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The International Board on Books for Young People Announces Its New Officers for the Term 2024–2026

The following **Executive Committee** was elected at the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) General Assembly held in Trieste, Italy, on Saturday 31 August 2024. The newly elected officers are:

IBBY President

Basarat Kazim from Lahore, Pakistan

President of the 2026 Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury

Shereen Kreidieh from Beirut, Lebanon

Members of the IBBY Executive Committee

Tobechukwu Anyachebelu, from Lagos, Nigeria

Tina Bilban, from Ljubljana, Slovenia

Charalambos Demetriou, from Nicosia, Cyprus

Hazel Hernández, from Cartago, Costa Rica

Elisabetta Lippolis, from Trieste, Italy

Jane O’Hanlon, from Dublin, Ireland

Virginia Phiri, from Harare, Zimbabwe

Tucker Stone, from Maple Grove MN, USA

Luis Zendrera, from Barcelona, Spain

Mingzhou Zhang, from Beijing China

Fröhlicher Treuhand from Basel, Switzerland, was re-elected as **Auditor**.

The IBBY General Assembly also confirmed the following Officers as *ex-officio* members of the Executive Committee:

Chair of the IBBY Trust

Redza Khairuddin, from Putrajaya, Malaysia

Treasurer

Hasmig Chahinian, from Paris, France

Executive Director

Carolina Ballester, from Basel, Switzerland

Bookbird Editor

Chrysogonus Siddha Malilang, from Malmö, Sweden

Valerie Coghlan, from Dublin, Ireland, was re-confirmed as President of Bookbird, Inc.

The IBBY Executive Committee is responsible for determining IBBY's policies, programmes and projects. In its first meeting held in Trieste on 2 September, the Committee approved the appointment of **Tina Bilban** and **Tucker Stone** as **IBBY Vice-presidents** for the period 2024–26, and elected the **2026 IBBY Reading Promotion Awards Jury**, which will be formed by **Tobechukwu Anyachebelu**, **Charalambos Demetriou**, **Hazel Hernández**, **Luis Zendrera** and co-chaired by **Elisabetta Lippolis** and **Jane O'Hanlon**.

Information about other appointments, including the Projects Subcommittee, and IBBY Regional and Institutional Liaison officers, is available on the [IBBY Website](#).

To know more about the current IBBY programmes and projects, please contact Executive Director Carolina Ballester (carolina.ballester@ibby.org).