

## UPF-Argentina's event at the 42nd Buenos Aires International Book Fair

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Buenos Aires, Argentina—UPF-Argentina organized an event on May 8, 2016 at the 42nd Buenos Aires International Book Fair, where winners of UPF-Argentina’s seventh annual International Poetry Contest in 2015 read their poems. The event took place in the 21st Century Libraries (“Bibliotecas siglo XXI”) space, hosted by the Ministry of Culture of the City of Buenos Aires, at the Fair. The 21st Century Libraries is an initiative whose goal is to transform libraries into “vital centers of knowledge and experiences for neighborhoods.”

The winners were Mr. Norberto Rubén Calul (who read “La Paz Del Corazón”); Ms. Cecilia María Labanca (who read “La Verdadera Luz”); Ms. Susana Angélica Orden (who read “Canto a la Paz”); Ms. Susana Repetto (who read “Papa Francisco”); Mr. Rubén Darío Vázquez (who read “Clamor Antártico”); Ms. Irene Mercedes Aguirre (who read “Ruego Por La Paz de la Tierra”); Ms. Ana Luisa Galeano (who read “Comor Una Oración”); Ms. Graciela Pucheta (who read “Hacer la Paz”); and Ms. Ángela Liliana Siracusano (who read “Clamando Por El Hoy”).

The poems of the authors who could not attend the event were then read: “La Paz Es Un Pañuelo” by Mr. Carlos Alberto Boaglio (of Vicuña Mackenna in Córdoba province); “Paz y Luz” by Mr. Pablo Miquet (of Venado Tuerto in Santa Fe province); and “Plegarias...,” by Ms. Gladys Beatriz Navarro de Sartirana (of Victoria in Entre Ríos province).

Afterwards, the 8th edition of the International Poetry Contest, which is organized annually by UPF-Argentina on the UN International Day of Peace, was launched. The theme for this year’s contest is “Peace as the Protection of the Creation.”

The theme of the 2015 contest, which had 391 participants from 34 countries, was “Peace in the Heart and Light for the World.” All the winning poems from that contest were compiled into an anthology.

The 42nd Buenos Aires Book Fair was held from April 21 to May 9 at Buenos Aires Predio Ferial of Palermo, which has more than 45,000 square meters of space. During the three weeks of the book expo, there were more than 1,200,000 visitors, including two recipients of the Nobel Prize in Literature: Peruvian writer Mario Vargas Llosa and South African writer John M. Coetzee. More than 1,600 authors attended and more than 1,500 cultural events took place at the Fair.