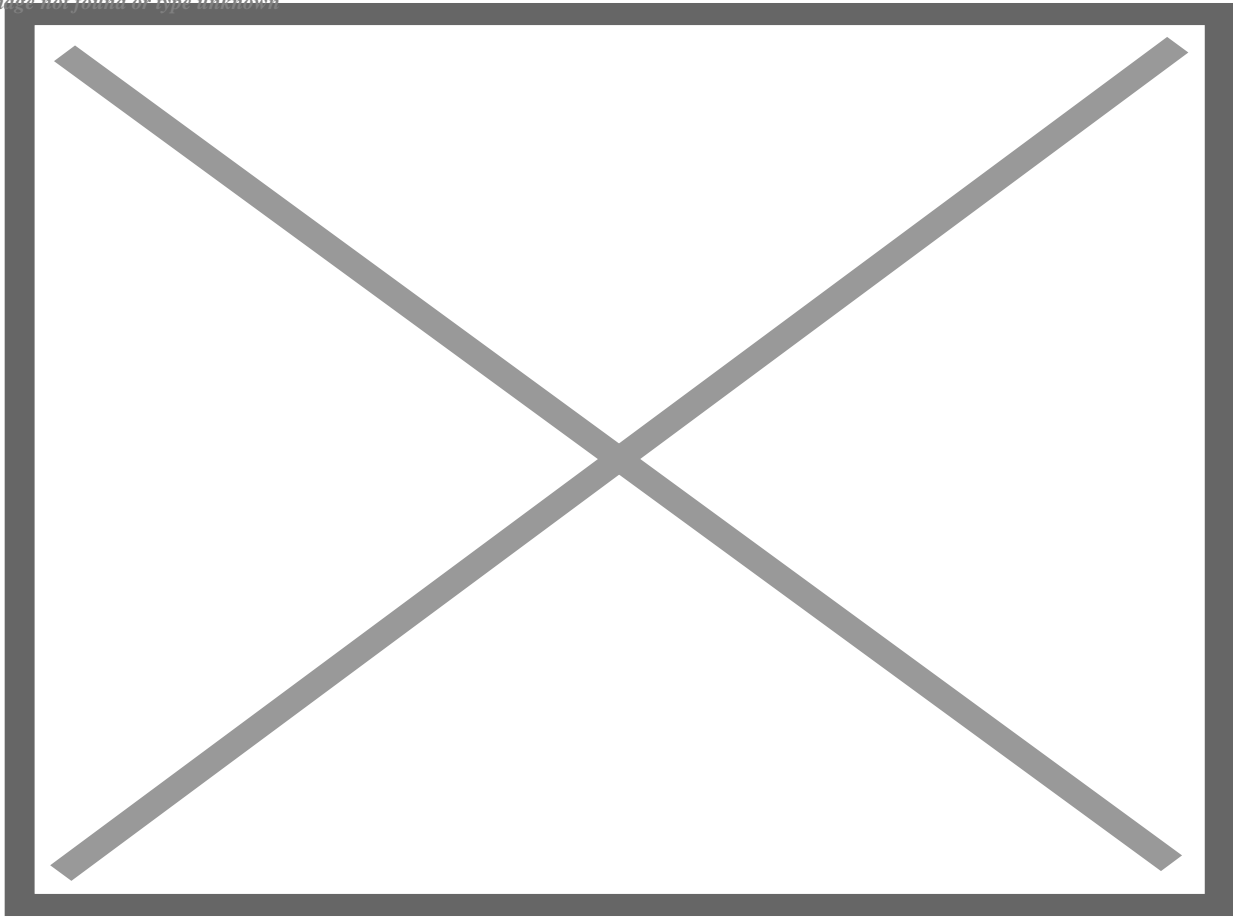


# *Cuba is honored guest country in Villavicencio Book Festival*

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Bogota, September 26 (RHC)-- Cuba participates as guest country in the third edition of the Villavicencio Book Festival (Filvi) 2023, which begins today in the capital of the Colombian department of Meta.

This appointment with letters and art in general will pay tribute to Mantilla Trejos, researcher and traditional poet, who has developed and supported more than 15 research projects on the customs, culture and history of the plains.

This has also allowed him to compile the vast majority of Creole terms and sayings of the natives of the eastern region of Colombia, and thus, form a rich dictionary with the llanero vocabulary.

His literary work includes titles such as "Diccionario Llanero", "El último Tinigua y otros poemas llaneros", "Mi amigo El Juglar", "El Meta, tierra de joropo e Identidad llanera" and "Cuentos de Camino".

Talks, academic and journalistic forums, book presentations, experiences of museums and community museums with local and national guests, artistic and literary creation workshops, concerts and a tribute to Maestro Mantilla, make up the broad cultural, artistic and literary agenda, public and free, of this encounter with culture.

The opening of Filvi 2023, will be in charge of the mayor Felipe Harman and the director of the Municipal Cultural Corporation, Edith Agudel who assured that this year brings together an agenda that will decentralize a large part of the activities.

"It will be the public schools of our city who will benefit, first of all, from our authors, local, regional, national and international writers who will be doing different activities related to the apprehension of reading," she explained.

The Book Festival will be attended by a hundred intellectuals from Ibero-America, including the Cuban delegation, made up of important literary figures from the Antillean island.

On Friday, the director of Cubaliteraria, Yaremis Perez, will participate in the discussion "Creation and edition with its protagonists", together with directors of the Colombian Chamber of Independent Publishing and South American writers.

Omar Valiño, director of the "Jose Marti" National Library, will participate in the closing events in the panel entitled "The social sense of libraries" and Daniel Martin, president of the Latin Institute of Music, in the event "Challenges of audiovisual and sound heritage".

This is the first time the Caribbean island participates in this young cultural festival that will last until October 1 and whose main venue will be Los Fundadores Park. (Source:PL)

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