

## THE BIB-UNESCO ALBÍN BRUNOVSKÝ WORKSHOP 1987 - 2009

### Selected Illustrations

(exhibition)

The Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava (BIB) is an international competitive exhibition of original illustrations for children's books. BIB has accompanying activities, including a workshop for beginning illustrators from various countries: the BIB-UNESCO Albín Brunovský Workshop. It was established in 1983 in cooperation with UNESCO, the BIB Secretariat and the Academy of Fine Arts in Bratislava and is intended primarily for young artists from developing countries. *Albín Brunovský*, an important Slovak illustrator, a representative and founder of the Slovak illustration school, conducted several workshops at the beginning of this event's history. Several other leading Slovak illustrators conducted the workshops over the years, namely *Karol Ondreička*, *Dušan Kállay*, *Martin Kellenberger*, *Peter Čisárik* and *Luboslav Paľo*. This year's workshop will be conducted by *Peter Uchnár* for the first time.

Each seminar always has its topic set by the workshop leader. The topics have included Myths of the Contemporary World (2001), Traditional Things in a Non-traditional Manner (2003), An International Calligraphic Dictionary (2005), Picture Book – Obrázková kniha (2007) and Encyclopedia of Fairy-Tale Beings (2009). This year's topic is very interesting – Illustrations to a Cookbook for Imaginary Characters.

The workshop usually covers one week and has traditionally been held in the Renaissance mansion in Moravany nad Váhom, except for 2001 when it was held in Čierna voda, in 2005 at Galbov mlyn, in 2007 at Bratislava and in 2009 at Striebornica Hotel in Moravany nad Váhom. The venue of this year's workshop is the mansion at Mojmírovce near Nitra. The 14 workshops held so far were attended by 117 illustrators from 50 countries; they have created more than 350 original illustrations during their workshop sessions.

Countries whose artists have participated in the fourteen years of the BIB-UNESCO Albín Brunovský Workshops are:

Albania, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Chile, China, Ghana, Greece, Croatia, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Iceland, Jordan, Yugoslavia, South Africa, South Korea, Columbia, Congo, Cuba, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Moldova, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Austria, Russia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, the Slovak Republic, Serbia, Montenegro, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Syria, Italy, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela and Vietnam.