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## PRESS RELEASE

### IBBY Announces the 2020 Hans Christian Andersen Jury

The **Hans Christian Andersen Award** is the highest international distinction given to authors and illustrators of books for young people. Given every other year by IBBY, the Hans Christian Andersen Awards recognize lifelong achievement and are given to an author and an illustrator whose complete works have made an important and lasting contribution to literature for young people.

The following were selected to serve as members of the 2020 Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury under the guidance of Jury President **Junko Yokota** (Evanston, IL, USA):

- **Mariella Bertelli** from Canada is a storyteller and former children's librarian.
- **Denis Beznosov** from Russia is Head of the Cultural Project Department of the Russian State Children's Library in Moscow.
- **Tina Bilban** from Slovenia has a doctorate in Literature Studies and works as a freelance literature critic, editor, author, and translator.
- **Yasuko Doi** from Japan is the Director & Senior Researcher at the International Institute for Children's Literature in Osaka.
- **Nadia El Kholi** from Egypt is a professor in the Department of English Language and Literature, Faculty of Arts of Cairo University.
- **Viviane Ezratty** from France is a librarian and Director of the public library in the Médiathèque Française Sagen in Paris.
- **Eva Kaliskami** from Greece is a translator and works for the English Department of a private school in Athens.
- **Robin Morrow** from Australia founded the first children's bookshop in New South Wales and has taught Children's Literature courses at several Australian universities.
- **Cecilia Ana Repetti** from Argentina is the Children's and Young Adult Literature Director Editor for SM in Argentina.
- **Ulla Rhedin** from Sweden has a doctorate in picturebook theory and is a researcher, lecturer, and critic for children's literature.

Former IBBY Vice President **Elda Nogueira** (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) and IBBY Executive Director **Liz Page** (Basel, Switzerland) are *ex officio* Jury members.

For more information about the IBBY Hans Christian Andersen Award, the IBBY programme and current projects please visit the IBBY website at: <http://www.ibby.org>