

AGREEMENT between:

Italian Embassy Cultural Centre New Delhi, hereinafter referred to as **IIC**, situated at 50-E, Chandragupta Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021 India, represented by its Director **Andrea Baldi**

and

Ms. Sumana Roy, C/o Dr. Robin Ghosh, Sishu Nalanda School, 99 Meghnad Saha Road, P.O. Pradhan Nagar, Siliguri-734003 West Bengal, Pan Card Number: AEYPR4814F, e-mail: sumana001@gmail.com, Mobile phone: 9474085253, hereinafter referred to as **Ms. Roy**.

It is hereby agreed as follows:

Art.1 Ms. Sumana Roy agrees to co-curate with Mr. Matteo Trevisani the project titled "Bridge of Stories", a joint project by IIC New Delhi and IIC Mumbai, which culminates in the publication of a book in India consisting of 12 short stories of 15000-20000 words written on any theme by unpublished Italian and Indian writers.

Art.2 Ms. Roy agrees to undertake the following activities as part of the curatorial process:

- identifying and selecting 3 male and 3 female Indian writers competent in English to be able to converse and interact with their Italian counterparts;
- introducing the Indian and Italian writers to each other via digital means and facilitating and coordinating exchange between them through at least 4 meetings;
- guiding and overseeing the writing process for Indian writers;
- identifying a publisher and overseeing the eventual publication in India;
- writing the preface of the book with Mr. Trevisani;
- participating in the entire process and development of the project and in the editorial process of the book with Mr. Trevisani;
- collaborating on producing the promotional material for the book, such as recording video clips of the project during various stages of development;
- participating in talks, discussions, events organized by IIC in relation to the project and the book before publication and in the presentation during the launch.

2.1. The IIC agrees to pay a sum of Euros 2000 (Euros two thousand) to Ms. Sumana Roy for the above project. The amount is payable in Indian Rupees by bank transfer at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of payment by bank NEFT transfer.

2.2 The amount is all inclusive and all the relevant taxes, duties, payments to local and government bodies as may be due or become due in connection with the above project shall be directly paid by Ms Roy. The IIC is absolved off any such dues and claims and bears no responsibility. Any other authorizations or permissions etc., if needed for the project, as may be required from the local authorities shall be procured directly by Ms. Roy.

2.3. The amount of Euros 2000 shall be paid by NEFT transfer as per details given by Ms. Sumana Roy into her bank account n. 911010026547316 (Savings Account) with Axis Bank Ltd., Hill Cart Road, Siliguri-734403, IFSC code: UTIB0001403, after the successful completion of the project as per time schedule at art. 3 of this agreement.

Art. 3 For the timely and smooth execution of the project, Ms. Roy and IIC agree to adhere to the mutually decided timeline mentioned below:

- 1st meeting of writers with Ms Roy and Mr Trevisani for introductions and beginning of the writing process. The meeting will be limited to the writers and curators and will be closed to outsiders.

- 2nd meeting of writers with Ms Roy and Mr Trevisani for moderation and guidance during the writing process. The meeting will be limited to the writers and curators and will be closed to outsiders.
- Completion of final drafts of the 6 Indian short stories to be published.
- 3rd meeting with writers, curators and the directors of IIC New Delhi and Mumbai. The meeting will be open to an audience and will include a presentation of the project and a discussion with sharing of experiences during the project and of writing in general for emerging writers in both countries.
- **20 October 2021**: Conclusion of editing of all 12 short stories (6 by Italian and 6 by Indian writers) in both Italian and English, including the translations for each story. The texts shall be ready for typesetting and printing with the approval of both curators.
- **22 October 2021**: 4th meeting with the writers moderated by the curators in the presence of IIC Directors and an audience. Writers shall have read each other's stories and discuss the experience of working together and individually on the project and the book soon to be published.
- **25 November 2021**: Conclusion of proofreading of the book.
- **7 January 2022**: The printed book is delivered to the IICs.
- **15 November 2022**: Presentation and book launch.

Art. 4 The IIC agrees to arrange and pay for: i) one single room from 15 to 16 November 2022 (one night) at Hotel Royal Plaza, New Delhi; ii) taxi from Sonipat to Delhi; iii) taxi from the hotel Royal Plaza to the Cultural Centre in New Delhi and back to hotel; iv) taxi from hotel Royal Plaza to New Delhi Airport. v) Air ticket Delhi-Mumbai- Delhi. Taxi charges from Delhi Airport to Sonipat shall be reimbursed to Ms.Roy on presentation of valid receipt. The boarding passes should be returned to the IIC for accounts. The IIC shall also, if need be, in collaboration with other local partners, within its purview, may arrange things that may be required for the execution of the project.

Art. 5 Ms. Roy agrees and gives her consent for the collection and processing of her personal data, intended solely for the purpose of execution of the present Agreement, and IIC agrees to process the said data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

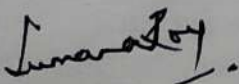
Art. 6 Both parties give their consent to the publication of the beneficiary details and amount of the present Agreement on the official website of IIC in accordance with the law of transparent administration of public entities (Dlgs. 33/2013).

Art. 7 Neither Party shall be entitled to assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations arising under this Agreement to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party.

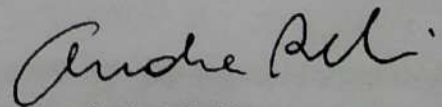
Art. 8 In the event of any controversy that may arise in connection with the present Agreement, such a controversy shall be resolved through amicable settlement.

The present Agreement consisting of 8 articles has been drafted in two equal copies (one for the records of IIC and one for Ms. Royi).

In witness of their understanding of and in agreement to the terms and conditions herein contained, the parties affix their signatures below.



Sumana Roy
Co-Curator



Andrea Baldi
Director