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The 82nd PEN International Congress is Currently Underway in Ourense

The 82nd PEN International Congress is currently underway in Ourense, Spain hosted by PEN Galicia. The Congress has brought together more than 200 writers and PEN members representing Centres from across the world.

Margie Orford is attending the Congress in her capacity as PEN South Africa President and as a member of the PEN International board.

Together with Mexican PEN, PEN South Africa has proposed a change to the **PEN Charter** to call on PEN members to pledge “to do their utmost to dispel race, class, religious, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and national hatreds, and to champion the ideal of one humanity living in peace in one world.”

This builds on the initial Charter which calls on members “to dispel race, class and national hatreds”. PEN South Africa strongly believes that the inclusion of religion and gender related discrimination is a crucial one...[read more](#)

PEN SA Dialogue on #FeesMustFall and the Media

PEN South Africa, in association with Wits Journalism, invites you to attend a dialogue on the #FeesMustFall movement and media representation.

The upcoming anniversary of the #FeesMustFall movement offers a time to reflect on the students' relationship with the media, how the movement has been reported in mainstream media and what alternatives have been offered by social media. This is an opportunity for media practitioners, researchers and activists to reflect and assess traditional tools of the reporting trade.

Speakers: Researcher **Selina Linda Mudavanhu** and journalist **Sarin Drew** will be discussing the relationship between the media and the #FeesMustFall movement.

Date: Tuesday 4 October 2016

Time: 6 PM for 6:30 PM

Venue: King Kong, 6 Verwey Street, Troyeville, Johannesburg

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Latest Issues: Swedish PEN's The Dissident Blog and Taipei Chinese PEN Quarterly

Swedish PEN have published the latest issue of The Dissident Blog. This issue focuses on Nationalism and Free Speech...[read more](#)

Taipei Chinese PEN has shared excerpts from the latest issue of their publication, *The Taipei Chinese PEN Quarterly*, featuring contemporary Chinese literature from Taiwan translated into English...[read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

The inaugural Kimberley Book Fair is on



Rest in Peace: Allister Sparks (1933 – 2016)

PEN South Africa is deeply saddened by the news that journalist, editor and author Allister Sparks passed away this month at the age of 83...[read more](#)

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

JIAS Writing Fellowships...[read more](#)

2017 Iceland Writers Retreat Alumni Award...[read more](#)

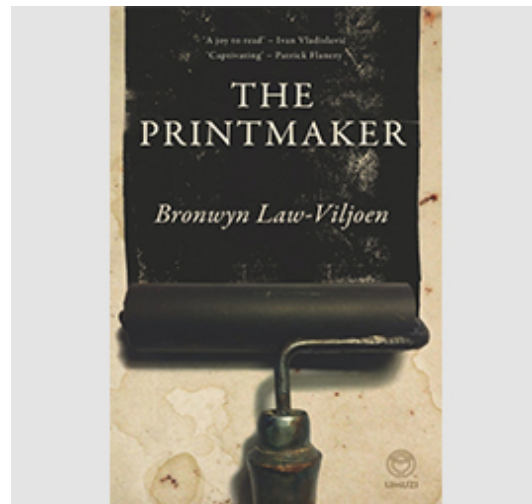
ITCH Issue 18: Character...[read more](#)

The National Humanities Center in

this weekend...[read more](#)

PEN SA members Helen Moffett, Bronwyn Law-Viljoen, Leon de Kock, Karin Brynard, Marianne Thamm and Mark Winkler will all be launching their latest books in October. The Mail & Guardian Literary Festival and Poetry Africa 2016 are also on next month...[read more](#)

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES



Recent titles from PEN SA members include [The Printmaker](#) by Bronwyn Law-Viljoen, [The Colours of Our Flag](#) by Allan Kolski Horwitz, [Loud and Yellow](#) by Sindiswa Busuku-Mathese, [Our Fathers](#) by Karin

Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, invites applications from scholars, novelists, and poets at risk for up to two 9-month residential fellowships at the Center from September 2017 through May 2018, pending funding. For the purposes of this Fellowship, refugee is defined as anyone who has left their home country due to war, political persecution, or threat of persecution and have not gained asylum or citizenship in another country. (Scholars and creative writers with pending applications for asylum or citizenship in another country are eligible.) Contact us for application details on

communications@pensouthafrica.co.za.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Athol Williams has been shortlisted for the 2016 Sol Plaatje EU Poetry Award and Anthology...[read more](#)

PEN SA members Arja Salafranca, Fred Khumalo and Karen Jennings have been longlisted for the 2016 Short Story Day Africa Prize and ZP Dala got a special mention...[read more](#)

Brynard, [Travels with My Father – An Autobiographical Novel](#) by Karen Jennings, [Losing the Plot: Crime, Reality and Fiction in Postapartheid Writing](#) by Leon de Kock and [The Craven Silence](#) co-written by Nick van der Leek...[read more](#)

WELCOME!

Welcome to new Professional members Bronwyn Law-Viljoen, Caryn Gootkin, Sindiswa Busuku-Mathese and Unathi Magubeni, as well as new Supporter member Niall Hurley.

Ronnie Kasrils's Alan Paton Award-winning book *The Unlikely Secret Agent* has been published in French...[read more](#)

NEW WRITERS' SOCIETY AND AWARD

A new award for African Science Fiction and a new professional body for Africans SFF professionals will be formally announced at the upcoming Ake Festival...[read more](#)

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