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The annual **PEN International New Voices Award** provides a space for young and unpublished writers to promote their work. It also aims to encourage new writing in the more than 104 countries that PEN operates in as PEN Centres put forward young writers to be considered for the award. This year Laura Legge, who was nominated by PEN Canada, was named the winner for her short story “**Dress Rehearsal**” at the PEN International Congress held in Galicia, Spain in September.

Karina M. Szczurek chaired the panel of judges who chose Beatrice Willoughby and James Clarke as PEN South Africa’s nominees for this year. She was joined on the

judging panel by Christine Coates, Jacqui L'Ange, Mark Winkler and Louanne van Riet. PEN Afrikaans nominated Frederick J Botha who was longlisted for this year's New Voices Award.

Read Willoughby, Clarke and Botha's entries as well as our Q&As with these young writers:

- [“The Mad, Sad, Rad Collection” by Beatrice Willoughby | Q&A](#)
- [“Old Iron” by James Clarke | Q&A](#)
- [“Please Help, God Bless” by Frederick J Botha | Q&A](#)

Read Szczurek's thoughts on this year's nominees and more about the judging panel [here](#).

Watch PEN SA's Dialogue on #FeesMustFall and the Media

In October PEN SA held a dialogue in association with Wits Journalism on the #FeesMustFall movement and media representation. Chaired by Oratile Mashazi, who was the PEN SA Advocacy and Projects Manager at the time, the event featured a talk by journalist Sarin Drew as well as Selina Mudavanhu's presentation of her research, commissioned by PEN SA, “Comrades, Students, Baboons and Criminals: An analysis of the discursive construction of the #RhodesMustFall/#FeesMustFall movement at the University of Cape Town on Facebook”.

Click through to read Mudavanhu's paper, watch the dialogue and read Mashazi's reflections on the event...[read more](#)



Writing in Response to the State Capture Crisis

In the previous newsletter PEN SA Board Member Mark Heywood called for creative responses to the state capture crisis. Read submissions from Mark Winkler, CJ Driver, Christine Coates, Justin Fox and Athol Williams...[read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Take a look at what's coming up this month...[read more](#)

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES



Itch Issue 18: Character is Out

Itch Magazine has released its latest issue, titled "Character", which features writing by PEN SA members Anton Krueger and Maren Bodenstein...[read more](#)

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Boston Review is calling for submissions on global dystopias...[read more](#)

The Times/Chicken House Children's Fiction Competition...[read more](#)

2017 Sunday Times Literary Awards



Recent titles from PEN SA members include [Period Pain](#) by Kopano Matlwa, [Zodiac](#) by Sam Wilson, [Darwin's Hunch: Science, Race and the Search for Human Origins](#) by Christa Kuljian, [Magnet Theatre: Three Decades of Making Space](#) co-edited by PEN SA member Anton Krueger, [Secret Cape Town](#) co-written by PEN SA Board Member Justin Fox and [UnSettled and other stories](#) by Sandra Hill...[read more](#)

NEW BOARD MEMBER

We are pleased to announce that Karina Magdalena Szczurek has been co-opted to the PEN SA Board. She will be

open for submissions from publishers...[read more](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Arja Salafranca, Sandra Hill, Leon de Kock, Karin Schimke and PEN SA Student Writing Prize judge Panashe Chigumadzi have all been named winners in the 2016 South African Literary Awards...[read more](#)

Abigail George's play *Moving from room to room* has been published on African Writer...[read more](#)

Jenny Crwys-Williams has partnered with Exclusive Books on a new book podcast...[read more](#)

Jacaranda Books have acquired the rights to publish Masande Ntshanga's novel *The Reactive* in the UK and across the Commonwealth...[read more](#)

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

Membership subscription fees are now due and amount to R250,00 for the

running an exciting new literary project so look out for that in 2017.

WELCOME!

Welcome to new PEN SA Professional members Julia Norrish, Sam Wilson, Bashi Pather, Sandra Hill and Terry Morris.

Send us your news

Had a book published recently? Attended or participated in a festival? Won an award? Achieved a personal milestone of note? We welcome any news of your activities for future issues of the PEN SA newsletter.

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