

**Preliminary program  
of Bishkek Forum “Woman and censorship”,  
June, 24-26, 2005, hotel “Dostuk”, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**

**Participants:** Women writers from Kyrgyzstan (10), Uzbekistan (2), Tajikistan (2), Kazakhstan (2), Afghanistan (2), Russia (1), Belorussia (1), members of International PEN-club (10), publishers (2), journalists (5), leaders of women’s NGO (3).

**Friday, 24 June**

Arrival and registration of participants. Hotel “Dostuk”, reception.

**Saturday, 25 June**

**9-00 – 9-20.** Opening of the Forum.

Welcome addresses from

Judith Buckrich, Chair of International PEN Women Writers Committee.

Vera Tokombaeva, executive director of Bishkek PEN center - “Censorship, which has been dictated by life”.

**9-20 -9-30.** Documentary film “Downstairs from the 7<sup>th</sup> floor” (by Dalmira Tilepbergenova, Vera Tokombaeva)

**9-30 – 11-00.** Round table – 1.

**Moderator:** Irina Kozlinskaya (Kyrgyzstan).

The situation in Central Asia after Kyrgyz revolution. Woman and society. Economical censorship.

**Participants:** Nodira Amonova (Tajikistan),

Gulchakhra Nurullaeva (Uzbekistan),

Asija Baigogina (Kazakhstan),

Khaleda Froakh (Afghanistan).

**11-00 - 11-20.** Coffee-break.

**11-20 – 12-30.** Round table - 2.

**Moderator:** Alika Karabaeva (Kyrgyzstan)

“Pendulum of Eastern democracy: from dictatorship to anarchy”.

Safia Siddiqi (Afghanistan),

Fariza Ungarsynova (Uzbekistan)

Judith Buckrich (Australia), “Women Writers in Australia”.

**13-00.** Lunch

**14-00 -15-30.** Round table – 3. (Parallel program – Literature event in Kyrgyz National University. Scandinavian writers about their feminist activities. Participants – Kristina T. Schnider (Swiss German PEN-center), Kristina Hultman (Sweden).

**Moderator:** Dinara Chochunbaeva (Kyrgyzstan)

Feminist movement in politics and culture.

Kristina Hultman (Sweden),

Altynai Temirova (Kyrgyzstan).

**15-40.** Coffee-break.

**16-00 -16-20.** Documentary film “Tunguch” (“First borned”) by Dalmira Tilepbergenova.

**16-20 – 18-00.** Round table – 4.

**Moderator:** Gulbara Tolomusheva (Kyrgyzstan).

Self censorship among women writers.

Words from publishers – Abdyzgamil Nurpeisov (Kazakhstan),

Kanybek Imanaliev (Kyrgyzstan).

**18-45** Departure from hotel “Dostuk” to historical and ethnographical center “Kyrgyz Aiyly” (“Kyrgyz village”), situated nearby of Bishkek.

**19-00** Excursion, walking around “Kyrgyz Aiyly”, acquaintance to Kyrgyz national traditions and way of life.

**19-30** Dinner (including cultural performance and music) in restaurant “Dasmija”

**22-0.** Literature evening

Participants – all.

Languages: Kyrgyz, Kazakh, Uzbek, Tajik, Russian

**Sunday, 26 June.**

**9-0** Departure from Hotel “Dostuk” to mountain camping “Kashka-Suu”.

**Parallel Program:**

**9-00 – 11-00** Public readings in Assembly of Kyrgyz People.

Literature event “National identity in culture of national minorities”.

**11-00 – 12-00** Excursion over Bishkek (by bus)

**19 -00** Dinner in the hotel “Dostuk”

**Monday, 27 June**

Departures

**P.S.** Post forum tours can be organized according to wishes of participants (Issyk-Kul Lake, Ravine “Ala-Archa”, Burana Tower)