



Respected French Publisher Antoine Gallimard to receive The London Book Fair Lifetime Achievement Award 2010

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LONDON, FRIDAY 26TH MARCH 2010—The London Book Fair is pleased to announce that the seventh annual Lifetime Achievement Award in International Publishing, sponsored by SBS Worldwide and in association with the Publishers Association, will be awarded to **Antoine Gallimard**, chief executive of one of France's most prestigious publishing houses, Éditions Gallimard.

Antoine is the grandson of Gaston Gallimard who founded the house of Éditions Gallimard in 1901, and he has been at the helm after succeeding his father Claude in 1975. Éditions Gallimard's reputation for independence and quality publishing is legendary, boasting one of Europe's most esteemed literary lists, in both French and foreign literature - from Marcel Proust, Jean-Paul Sartre and Andre Gide, to J.K. Rowling and Ian McEwan.

Antoine Gallimard said: *"I am delighted and honoured to accept this prestigious accolade from The London Book Fair. Our success is in large part thanks to the inspirational, original and thought-provoking work of our authors, both in France and around the globe. It is a privilege to be able to publish such a wonderful range of writing. I would also like to thank all the staff of Editions Gallimard, for their commitment and dedication to the success of our writers."*

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognises an individual who has made a truly significant mark in the sphere of global publishing. It is open to publishers, agents, editors, scouts and anyone else involved in international publishing from any country in the world, and has previously been awarded to *Lord Weidenfeld, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, Christopher MacLehose, now of MacLehose Press, John Lyon of Little, Brown (posthumously), Lynette Owen of Pearson Education, Peter Mayer of The Overlook Press/ Duckworth Publishers, and last year to Drenka Willen.*

Simon Master, Non Executive Chair, The London Book Fair Advisory Board, said: *"It's no exaggeration to say that Antoine Gallimard has had a monumental influence on international publishing. He is one of the key figures in foreign literature, renowned worldwide for excellence and originality, and we're delighted to be giving him The London Book Fair Lifetime Achievement award this year."*

The London Book Fair's Advisory Board, comprising senior figures in the international publishing industry, under the chairmanship of Master, decided on Gallimard after debating the merits of a shortlist of international publishing figures.

Stephen Page, Chief Executive, Faber and Faber, said: *"Antoine Gallimard is a great publisher at the helm of one of the world's great publishing houses, and it remains great because of his personal commitment to it and its independent status. To recognise his achievements is a mark of the admiration many in British publishing feel for him and for his wonderful publishing house."*

Author **J.K. Rowling**, whose Harry Potter series was published by Gallimard in France, said: *“Antoine has been the most wonderful friend and supporter to me and to Harry Potter through all the years of our association. It has been a delight to be published by Gallimard, whose enthusiasm and skill brought unprecedented success for Harry in France. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this great honour than Antoine, and send him my warmest congratulations.”*

The Lifetime Achievement Award in International Publishing will be formally presented to Gallimard on 20th April 2010 at 12PM at a special reception in Earls Court 1. He will receive a handcrafted glass bowl that is commissioned each year by The London Book Fair from Kate Jones at Gillies Jones.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

ÉDITIONS GALLIMARD

Éditions Gallimard, France's third-largest publishing house (which includes NRF, Denoël and Mercure de France) was founded at the beginning of the 20th century by Gaston Gallimard, and is headed today by the founder's grandson, Antoine Gallimard. Its reputation for independence and quality publishing is legendary.

Éditions Gallimard's catalogue of 17,000 titles and 7,000 authors boasts one of Europe's most prestigious literary lists, in both French and foreign literature. It includes Proust, Gide, Saint-John Perse, Artaud, Sartre, Beauvoir, Camus, Genet, Céline, Char, Aragon, Malraux, Yourcenar, Ionesco, Sarraute, Duras, Quignard, Tournier, Modiano, Le Clézio and Glissant, as well as current literary lights Daniel Pennac, Sylvie Germain and Patrick Chamoiseau.

In foreign literature, Éditions Gallimard has published the works of Dos Passos, Hemingway, Faulkner, Kafka, Joyce, D. H. Lawrence, Nabokov, Thomas Mann, Steinbeck, Eliade, Capote, Borges, Golding, Pasternak, Tagore, Bellow, Kerouac, Mishima, Patrick White, Peter Handke, Octavio Paz, Milan Kundera, John Updike, William Styron, Philip Roth, Kenzaburô Oé, Graham Swift and Ian McEwan, to name only a few.

The non-fiction list is equally strong; it comprises, among other seminal thinkers and historians, Freud, Gramsci, Heidegger, Aron, Wittgenstein, Foucault, Duby, Le Goff and Le Roy Ladurie.

The prestigious Pléiade leather-bound collection of classical works is the most distinguished imprint of the house, and the remarkable Gallimard-Jeunesse list of children's books (both fiction and non-fiction) has acquired a worldwide reputation for excellence and originality.

Éditions Gallimard's authors have been translated around the world (more than 500 contracts are signed every year) and its acquisition department makes sure that the best foreign authors also find their place in the 4,000-title-strong catalogue of its Du Monde entier imprint.

Over 750 new titles and 2,000 reprints are published every year by Gallimard, with distribution handled by its own distribution company, Sodus. Folio, the company's paperback imprint, alone sells 14 million volumes a year. Gallimard owns half a dozen bookstores, including one in Montreal and one in the Schoenhof's Foreign Books store located in Harvard Square in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

THE LONDON BOOK FAIR:

The London Book Fair is the global marketplace for rights negotiation and the sale and distribution of content across print, audio, TV, film and digital channels. Taking place every spring in the world's premier publishing and cultural capital, it is a unique opportunity to explore, understand and capitalise on the innovations shaping the publishing world of the future. The London Book Fair brings you direct access to customers, content and emerging markets. The London Book Fair 2010 will take place from 19th – 21st April. For more details, please visit: www.londonbookfair.co.uk

THE LONDON BOOK FAIR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING:

The London Book Fair Lifetime Achievement Award in International Publishing celebrates an individual's career dedication to breaking down borders in international publishing. Anyone involved in international publishing, from any country in the world, can be nominated.

The award is judged by The London Book Fair Advisory Board, made up of senior figures in the international publishing industry, under the chairmanship of Simon Master, Non Executive Chair, The London Book Fair.

The nominations process closed on Friday 22nd January 2010.

PREVIOUS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS:

2009 - Drenka Willen, Editor, Harcourt, USA (presented by Umberto Eco, Author) - picture attached above.

2008 - Peter Meyer, Publisher, Overlook Press and Duckworth, UK & USA (Presented by Ed Victor, Literary Agent)

2007 - Lord Weidenfeld, Publisher, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, UK (Presented by Simon Master, Non Executive Chair, The London Book Fair)

2006 - Christopher MacLehose, Publisher, UK (Presented by Liz Calder, Bloomsbury Plc)

2005 - Lynette Owen, Copyright Director, Pearson Education, UK

2004 - John Lyons, Publisher, Little, Brown, UK & USA (presented posthumously)

The winner receives a handcrafted glass bowl that is commissioned each year by The London Book Fair from Kate Jones at Gillies Jones.

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