PROGRAMME

"POETS IN RESIDENCE"

UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA'S INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS OF POETS

(with the support of the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova)

- 1. The Organizing Committee of the University of Coimbra's International Meetings of Poets launched the "Poets in Residence" programme on the occasion of the 6th International Meeting of Poets, in May 2007, with the support of the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Letters and the Rectory of the University of Coimbra.
- 2. The main objective of this programme is to support the creation and dissemination of poetry by offering accommodation to poets from all over the world who wish to spend some time in Portugal, benefiting from the quiet and peaceful environment required for literary creation in a place where beautiful landscapes and history go hand in hand: Monsanto medieval village, considered by many to be the most Portuguese of Portuguese villages.
- 3. Following the example of other foreign universities, the second aim of this programme is to support the pedagogic and didactic practices of the Faculty of Letters of the University of Coimbra, which will expect occasional visits by the Poets in Residence who will give lectures or seminars on literature, as well as poetry readings.
- 4. Residencies will be offered yearly during the months of February, March and April, for a period from one (1) to three (3) months.
- 5. During this period, with the support of the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, the Organizing Committee of the University of Coimbra's International Meetings of Poets will procure two (2) one-room apartments in a recently restored rustic building in the historic village of Monsanto (water, electricity, gas and cleaning services being provided).
- 6. The Rectory of the University of Coimbra offers a yearly travel grant of eight hundred (800) euros (maximum) to a selected poet from any country outside Europe.
- 7. The Dean's Office of the Faculty of Letters of the University of Coimbra offers a yearly travel grant corresponding to the lowest economy-class tariff to a selected poet from within Europe.
- 8. The selection Jury is composed of the members of the Organizing Committee of the University of Coimbra's International Meetings of Poets.
- 9. The Poets in Residence must offer at least one poetry reading, a seminar and/or a workshop at the Faculty of Letters of the University of Coimbra.
- 10. The Poets in Residence must also offer at least one workshop and a poetry reading at Idanha-a-Nova, at the Centro Cultural Raiano, as well as a collection of at least four original poems on the Idanha-a-Nova region.
- 11. The Organizing Committee of the University of Coimbra's International Meetings of Poets will periodically edit a bilingual anthology with the aforementioned poems; the poems included will be translated by the Committee's members.
- 12. The publication of the aforementioned anthology will be entirely sponsored by the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova.
- 13. Applications will be submitted to Comissão Organizadora dos Encontros Internacionais de Poetas — Programa "Poetas em Residência", Secção de Estudos Anglo-Americanos do Departamento de Línguas, Literaturas e Culturas da Faculdade de Letras da Universidade de Coimbra, 3004-530 COIMBRA, Portugal.
- 14. Applications must include: (a) a letter of application, (b) a CV, (c) a summary of the literary project to be developed whilst at Monsanto, (d) a summary of the project to be

developed with the students of the University of Coimbra, and (e) a sample of the author's literary production.

- 15. Applications must be submitted from June 1st to July 15th, yearly.
- 16. The Jury's decision will be announced to the selected poets until the end of the first week of September.