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### **Margie Orford to Judge New \$50 000 International Literary Award**

PEN SA President Margie Orford is on the judging panel for the Half the World Global Literati Award, a new literary prize which will go to a short story, novel or screenplay written in English, that is judged to “have portrayed one or more well-rounded female protagonists as the central character”.

From Half the World's website: "We are looking for short stories, novels and screenplays, written in English, that give a voice to the inner lives of women. Your work can be romantic; a tale of science fiction; a sensual or erotic exploration; a comic caper; a

thrilling mystery or a biographical memoir. We ask only that it gives fresh insight into the lives of women."...[read more](#)

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### **New Issue of The Dissident Blog**

Issue 20 of The Dissident Blog is out, themed Cities of Refuge it is a collection of writing from artists in exile from all over the world as well as a look at the work ICORN does...[read more](#)

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### **Watch Presentations from the TLRC Meeting**

In the previous issue we shared the letter that Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o wrote in support of the Translation and Linguistic Rights Committee (TLRC) meeting that was held in Joburg in March. PEN International has since shared videos of some of the presentations that were given, including PEN SA Board Member Carole Bloch's discussion on 'The Importance of Mother Tongue Education and Children's Literature in Africa'...[read more](#)

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### **Itch Issue 16: Vivid is out**

The 16th issue of Itch Magazine has been released featuring work by PEN SA members Abigail George and Sihle Ntuli...[read more](#)

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### **NEW MEMBERS' TITLES**



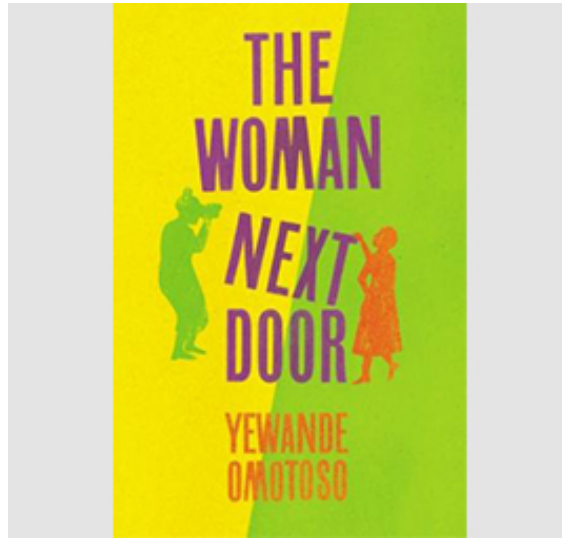
### **Mark Heywood Co-opted to the PEN SA Board**

We are very pleased to announce that Mark Heywood, author and Executive Director of [SECTION27](#), has been co-opted to the PEN SA Board and will be nominated at the electronic AGM next month.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Coming up next week is the [inaugural Rutanang Book Fair](#) in Tlokwe,



New titles from PEN SA members include [The Woman Next Door](#) by Yewande Omotoso and [Lonely](#) - an anthology featuring work by Abigail George, Bernard Levinson, Gail Dendy, Maren Bodenstein and Margaret Clough...[read more](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The longlists for the Sunday Times Literary Awards have been announced. The following members have been longlisted for the 2016 Sunday Times Barry Ronge Fiction Prize: ZP Dala, Finuala Dowling, Jacqui L'Ange, Sarah Lotz, Bridget Pitt, Claire Robertson,

which Christine Coates will be speaking at, as well as the South African Indie Revolution (SAIR) Charity Event...[read more](#)

Next month seven PEN SA members will be featured at the inaugural Jewish Literary Festival in Cape Town and the Spier Poetry Festival, curated by PEN SA member Dominique Botha, will feature Keorapetse Kgositsile and others...[read more](#)

## CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

FT/OppenheimerFunds Emerging Voices Awards (Deadline: 3 May)...[read more](#)

2016 Golden Baobab Prizes...[read more](#)

African Literary Writer's Residency Award...[read more](#)

Translations of Poetry from African Languages...[read more](#)

McGregor Poetry Festival...[read more](#)

Henrietta Rose-Innes, Michéle Rowe, Beverly Rycroft, Fiona Snyckers, Mark Winkler and Michiel Heyns (as translator of *It Might Get Loud* by Ingrid Winterbach). David Attwell and Justice Malala have been longlisted for the Sunday Times Alan Paton Award...[read more](#)

Anton Krueger, Catriona Ross, Diane Awerbuck and Kobus Moolman have been longlisted for the Short Sharp Stories Awards...[read more](#)

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### Request for info on UK writing trip

One of our members is wanting to spend six weeks writing in the UK later this year. If you have any suggestions for accommodation or residencies please let us know on [communications@pensouthafrica.co.za](mailto:communications@pensouthafrica.co.za).

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### WELCOME!

Welcome to new Professional members

SA Writers College 2016 Annual Short Story Award...[read more](#)

Sanlam Prize for Youth Literature...[read more](#)

Holland Park Press's Poetry and Politics Competition...[read more](#)

The Lifted Brow & RMIT non/fictionLab Prize for Experimental Non-Fiction...[read more](#)

Angela Quintal and Nuruddin Farah.

## **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.

**Please email your contributions**  
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