Dear all,

There are few places remaining for two Belgian events organised during *La Semaine de la Francophonie*. Please note that these two events **are free** :

1.       On the 19th March, a conference by Bill Alder *on the life and writings****of Georges Simenon*** (in partnership with the European Commission), will be followed by a drink reception with Belgian beers

2.       On the 18th March, **a Stand-Up Comedy** with 3 Belgian comedians (event in **French**).

Please find below my signature more information about these two events. If you are interesting in attending, reply to this email with a confirmation of participation and the names of the participants.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Have a lovely day.

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**'The life and writings of Georges Simenon'**

Lecture by Bill Alder

6.30 pm on Wednesday 19th March 2014

At the Europe House, London

Wallonia-Brussels International and the European Commission Representation in the UK are delighted to invite you to a lecture (in English) by Bill Alder on Georges Simenon.

Belgian novelist **Georges Simenon**(1903 - 1989) became a phenomenally successful author of crime fiction through his creation **Inspector Maigret.**

**Bill Alder**is an associate lecturer in French with the Open University. He has published articles in English and French on Maigret and Simenon in American, British and Belgian journals. His recent book *Maigret, Simenon and France*has been nominated for an 'Edgar' award by the Mystery Writers of America.

Through a presentation of the life of Simenon, Bill Alder will examine how the author's childhood and adolescence in Liège influenced his writing over half a century and will consider why the Maigret series and Simenon's other novels met with international success and  remain popular today in fresh new translations.

The conference will be followed by a drink reception. Entrance to this event is free but places are limited.

To reserve a place, please email Aurore Crétel: [aurore@wallonia.co.uk](mailto:aurore@wallonia.co.uk)

**Location:**

European Commission Representation UK

Europe House

32 Smith Square

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(Nearest tube station: Westminster, 5-minute walk)

This event is part of *la Semaine de la Francophonie*.  For more information : [www.semaine-de-la-francophonie-au-royaume-uni.com](http://www.semaine-de-la-francophonie-au-royaume-uni.com/)