

MATANEL FOUNDATION  
ACTIVITY REPORT

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**Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Association of Hispanists took place at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mt Scopus, 7-12 July, 2019.

Over 400 scholars from 38 countries presented lectures at the conference on various subjects related to Hispanic and Judeo-Spanish Studies, including six panels with a specific focus on comparative debates and studies of Hispanic and Judeo-Hispanic topics such as: «Vivir "Entre Mundos"; Presencia Judía en las letras iberoamericanas»

(Live "Between Worlds"; Jewish presence in Ibero-American letters)

The Matanel Prize for Jewish Thought was awarded during the conference on July 11 following one of the panels in the field of Jewish Hispanic Studies.

**The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):**

Number of Participants: Over 600 including 438 lecturers in over 100 sessions.

**Opening ceremony** with a recorded greeting of the president of the State of Israel Reuven Rivlin. The event led by the president of the organizing committee Prof. Ruth Fine took place in the presence of the ambassador of Spain S.E. Manuel Gomez Acebo, the president of the Hebrew University Prof. Asher Cohen, the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities Prof. Michael Segal, the president of the International Association of Hispanists Aurelio Gonzales, the Duke of Soria S.E Carlos Zurita, and hundreds of international scholars.

**Cultural Events:** The congress included a visit of an exhibition of ancient Ladino manuscripts at the National Library, a dinner at Migdal David museum, a Ladino concert at the Brigham Young University, and visits to the old city of Jerusalem and Acco.

The congress contributes to an international exchange between scholars, writers, and intellectuals in the field of Hispanic Studies. Special emphasis was given to the intersection between Spanish and Jewish Studies.

**The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Congress of the International Association of Hispanists will take place in Neu Chatel, Switzerland, in three years.

**Evaluation Report, financial statement (not final report), conference programme with list of participants, photos:**

See attached

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