

BoekBedonnerd III

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BookBedonnerd 111

Good day, Karooesters. Hope that 2010 has been kind to you thus far. Rumours are doing the rounds that Santa was late this year at many houses because while dropping off presents in Richmond, he got so excited by all our books that he lost track of time!!!

With arrangements for BookBedonnerd 111(set down for the 22-24 October 2010) however, we are way ahead of schedule. The response of writers has been phenomenal, so much so that the speakers for 2010 are all but confirmed, and places for 2011 are already filling up.

No doubt, the first half of the year will be dominated by the Fifa World Cup. Thereafter however, the big news will undoubtedly be the commemoration of 150 years of Indian settlement in SA. With this in mind, we announced at last years festival that the theme of BookBedonnerd 111 would be 'The Coolie Odyssey'. To this end, I am happy to announce, in what is probably a first for the Karoo, a list of speakers to talk about Indian Diasporic Writing in SA . From the list of speakers below, it should be clear however, that this years festival is going to be far more representative of our literary heritage than in years gone by.

LIST OF SPEAKERS

- 1) Denis Becket
- 2) Ronnie Govender
- 3) Aziz Hassim
- 4) Betty Govinden (health permitting)
- 5) Imraan Coovadia
- 6) Prof. Lindy Stiebel (UKZN)
- 7) Prof. Isabel Hofmeyr (WITS)(These 6 speakers will lead discussions on Writers of the Indian Diaspora)
- 8) Prof. Johnathan Jansen (Vice – Chancellor at UFS)
- 9) Loftus Marais
- 10) Ingrid Winterbach
- 11) Kirby van de Merwe
- 12) Prof. Steward van Wyk (UWC)
- 13) Prof. Fanie Olivier (UKZN)
- 14) Prof. Joan Hambidge (UCT)

- 15) Diana Ferrus (UWC) (Writers 8-14 – Afrikaans literature component)
- 16) Stephan Welz
- 17) Geoff Klass
- 18) Roger and Pat de la Harpe (still to confirm)
- 19) Marianne Palmer (still to confirm)

From this almost complete list of speakers, I am sure you will agree it is an impressive line-up. There are a few BIG names that will be confirmed if we secure adequate funding.

In the months ahead, we will be posting the biographies of 3 writers per month in the build up to BoekBedonnerd 111. Watch out also for our next communiqué which will profile the shortlisted candidates for the Book Town Richmond Literary Awards in 2010.

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