

Welcome to Madrid

Bearing in mind the recommendations by the Ministry for Health of the Community of Madrid in relation to the health situation in the region, the Book Fair will be postponed from June to October, whereby it will be held from 2 to 18 October.

Since it was first held in 1933 on the Paseo de Recoletos, the Book Fair has not stopped growing and contributing to the cultural mosaic of the city. This 79th edition will finally be held in October. The invited country is Colombia this year.

The increase in the number of requests to participate from booksellers, publishers and distributors made it necessary to look for a new venue, which is why the Fair moved to the [Retiro Park](#) in 1967. Time has proven that this venue was the right choice and it is now closely associated with the annual book and reading event.

This latest edition has Colombia as its invited country, coinciding with the **Centenary of Manuel Zapata Olivella**, one of the main figures of the Colombian arts. Manuel Zapata Olivella (1920-2004) is one of the most important representatives of Afro-Colombian literature and researcher in this culture in the Caribbean and in the Colombian Pacific.

Visitors will be able to enjoy the Colombian cultural diversity and arts with proposals for people of all ages. It is expected to invite more than **50 fiction and non-fiction writers** from different regions of the country, so that famous Colombian writers can be discovered along with a new generation of creators.

The poster for the 2020 edition has been designed on this occasion by the illustrator from Albacete, **Nuria Riaza**, which inspires thinking that the construction of a world of books, equality and freedom is in our hands. It is a drawing made with a blue pen and embroidered in cotton thread which has freedom, imagination, return to roots and the demand for female creation for new times as the main keys.

2019 Facts and Figures

The 2019 edition closed with record figures, increasing sales by 14% with respect to the previous year. A total of 2.3 million people enjoyed this cultural event in which around **550,000 books were sold**, raising almost 10 million euros.

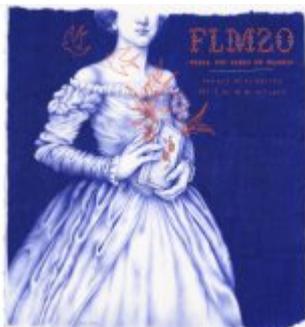
The Fair hosted more than **300 activities** designed for all types of people and ages in order to promote reading, with encounters, conferences, workshops and round tables in the different spaces. Authors occupied the 361 huts of the bookshops, publishers, distributors and institutions with **more than 1,800 authors** (of whom 42% were women) and 5,200 book signings were held. Names like **Domingo Villar, Elvira Sastre, Ian Gibson, Camilla Läckberg or Elísabet Benavent** were present in the book signings.

The invited country of honour was the **Dominican Republic**, whereby **60** leading authors were present with literary representatives of the new generation, like **Frank Báez** and **Rita Indiana**, or the presence of **Mario Vargas Llosa** who participated in a debate with two speakers on his relationship with the Caribbean island.



An International Fair

Each year, the Madrid Book Fair is committed to internationalisation and the focus was on **Latin America** in 2019 . The event has strengthened relations with Latin American countries thanks to the celebration of various proposals, such as the *Read Latin America Read 2019* international meeting and the *1st Meeting of Iberian-American Booksellers* where representatives of bookshops from Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Chile came into contact with the Spanish book sector.



Interest data

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