensa@fge.es](mailto:prensa@fge.es)

**Helena Valera**

Prensa Internacional  
Tel.: +34 629 64 42 08  
[evalera@ifema.es](mailto:evalera@ifema.es)



FEDERACIÓN DE GREMIOS  
DE EDITORES DE ESPAÑA

