

**First regional meeting of countries from Eastern Europe  
on UNESCO Programme “Reading for All”  
(November 22-24, 1998, Sofia, Rodina hotel)**

**22 November 1998**

**Sunday**

- 13.00                      Arrival of foreign participants;  
                                 accommodation at Rodina hotel
- 15.00 - 17.00            Tour of the city, visit to the National Library “Sts. Cyril and  
                                 Methodius” and “St. Alexander Nevski” cathedral

**23 November 1998**

**Monday**

- 8.30-9.30                Registration at Rodina hotel
- 9.30-10.00              Opening of the International Meeting by the Minister of  
                                 Culture)
- 10.00                     Greeting speech by Mr Mohsen Taufik on behalf of  
                                 UNESCO

**First session: UNESCO Programme “Reading for All”: Experience and  
Prospects. Suggestions for Elaboration of a Final  
Paper of the Meeting. Chairman: Mr Svetlozar Zhekov**

- 10.00-10.30             Mr Taufik, Head of the Division for Special Projects,  
                                 Sector “Communication, Information and Informatics” at  
                                 UNESCO
- 10.30-10.45             Mrs Angelica Patrouba (Greece): Programme “Reading  
for All”: the Greek experience
- 10.45-11.00             Mr Igor Chipev: Chances for the programme “Reading for  
All” in Bulgaria
- 11.00-11.30             Coffee Break

**Second session: Public Libraries and Opportunities for Reading for All.  
Cultural Institutions in Small Settlements. Chairman:  
Mr Asen Georgiev**

- 11.30-11.45             Mrs Antoaneta Ginina: Public libraries and opportunities  
for reading for all
- 11.45-12.00             Mr Ivan Kanic (Slovenia)                      *Report*
- 12.00-12.15             Mrs Tülin Ege (Turkey)                        *Report*

12.15-12.30	Yulia Tsinzova: <u>Study of the National Library readers' needs</u>
12.30-13.00	Discussion
13.00 - 15.00	Lunch
<b>Third session: Reading and National Spiritual Development. Chairperson: Ms Boriana Hristova</b>	
15.00-15.15	Raina Cherneva: <u>Reading as a part of the spiritual development of the nation</u>
15.15-15.30	R. Petrova, D. Hrusanova: <u>Public libraries and opportunities for reading for all</u>
15.30-15.45	E. Yurchenko: <u>Cultural institutions in small settlements</u>
15.45-16.00	D. Bechev, Gr. Dimitrov, R. Kutsarova: <u>Reading as a need</u>
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-17.00	Reports and statements by foreign participants
17.00-17.30	Discussion
19.00	Cocktail on behalf of the Minister

**24 November 1998  
Tuesday**

**Fourth session: Legislation in Favour of Books and Facilitation of the Access to Reading for All. Chairman: Mr Boris Danailov**

9.00-9.15	Mrs Kety Gramatikova: <u>Legislation in favour of libraries</u>
9.15-9.30	Mr Svetlozar Zhekov: <u>Elaboration of a national book policy</u>
9.30-9.45	Mrs A. Dipchikova, Mrs A. Totomanova: <u>Obligatory deposit and national policy for developing public libraries</u>
9.45-10.00	Mrs A. Doncheva: <u>Legal framework of public libraries in Bulgaria</u>
10.00-10.15	Mr T. Tenev: <u>Difficulties and problems in elaborating a regional cultural policy in favour of books and reading</u>
10.15-10.30	Report of a foreign participant
10.30-11.00	Discussion
11.00-11.30	Coffee break

**Fifth session: Publishing and Distribution of Books for Children and Adolescents. Chairman: Mr L. Rusanov**

- 11.30-11.45 Mr Atanas Zvezdinov *Report*
- 11.45-12.00 Mrs D. Stefanova: Reading for people in unfavourable social condition
- 12.00-12.30 Reports and statements of foreign participants
- 12.30-13.00 Discussion
- 13.00 - 14.00<sup>2</sup> Lunch

**Sixth session: Opportunities for Regional Co-operation in the Framework of UNESCO Programme “Reading for All”. Chairman: Mr Mohsen Taufik**

- 14.30-14.45 Mr. N. Stoyanov: The experience of “Balkanica” foundation in the field of the international co-operation
- 14.45-15.00 Eric Naulleau (France): French experience in regional programmes
- 15.00-16.00 Statements of foreign participants
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30-17.30 Discussion on the recommendations concerning the implementation of “Reading for All” programme by means of international co-operation
- Closing statements and adoption of the Final Paper of the Meeting
- Free evening