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**INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAMME ANNOUNCES 2016 PARTICIPANTS AND
THE CANADIAN EDITORIAL FELLOW**

TORONTO, July 19, 2016 ----- The **International Visitors (IV) Programme**, in association with **IFOA**, is pleased to announce its 2016 participants. This October, the Programme celebrates its ninth year of hosting editors, publishers, literary agents, scouts and festival directors from around the world during Toronto's [International Festival of Authors \(October 20-30, 2016\)](#).

Participants benefit from six days of scheduled inter-industry dialogue with the goal of increasing opportunities for Canadian authors and publishers abroad. **The 2016 IV Programme runs from October 23–28.**

"The IV Programme offers a unique opportunity for our Canadian authors to put their work in front of some of the world's top publishing professionals," says **Iris Tupholme**, Senior Vice-President and Executive Publisher of HarperCollins Publishers Canada. "In addition, our Canadian literary agents can present their authors' upcoming work in a series of collegial and informal pitch meetings, away from the crowds at the Frankfurt or London Book Fairs. The reputation of the IV Programme, as an opportunity for an intensive immersion into Canadian publishing, continues to grow. Support from our literary community has always been strong and, with the exciting line-up of Fellows and Guests, we expect participation to reach a new level this year."

Highlights of the 2016 session will be an industry-focused keynote address by **Elisabeth Schmitz**, Vice President and Editorial Director of Grove Atlantic.

The confirmed 2016 IV participants are: **Sarah Bowlin**, Senior Editor, Henry Holt & Company Inc.; **John Burnham Schwartz**, Director, Sun Valley Writers' Conference; **Flora Esterly**, Literary Scout, Bettina Schrewe, US; **Violaine Faucon**, Foreign Rights Manager, Editions de L'Olivier; **Emily Griffin**, Executive Editor, HarperCollins US; **Philip Gwyn Jones**, Editor-at-Large, Scribe Publications; **Peter Joseph**, Executive Editor, Thomas Dunne; **Maureen Kelley**, Director, Poetry Ireland; **Sally Kim**, VP Editorial Director, G.P. Putnam's Sons; **Jen Knoch**, Editor, ECW Press; **Daniel Lazar**, Literary Agent, Writers House, US; **Tara Parsons**, Editor-in-Chief, Touchstone; **Bence Sárközy**, Publisher and co-CEO, Sárközy & Co. Literary Agency; **Tamer Said**, Managing Director, Kalimat; **Simon-Philippe Turcot**, Director, Les Editions La Peuplade. Further guests are to be confirmed.

For the fifth year, the IV Programme has awarded the **Canadian Editorial Fellowship**, an opportunity for a Canadian editor to meet with the international publishing executives in attendance. The 2016 Canadian Editorial Fellowship has been awarded to **Jen Knoch**.

"The International Festival Of Authors is such an engaging platform to showcase authors and their work, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to participate in this rich cultural exchange in a new way," says Knoch. "An editor's job is to discover and spread wonderful writing and great ideas,

and the IV Programme is the perfect environment to do so. Coming from an independent publisher, I'm excited to contribute a different perspective on the Canadian publishing landscape and its thriving, diverse community.”

The IV Programme Committee contains representatives from a number of organizations within the Canadian literary community, including the IFOA. The main IV Programme Committee for 2016 is: Chair: **Iris Tupholme**, Senior Vice President and Executive Publisher, HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.; **Erin Balsler**, Producer, CBC Books; **Marilyn Biderman**, Literary Agent, Marilyn Biderman Literary Management; **Gillian Fizet**, Rights Director, House of Anansi Press Inc.; **Sam Hiyate**, President and Co-Founder, The Rights Factory; **Andrea Magyar**, Publishing Director, Penguin Random House; **Hazel Millar**, Managing Editor, BookThug; **Jay Millar**, Publisher, BookThug; **Craig Pyette**, Senior Editor, Penguin Random House; **Doug Richmond**, Associate Editor, HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.; **Christine Saratsiotis**, Associate Director, IFOA; **Geoffrey E. Taylor**, Director, IFOA; **Synora Van Drine**, Sales Manager, Dundurn Press; **Dan Wells**, Publisher, Biblioasis; **Julia Yu**, Senior Event Coordinator, IFOA.

For more information about the IV Programme, please visit www.ivprogramme.com.

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