



## SAVE THE DATE – 14th OSTANA PRIZE

Writings in Mother Tongue / escrituras en lenga mairè

*The celebration of mother languages is back, physically, under the breathtaking Monviso*

**from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June 2022**

Centro Polifunzionale “Lou Pourtoun”, borgata Miribrart – Ostana, Piedmont (Italy)

*Una lenga n'es viva que se pòt donar vida a totes causas*

*(A language is only alive if it can give life to every thing)*

**Joan Bodon**

Dear UNESCO team organisers of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages,

It is with immense pleasure that I announce to you that the "**Ostana Prize: Writings in Mother Tongue**" is to be held on June 24, 25 and 26, 2022, in person, physically. I hope you can take this opportunity to plan a pleasant cultural holiday to spend in company of the awarded authors, at the Lou Pourtoun Multifunctional Center in Ostana, where you will be welcomed by the Chambrà d'Òc, by the Municipality of Ostana and by the Viso a Viso Community Cooperative.

The Ostana Prize is the annual meet-up with the mother tongues of the world that brings together in Ostana (Cuneo, Italy), an Occitan village right in front the spectacular Monviso mountain, **indigenous language authors from around the world** - over the years, **44 languages** from the 5 continents have been our guests - for a true festival of **linguistic biodiversity**.

“A language is alive only if it can give life to every thing”: the phrase by Joan Bodon, motto and thread of this edition, is in fact a current issue of our times: the languages who will take part in the XIV edition will give life to every artistic expression, from literature, to music and cinema, and therefore capable “of giving life to every thing”.

If you decide to come and spend the days dedicated to the Ostana Prize with us, please know that the Chambrà d'Òc is available to help you in the logistical search for accommodation and in solving any logistical problems when getting to the Prize venue. If you are planning a cultural trip to Ostana you can seize the opportunity to visit the Occitan Valleys, to climb the Monviso, or to visit places yet to be explored in Italy.

I am waiting for you and I promise you that the programme of the Ostana Prize 2022 will not disappoint you. I am certain that you too can take part in it with passion and involvement, carrying with you your experiences, your humanity and your friendship. 'En convivència' (cohabitating in harmony together) is the word that has always accompanied the Ostana Prize over the years and never before has this word been so current.

Roccabruna, 27th April 2022



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