

“POETS IN RESIDENCE” PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS UNTIL 15 AUGUST 2011

UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA’S INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS OF POETS

1. The Organizing Committee of the University of Coimbra’s International Meetings of Poets launched the “Poets in Residence” program on the occasion of the 6th International Meeting of Poets, in May 2007, with the support of the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, the Dean’s Office of the Faculty of Letters and the Rector of the University of Coimbra.
2. The main objective of this program is to support the creation and dissemination of poetry by offering accommodation to poets from all over the world who wish to spend some time in Portugal, benefiting from the quiet and peaceful environment required for literary creation in a place where beautiful landscapes and history go hand in hand: Monsanto, considered by many to be the most Portuguese of Portuguese villages.
3. Following the example of other foreign universities, the second aim of this program is to support the pedagogic and didactic practices of the Faculty of Letters of the University of Coimbra, which will expect occasional visits by the Poets in Residence who will give lectures or seminars on literature, as well as poetry readings.
4. Residencies will be offered yearly during the months of February, March and April, for a period from one (1) to three (3) months.
5. During this period, with the support of the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, the Organizing Committee of the University of Coimbra’s International Meetings of Poets will procure two (2) one-room apartments in a recently restored rustic building in the historic village of Monsanto (water, electricity, gas and cleaning services being provided).
6. During 2 weeks (per poet), in the period mentioned above (5.), with the support of the “House of the Writer” of the Municipality of Coimbra, the Organizing Committee of the University of Coimbra’s International Meetings of Poets will procure one (1) one-room apartment in the “House of the Writer” (water, electricity, gas and cleaning services being provided).
7. The Rector of the University of Coimbra offers a yearly travel grant of eight hundred (800) euros (maximum) to a selected poet from any country outside Europe.
8. The Dean’s Office of the Faculty of Letters of the University of Coimbra offers a yearly travel grant corresponding to the lowest economy-class tariff to a selected poet from within Europe.
9. The selection Jury is composed of the members of the Organizing Committee of the University of Coimbra’s International Meetings of Poets.
10. The Poets in Residence must offer at least one poetry reading, a seminar and/or a workshop at the Faculty of Letters of the University of Coimbra.
11. The Poets in Residence must also offer at least one workshop and a poetry reading at Idanha-a-Nova, at the Centro Cultural Raiano, as well as a collection of at least four original poems on the Idanha-a-Nova region.

12. The Organizing Committee of the University of Coimbra's International Meetings of Poets will periodically edit a bilingual anthology with the aforementioned poems; the poems included will be translated by the Committee's members.
13. The publication of the aforementioned anthology will be entirely sponsored by the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova.
14. Applications will be submitted to the Comissão Organizadora dos Encontros Internacionais de Poetas — Programa "Poetas em Residência", Grupo de Estudos Anglo-Americanos da Faculdade de Letras da Universidade de Coimbra, 3004-530 COIMBRA, Portugal – by mail **OR** email: gcapinha@ces.uc.pt ou adrianabebiano@gmail.com.
15. Applications must include: **a letter of application, a CV, a short project to be developed with students, and a sample of the author's literary production.**
16. Applications must be submitted from **1 June to 15 August 2011**.
17. The Jury's decision will be announced to the selected poets before **15 September 2011**.