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Havana Book Fair to launch over 900 new literary works

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The vice-president of international relations at the Cuban Book Institute, Edel Morales, told reporters that over 315 participants, including 175 authors, will be at the fair.

Uruguay's ambassador to Havana Ariel Pergamino expressed his gratitude that the event is dedicated to the local Uruguayan Charrua culture and that his country will bring a literary sample representative of the latest years, which includes 31 works.

Uruguay will be present with other arts manifestations, like performing arts, music, and the political scenario, said the ambassador as he noted that this will mirror the past, the present and the future of Uruguay.

Works by outstanding Cuban authors will also be on the fair's offer, such as poet Lina de Faria and Rogelio Martinez Fure, to which the literary event has been dedicated.

Other important aspects of the fair include a colloquium on social sciences, a meeting of US and Cuban editors, an international seminar on the 130th anniversary of the abolishment of slavery in Cuba.

The book, which also pays tribute to outstanding authors Mario Benedetti and Eduardo Galeano, will run February 11-21 in Havana and later will tour the rest of Cuban provinces.