

STATUTE OF THE BIB

Basic provisions

Article 1 / The Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava (BIB) is a regular international competition exhibit of original book illustrations for children and youth. The title of the exhibit is “Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava” abbreviated as the BIB with addition of the year of its organization.

Article 2 / The BIB in compliance with the decisions, tasks and objectives of the UNESCO and its associated international organizations, especially in cooperation with national sections of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), national commissions for the UNESCO as well as organizations of fine artists – creates conditions for their evaluation and competition and thus supports the multilateral development of this kind of art.

Article 3 / Beside the competition, other exhibits and events related to the BIB mission may be also organized within the BIB exhibit. Albín Brunovský’s Working Seminar for illustrators coming from developing countries is organized by the BIB Secretariat in cooperation with the UNESCO.

Article 4 / The BIB exhibit takes place in Bratislava, the Slovak Republic.

Article 5 / The organizers of the BIB are the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic providing financial sources for the entire event, the Slovak Commission for the UNESCO and BIBIANA, International House of Art for Children. The organization and installation is done by professional sections of BIBIANA and the BIB Secretariat.

The organization of the BIB

Article 6 / The supreme body of the BIB is the BIB International Committee composed of representatives from international and national organizations involved. Chairman of the International Committee is appointed by the Minister of Culture of the SR. The BIB International Committee meets once in two years. The BIB Commissioner General appointed by the Minister of Culture of the SR is a permanent member of the BIB International Committee.

Article 7 / The steering body of the BIB is the BIB Executive Committee participating in the preparation and organization of the BIB. The Director of BIBIANA, International House of Art for Children is heading it. The BIB Executive Committee has the right to award the BIB Honorary Plaque.

Article 8 / The Club of the Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava (K-BIB) associates friends of the BIB in Slovakia and abroad. The K-BIB members are individuals and organizations. The details are defined by the Principles of rights and duties of the K-BIB members.

Participation in the BIB

Article 9 / The participation of illustrators in the BIB is organized through relevant central organizations, cultural institutions, associations of illustrators, the IBBY national sections and national committees of the BIB, national commissions for the UNESCO, publisher's institutions and by inviting individual illustrators.

Article 10 / The competition part of the BIB is the exhibit of works of individual artists. The BIB Secretariat accepts the selection done in states in which the participation of illustrators in the BIB is organized through a commission, jury or by an appointment of the commissioner. The illustrations are shown at exhibits according to the state citizenship. The organizers from individual states are responsible for a correct categorization of the illustrator.

Article 11 / The illustrator may send 10 illustrations maximum to the competition part of the BIB, and namely from two books. The condition to accept the illustration to the competition is its book publication in the period defined.

The BIB prizes

Article 12 / Prizes award the best works within the BIB competition part. The BIB International Jury awards the prizes. The members of the BIB International Jury for a relevant year are appointed by the BIB Executive Committee based upon proposals by organizers from individual countries. The publisher, whose works are registered for the competition, cannot become a member of the Jury. At the head of the Jury is the Chairman, elected from the Jury members. The BIB Commissioner General takes part in sessions of the BIB International Jury.

Article 13 / The BIB International Jury awards the following prizes and awards:
One Grand Prix BIB as the highest award of the BIB with the financial grant 3.000 USD, **five Golden Apples BIB** maximum with the financial grant 1.500 USD each, **five BIB Plaques** without any place determination with the financial grant 1.000 USD each. The BIB International Jury has the right to award **the Honorary Mention to a publishing house** for the initiative development in the children's illustration related to the quality of the book published and shown in the competition. The BIB International Jury has got right to award no more than three Honorary Mentions to publishing houses in countries with short tradition of publishing books for children and youth. The publishing house the illustrations of which are awarded in the competition receives a certificate on the awarded prize.

Article 14 / The "Grand Prix BIB" award entitles the illustrator to present an individual exhibition in the next year of the BIB.

Final provisions

Article 15 / The BIB Executive Committee issues the Organization Order for every year of the BIB based upon this Statute