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Zakes Mda and Greg Marinovich win the 2017 *Sunday Times* Literary Awards

Congratulations to PEN SA Member Zakes Mda who has been named the winner of the Barry Ronge Prize for fiction at the *Sunday Times* Literary Awards for his novel *Little Suns*. The award ceremony was held on Saturday 24 June at The Empire in Parktown, Johannesburg. Greg Marinovich won the Alan Paton Award for non-fiction for his book *Murder at Small Koppie: The Real Story of the Marikana Massacre*.

"Memory itself is essentially fictive, and since we are what we remember, our work creates us as we create it." - [Read the keynote address that Mda gave at the ceremony.](#)

The *Sunday Times* and *Books LIVE* published interviews with all the shortlisted writers in the lead up to the announcement. Click through to read the interviews with [Greg Marinovich](#), [Dikgang Moseneke](#) and [Sean Christie](#) and with PEN SA members [Mda](#), [Yewande Omotoso](#), [Bronwyn Law-Viljoen](#), [Mark Winkler](#), [Kopano Matlwa](#), [Christa Kuljian](#) and [Steven Robins](#).

(Image courtesy of Books LIVE)

Chinese Writer-Activist Liu Xiaobo Released on Medical Parole for Late-Stage Cancer

PEN SA is pleased at the news that the Chinese dissident writer and Nobel laureate Liu Xiaobo has been released from prison. Even with this good news PEN SA would like to make it clear that the Chinese government's relentless repression against the opposition and the disregard for freedom of expression remains a great concern.

"News that Chinese dissident writer and Nobel laureate Liu Xiaobo is suffering from late-stage liver cancer and has been released from prison on medical grounds is a painful reminder that President Xi Jinping and his regime will go to any lengths to crush opposition, PEN America said in a statement today. Liu was moved from prison to a hospital about a month ago."[...read more](#)



Type/Cast Issue 3 is Out

The third issue of *Type/Cast Literary Journal* was guest edited by PEN SA member Lauren Beukes. Read [her editorial for the issue](#): "We write because it's the fire we light against the darkness." PEN SA members Allan Kolski Horwitz and Kerry Hammerton both have poems in this issue. Horwitz's poem is titled "[Boxing Day Blues in Bellevue East](#)" and Hammerton's two poems are "[Curiosity lands safely on the surface of Mars: 6 August 2012](#)" and "[Cariad](#)" **...read more**

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NEW MEMBERS' TITLES



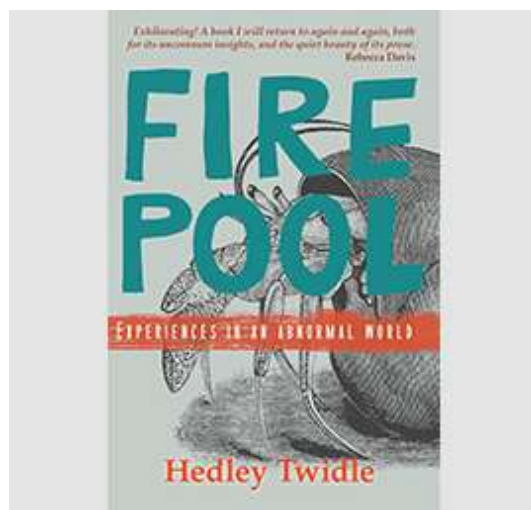
Listen to Podcasts from the 2017 Franschhoek Literary Festival

The Franschhoek Literary Festival was held from 29 to 21 May this year and there are now podcasts of the recorded sessions available on the Festival's website...**read more**

(Image courtesy of [Franschhoek Literary Festival](#))

UPCOMING EVENTS

Take a look at the literary events [coming up in July](#), including Wordfest, the Vrystaat Literature Festival and the Schreiner Karoo Writers Festival.



New titles by PEN SA members include [Firepool: Experiences in an Abnormal World](#) by Hedley Twidle, [Liminal](#) by Douglas Reid Skinner and [Collected Plays \(2009 -2017\)](#) by Allan Kolski Horwitz. Karin Brynard and Jacques Steenkamp contributed to [Op die Spoor van](#) edited by Rudie van Rensburg and Abigail George contributed to [Betrayal](#) edited by Robin Barratt. Iain S Thomas' book *I Wrote This For You: 2007 - 2017* will be out in November and is [available for pre-ordering](#) now. Thomas has also [launched a Patreon campaign](#) for his interactive story "Letters To The One Who Left" [...read more](#)

AWARDS NEWS

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

CASA Award for Woman-Identified Playwrights...[read more](#)

South African Literary Awards (the deadline is tomorrow)...[read more](#)

The Yale Drama Series...[read more](#)

Morland Writing Scholarships for African Writers...[read more](#)

Glenna Luschei Prize for African Poetry...[read more](#)

Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award...[read more](#)

Adda calling for submissions of poetry and non-fiction...[read more](#)

Live Canon International Poetry Competition (the deadline is on Saturday)...[read more](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

2017 Media24 Boeke Literêre Pryse winners...[read more](#)

Man Booker International Prize winner...[read more](#)

Winners of the 29th Annual Lambda Literary Awards...[read more](#)

International Dublin Literary Award 2017 winner...[read more](#)

Winner of the 2017 Internationaler Literaturpreis...[read more](#)

CENTRE NEWS

The PEN SA electronic AGM was sent out on 31 May 2017. Please read through the documents and respond before 5 PM tomorrow.

PEN SA President Margie Orford has been granted an Honorary Fellowship at St Hugh's College at the University of Oxford...[read more](#)

Imraan Coovadia's new novel, *A Spy in Time*, will be published in 2018 by Penguin Random House South Africa and Indian publishers Speaking Tiger...[read more](#)

Jen Thorpe is attending a writers' residency in France and sent the following note to the PEN SA community: "I'm currently writing to you from Marnay-Sur-Seine in France where I'm attending the CAMAC residency for writers and artists for two months. It is wonderful here, extremely stimulating and beautiful. I was able to raise funds via crowdfunding and the French consulate in Cape Town and am so grateful for the generosity I have received." Thorpe also wrote about the experience on her website...[read more](#)

The Finnish translation of Lauren Beukes' *Zoo City* won the Tähtivaeltaja Award...[read more](#)

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