



PRESS RELEASE

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International Caribbean Writers Congress
In GUADELOUPE
Organized by the " Région Guadeloupe "

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Roger TOUMSON, Academic Essay writer and poet,

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Landmark events shall punctuate this edition :

- The inaugural conference on Wednesday, April 6, with a major tribute to Martinique Edouard Glissant, who recently passed away.

- The conferences, seminars and round tables on Thursday 7, and Friday 8 will be devoted to various issues, including : **interaction in the Caribbean between the French, English, Spanish and Dutch Caribbean literary fields; the literary critic; reading, writing, and publishing in the Caribbean environment; the future of the world of books and literary creation in the Caribbean environment...**

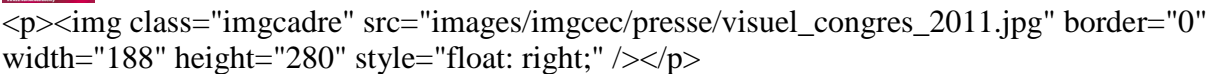
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- The inauguration on Saturday, April 9, of a major collection of literary works donated by La Casa de Las Americas to the Bettino Lara Media-Library for its 50th anniversary

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Al igual que en la primera edición, numerosos escritores, críticos y editores de todos los países del Caribe, francófono, anglófono e hispanohablante, estarán presentes para intercambiar y debatir. Se trata pues, más allá de las barreras lingüísticas o geográficas, de reafirmar y consolidar las resoluciones tomadas durante la primera edición y asimismo, definir otras perspectivas en términos de edición, traducción y difusión de la literatura caribeña.

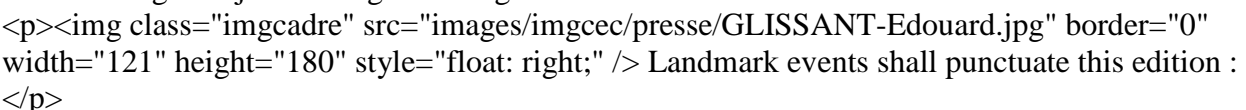
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