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**SIXTH INTERNATIONAL MEETING
OF WRITERS IN SOFIA
'PEACE - THE HOPE OF THE PLANET'**



PROGRAMME

**BULGARIA
SOFIA
OCTOBER 28, 29 and 30, 1986**

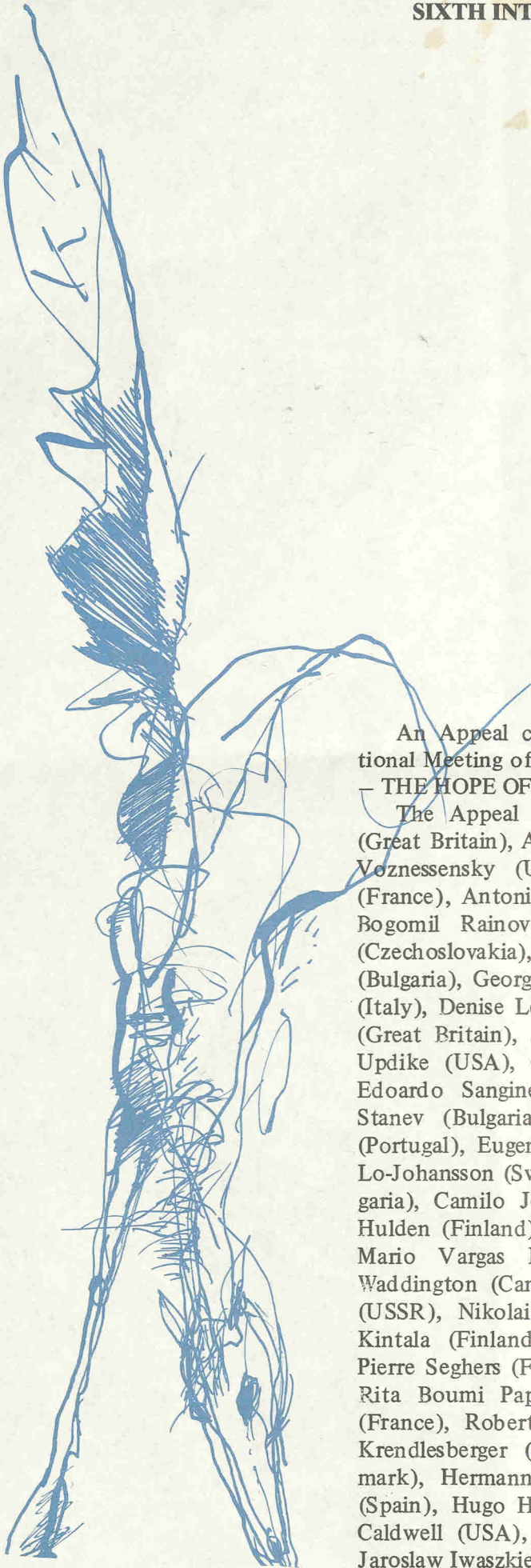
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An Appeal calling for the convocation of the First Sofia International Meeting of Writers from Europe, the USA and Canada – 'PEACE – THE HOPE OF THE PLANET' – was published early in 1977.

The Appeal was signed by: Aziz Nesin (Turkey), Ivor Montagu (Great Britain), Aldo de Jaco (Italy), Ana Maria Matute (Spain), Andrei Voznessensky (USSR), Andrej Plavka (Czechoslovakia), Andre Stil (France), Antonio Buero Vallejo (Spain), Artur Lundkvist (Sweden), Bogomil Rainov (Bulgaria), Boris Polevoy (USSR), Vilem Zavada (Czechoslovakia), Virgil Teodorescu (Romania), Georgi Karaslavov (Bulgaria), Georgiy Markov (USSR), Gore Vidal (USA), Gofredo Parise (Italy), Denise Levertov (USA), Gianni Rodari (Italy), James Aldridge (Great Britain), John Colombo (Canada), John Cheever (USA), John Updike (USA), Gyula Jujes (Hungary), Evgeny Evtushenko (USSR), Edoardo Sanguineti (Italy), Elissaveta Bagryana (Bulgaria), Emilian Stanev (Bulgaria), Herve Bazin (France), Ernesto Melho e Castro (Portugal), Eugen Jebelianu (Romania), Yves Theriault (Canada), Ivar Lo-Johansson (Sweden), Imre Dobozy (Hungary), Kamen Kalchev (Bulgaria), Camilo Jose Cela (Spain), Konstantin Simonov (USSR), Lars Hulden (Finland), Ludwig Renn (GDR), Lyubomir Levchev (Bulgaria), Mario Vargas Llosa (Peru), Maria-Teresa Leon (Spain), Miriam Waddington (Canada), Michael Scharang (Austria), Mikhail Sholokhov (USSR), Nikolai Fedorenko (USSR), Nikos Pappas (Greece), Paavo Kintala (Finland), Pantelei Zarev (Bulgaria), Peter Weiss (Sweden), Pierre Seghers (France), Pietro Buttitta (Italy), Rafael Alberti (Spain), Rita Boumi Papa (Greece), Robert Andre (France), Robert Merle (France), Robert Hayden (USA), Tadeusz Rozewicz (Poland), Hans Krendlesberger (Austria), Hans Habey (FRG), Hans Scherfig (Denmark), Hermann Kant (GDR), Horst Bingel (FRG), Jose Castellet (Spain), Hugo Huppert (Austria), Chingiz Aitmatov (USSR), Erskine Caldwell (USA), Jan Kozak (Czechoslovakia), Jannis Ritsos (Greece), Jaroslaw Iwaszkiewicz (Poland), Yasar Kemal (Turkey).



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THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF WRITERS IN SOFIA was held on June 7, 8 and 9, 1977. JEAN HERVE BAZIN (France) was Honorary Chairman. 156 writers from 36 countries participated in the meeting.

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF WRITERS IN SOFIA was held on June 7 and 8, 1979. RAFAEL ALBERTI (Spain) was Honorary Chairman. 69 writers from 22 countries participated in the meeting.

THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF WRITERS IN SOFIA was held on September 29 and 30, 1980. MIGUEL OTTERO SILVA (Venezuela) was Honorary Chairman. 120 writers from 46 countries participated in the meeting.

THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF WRITERS IN SOFIA was held on September 29 and 30, and on October 1, 1982. JAMES ALDRIDGE (Great Britain) was Honorary Chairman. 151 writers from 56 countries participated in the meeting.

THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF WRITERS IN SOFIA was held on October 23, 24 and 25, 1984. ERSKINE CALDWELL (USA) was Honorary Chairman. 172 writers from 53 countries participated in the meeting.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The People's Republic of Bulgaria is situated between 41° and 44° northern latitude and between 23° and 29° eastern longitude.

The Bulgarian state was founded in 681. Christianity was adopted between the years 863 and 870. Since 855 Bulgaria has had its own alphabet and literature.

Today Bulgaria has a population of 8,948,388 and covers an area of 110,911 sq km. Its capital Sofia has a population of 1,200,000. National Holiday - September 9, - the day of the victory of the socialist revolution.

The Organizing Committee will arrange for your welcoming at Sofia Airport and your transfer to Park Hotel Moskva.

Accommodation for the participants in the Sixth International Meeting of Writers in Sofia will be at Park Hotel Moskva, where the conference halls with facilities for simultaneous translation also are. The telephone number of the Hotel is 71-261 and the telex - 22411.

For any typing, duplicating or translation services refer to the Organizing Committee at Park Hotel Moskva.

Round-the-clock medical services will also be available.

The weather in Sofia during the second half of October is usually sunny, described by Bulgarians as the 'golden autumn'. Air temperatures vary between 14°C and 18°C.

WELCOME TO SOFIA!

