1. General Information
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President of the NS till March 2012
Ms. Regina Pantos
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Main Executive Officer of the NS and Liaison Officer
Ms Doris Breitmoser

Organization
The AKJ is an umbrella organization founded in 1955. It currently has 42 organizational and 170 individual members. As a non-profit organization the AKJ receives financial support from the German Federal Ministry for Families, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth. The business office is located in Munich; five full-time employees provide support to the unsalaried executive committee elected every three years at the annual general meeting.

Members of the AKJ Executive Committee till March 2012
Ms Regina Pantos – President
Ms Nicola Kiwitt
Ms Dr. Mareile Oetken
Mr Gerd Rumler – Treasurer
Mr Jochen Weber – Vice-President

Members of the AKJ Executive Committee since March 2012
Ms Dr Stephanie Jentgens – President
Ms Dr. Elke Fettweis – Vice-President
Mr Walter Mirbeth – Treasurer
Ms Alexandra Ritter
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The AKJ holds four EC meetings each year and one annual general meeting for its members.
**Membership**

The AKJ has 42 organizational and 170 individual members. They share a commitment to youth, children's literature, illustration, libraries, research, schools and related topics.

The AKJ informs its members about its activities at its annual general meeting, as well as through circulars and the quarterly journal JuLit, distributed to all members. The AKJ produces two newsletters, one for members only and one for all who are interested in keeping up to date with the AKJ's activities; both are forwarded via e-mail.

**2. Funding**

The German Federal Ministry for Families, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth contributes to the AKJ annual budget with about 480,000 Euro (603,000 US$); this accounts for about 70% of the total annual budget and includes the financing of the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis (German Youth Literature Award). This funding has to be used for national purposes only.

Another source of income is the annual membership fee: 70 Euro (89 US$) for individual members and 140 Euro (178 US$) for organizational members, amounting to a total of about 4% of the annual budget.

The German Section also receives support from sponsors and donors, accounting for about 5% of the annual budget.

AKJ's publications generate an income representing about 20% of the annual budget.

The AKJ receives occasional support from the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs; this mainly covers the expenses for IBBY-related activities, such as attendance at the biennial IBBY world congress.

**3. The National Section's activities**

**Main activities**

The AKJ is responsible for awarding the German Youth Literature Award, Germany's only state-sponsored literature prize for works of fiction. It has been awarded annually since 1956 by a jury of literature specialists and critics in four categories: picture book, children's book, young adult book and non-fiction. In addition, since 2003 an independent young adult jury has given its own award. Every category is awarded with 8,000 Euro. Since it's founding the award is an international literature prize as it recognizes translations as well.

A special annual award for lifetime achievement is given in turn to a German author, a German illustrator or a German translator. This award, also financed by the German Federal Ministry for Families, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, is set at 10,000 Euro. The award winners are announced and the ceremony takes place every year in October at the Frankfurt Book Fair.

The German Section also organizes seminars and symposiums to encourage interaction among those working on a daily basis in the field of children's and youth literature. The seminar venues vary, while the symposium is held once a year in March at the Leipzig Book Fair. All events are aimed at teachers, librarians, booksellers, publishers, researchers, critics and other mediators of children's literature.
Communication
The website of the German Section can be found at www.jugendliteratur.org. Subscriptions to the section’s newsletter can be made directly from the website. In its quarterly journal JuLit and in various other publications and book catalogues, the AKJ provides guidance information as well as valuable selection and evaluation aids for the wide market of children’s and youth literature.

Members automatically receive JuLit. It can also be subscribed by non-members.

The German Section works closely with the national media to promote its activities – mainly those regarding the German Youth Literature Award, but also the seminars, workshops, symposiums and its publications as well as issues of IBBY.

Cooperation at national level
The AKJ meets regularly with its member organizations, with whom it cooperates regarding workshops, seminars and political lobbying.

Cooperation with the Deutsche Literaturfonds (German Fund for Literature):
The Kranichsteiner Jugendliteratur-Stipendien are two scholarships, annually awarded by the German Section and the Deutsche Literaturfonds to two authors of books for young adults whose first works are very promising, but who have not yet acclaimed recognition for them. The scholarships are endowed with 12,000 Euro each (paid over the duration of six months) and are meant to enable the authors to freely work on a book project.

Cooperation with Robert Bosch Foundation:
Annual translator’s workshop “Kein Kinderspiel!” (No Child’s Play) since summer 2010 Together with the financial sponsor, the Robert Bosch Foundation, the German Section organizes an annual workshop focusing on translation of literature for young readers and the role of the translator. It is an internationally unique offer. There are no comparable workshops for translators of children’s books. Its purpose is to enable 15 translators of German-language literature for young readers, who come from different countries and who translate children’s and youth literature from German into their native languages, to gather for a one-week, all-expenses-paid workshop. There they focus on such issues as youth jargon, comedy and irony, cultural and political taboos and the ethical responsibility of the translator. Parallel to the main program, the translators are offered readings by authors, conversations with publishers and booksellers and visits to illustrators. In a series of lectures the participants receive information on trends in the German book market and on current book reviewing in literary journals and on the Internet. Information on the current conditions for translators of children’s and youth literature in Germany and opportunities for financial subsidies complete the program.

4. Cooperation with IBBY
International activities in cooperation with IBBY
Congresses and General Assemblies
The German IBBY Section is represented at the General Assembly of IBBY. Given the high travelling expenses, normally only two representatives can attend: in general the President of the National Section and a representative of the business office, the Main Executive Officer or the IBBY Main Liaison Officer.

In 2010 President Regina Pantos took part in the congress in Santiago de Compostela. Vice-President Jochen Weber and Main Executive Officer Doris Breitmoser also took part in the congress 2010. Hannelore Daubert, former member of the IBBY EC, ended her second term in the EC in Santiago de Compostela.
In 2012 President Stephanie Jentgens and Main Executive Officer Doris Breitmoser take part in the congress in London. Former President Regina Pantos will attend and present the translator’s workshop “Kein Kinderspiel!” in a parallel session.

**IBBY awards and projects**

**Hans Christian Andersen Award**
For the Hans Christian Andersen Award 2010 the German Section nominated Peter Härtling (author) and Jutta Bauer (Illustration). Jutta Bauer was honoured by the jury with the Award for Illustration 2010. She accepted the Hans Christian Andersen medal at the IBBY congress in Santiago de Compostela.
For the Hans Christian Andersen Award 2012 the German Section nominated Paul Maar (author) and Rotraut Susanne Berner (Illustration).

**Honour List**
For the 2010 IBBY Honour List the German Section made the following nominations in the categories listed below:

- **Writing:**
  Andreas Steinhöfel: Rico, Oskar und die Tieferschatten (Rico, Oskar and the Deep Shadows), Hamburg: Carlsen 2008

- **Illustration:**
  Susanne Janssen: Hänsel und Gretel (Hansel and Gretel), Rostock: Hinstorff 2007

- **Translation:**
  Tobias Scheffel: Simpel (Orig. French; Simple by Marie-Aude Murail), Frankfurt: Fischer 2007

For the 2012 IBBY Honour List the German Section made the following nominations in the categories listed below:

- **Writing:**

- **Illustration:**
  Martin Baltzcheit: Die Geschichte vom Fuchs, der seinen Verstand verlor (The Story of the Fox who Lost his Mind), Berlin: Bloomsbury 2010

- **Translation:**
  Ina Kronenberger: Garmans Sommer (Orig. Norwegian; Garmann’s Summer by Stian Hole), Munich: Carl Hanser 2009.

**IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award**
In 2012 the German Section nominated “Room to Read”, a non-governmental organization (NGO) founded by US-citizen John Wood. It partners with local communities throughout the developing world to provide quality educational opportunities by establishing libraries, creating local language children's literature, constructing schools, and providing education to girls.

**Bookbird and other projects**
The AKJ occasionally contributes articles to Bookbird. Doris Breitmoser and Linda Dütsch are the designated Bookbird correspondents.

Annual IBBY participation at the stand of the German Section at the Frankfurt Book Fair.

**Cooperation with other National Sections**
The German Section occasionally works in collaboration with the sections of Austria, Switzerland, France and the Netherlands; it exchanges newsletters, journals and other information.

**5. Additional Comment**

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