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To the Authors, Illustrators and Translators on the IBBY Honour List 2002

Dear Elli Peonidou

First of all: congratulations! You are among the 135 authors, illustrators and translators whose recent work has been distinguished for excellence. Your title, *Ta deka orphana paramythia*, has been nominated by the Cypriot Section of IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People) for the IBBY Honour List 2002.

Every two years, an IBBY Honour List is published which includes outstanding books from IBBY member countries in three categories: writing, illustration and translation. Important considerations in selecting the Honour List titles are that the chosen books be representative of the best in children's literature from each country, and that the books are recommended as suitable for publication throughout the world, thus furthering the IBBY objective of encouraging international understanding through children's literature.

The IBBY Honour List is an annotated catalogue which will be distributed worldwide after its publication in September 2002. The Honour List books will be shown in several parallel travelling exhibitions in different parts of the world. Thereafter they will be kept as permanent deposits at the International Youth Library in Munich and other research collections in Japan, the Slovak Republic, Switzerland and the United States.

The exhibition will be launched at the 28th IBBY World Congress in Basel, Switzerland, 29-September-3 October 2002. The presentation of the 2002 Honour List diplomas to the nominated authors, illustrators and translators will take place on Tuesday afternoon, 1 October 2002, at the Basel Convention Centre. You are most cordially invited to attend not only this ceremony but also a lunch in your honour that same day. We would be delighted if you decide to participate in the whole Congress. Unfortunately, IBBY cannot offer you any hospitality, such as free travel or accommodation, but maybe your IBBY National Section, your publisher or a cultural institution could contribute to your expenses. If you plan to attend only the Honour List ceremony and lunch, you need not pay a registration fee.

Please find enclosed the Congress programme with the registration and hotel accommodation forms. Also enclosed is IBBY Newsletter 16 which includes information about the possibility to apply for a Writer in Residence grant at the Basel Literaturhaus. A special "Authors and Illustrators Salon" will be put at the disposal of participating authors and illustrators during the Congress and 15-minute contributions are invited. On 2 October, the participating authors, translators and illustrators have the possibility to join professional groups.

We would be pleased to hear from you, before 31 May 2002, whether you wish to participate in the Congress and/or the IBBY Honour List diploma presentation and lunch.

With best wishes



Leena Maissen
IBBY Executive Director and Congress Chairperson