

WFWP Portugal Participates in Lisbon's 6th International Poetry Festival

Marta de Carvalho
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WFWP Portugal President Marta de Carvalho was invited to attend the 6th International Poetry Festival "Woman's Scream" in Lisbon, by the Mozambican Writers Circle of the Diaspora in Portugal by its President, Peace Ambassador Prof. Delmar Gonçalves.

It was held on 19 and 20 March 2016 at the International House of Sao Tome e Principe, in Lisbon.

There were lectures, poetry readings, book presentations and oriental dance presentations.

Saturday, March 19 - 10:30 am - Opening remarks - Delmar Maia Gonçalves

Danilo Salvaterra (President of CISTP) Women - rights, discrimination and violence; Moderator - Delmar Maia Gonçalves

10:40 am - Marta de Carvalho Rodrigues (Mozambique) – President of WFWP - FMPM/Portugal on the theme: "Woman's identity versus gender equality"

Testimony by Isabel Lourenço (Portugal) from her visit, Theme: "Women Saharawi's under occupation - colonial violence in the 21st century"

The woman in the professional world - testimonials / recognition Analyzes Costa Reis (Portugal) Soraya Gadit (Portugal).

Soraya Gadit created a platform that assists scientists and scientific researchers in their investigations. She tried to connect the knowledge from different sources in order to find solutions, because she believes that for any problem there is a solution. She gave a great testimony of a Portuguese airline company that looked for a solution to a problem for many years, and approached to her. Through this platform, a Japanese researcher finally came forward who gave a very simple suggestion that solved the problem at no cost.

Eastern dance Moment by Susana Amira (Portugal)

Presentation of the Poetry Magazine "Full Length" by Delmar Maia Gonçalves with the presence of the artist Luisa Real – "Woman in different cultures and societies"

Moderator - Delmar Maia Gonçalves

Philosopher - Manuel Dias Duarte (Portugal) - "In the presence of women with power and authority"

Writer - Carlos Pedroso (Portugal) "Girl, you are at the window with your hair to the moon - contributions to a feminist deconstruction"

Duo Boci (East Timor) "Woman"

Moment of Poetry Olinda Beja (Sao Tome and Principe); Filipa Vera Jardim (Portugal); Liliana Lima (Portugal); Catherine Castro (Portugal); Maria Costa e Silva (Portugal); Sibyl Aguiar (Mozambique)

Poet - Vera Novo Fornelos (Portugal)

Migration in women – testimonials Miriam D'Acquisto (Italy) and Silvia Paoli (Italy)

The 1st day closed with the presenting diploma of merit to of the Brazilian man - Fercy Nery (Brazil); Alberto Araujo (East Timor) at Book launch "A bush look" Alvaro Giesta

Sunday - March 20

10 am - Reception and Welcome

10:30 am - The woman in different cultures – testimonials from:

Catia Candeias - "Malacca and Goa"; Zelia Torres - "Experience of a Portuguese teacher in East Timor";

Maria Manuel - "Mozambique"

12pm - Debate

Book Presentation "Yolanda" by Esther de Sousa e Sá and Readings of Poetry by Conceição Alves (Portugal);

Isabel Carreira (Portugal) - Presentation of the Cultural Magazine “Nova Águia Nº 17” by Renato Epiphanes

6 pm - Closing session

Watching the declamation of poems:

The first panel

First Panel - Soraya Gadit, Marta de Carvalho, Delmar Gonçalves e Isabel Lourenço

The projector malfunction requires speakers to use a common way to communicate

Speech of Isabel Lawrence:

Explanation of Isabel Lourenços’ theme

Award of Soraya Gadit

Before her speech, Marta de Carvalho, WFWP Portugal President, greeted the audience

She started her speech by introducing WFWP and its founders – Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. In her brief explanation about them she said that “Their joint work as a couple of more than 50 years made them working together for the sake of world peace. A couple united at the same goal that determined themselves to work side by side for the sake of peace”.

She added: “This couple holds the idea that “man and woman represent the essence of masculine and feminine nature of the Creator, and though True Love, they should complement each other’s good qualities and walk together in unity. If they do so, they will attain peace in the family.

On the theme: ‘Essence of Femininity vs. Gender Equality’ she explained based on the “principle of complementarity’ of this vision, gender equality means equality of rights, responsibilities, opportunities and respect.

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