
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR EVALUATING ESSAYS AND POEMS SUBMITTED TO THE «ANDRÉS DE IRUJO» PRIZE, held in Bilbao on the 17th of September, 1999

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Iñaki Aguirre Arizmendi, Secretary General of Foreign action, with Mr. Josu Legarreta, Director of Relations with Basque Communities acting as Secretary.

Mr. Xoldo San Sebastian and Mr. Iñaki Erkoreka represented the Basque Centres on the Advisory Board for Relations with Basque Communities. Mr. Iñaki Esnal was unable to attend, since he was travelling.

The members of the Evaluating Committee gave their appraisals of each of the pieces of work presented, 7 of which were essays and 12, poems.

Once the different pieces of work had been analysed, the Committee unanimously reached the following agreement.

Firstly: To award the first prize in the «Andrés de Irujo» award to the piece of work entitled «Laurak Bat» from Montevideo.

Secondly: To inform the author of «Historia de otros tiempos» the jury's agreement to award this piece of work a «special mention», and to encourage said author to go ahead and write the second part which is announced in the text.

Thirdly: To publish the poems submitted during this competition in the «Euskal Etxeak» magazine.

Fourthly: To look into the possibility of publishing the rest of the essays, given the interest in collecting and disseminating the experiences and stories of Basques living overseas.



Bilbao, 17th september 1999.

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