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MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS DUE

Please note that your PEN SA membership fees are now due. (Members who joined PEN SA between October 2017 and March 2018 are exempt.)

Please help us continue our important advocacy and community-building work. For Professional Members, the annual fee is now R280. Supporter fees remain R150.

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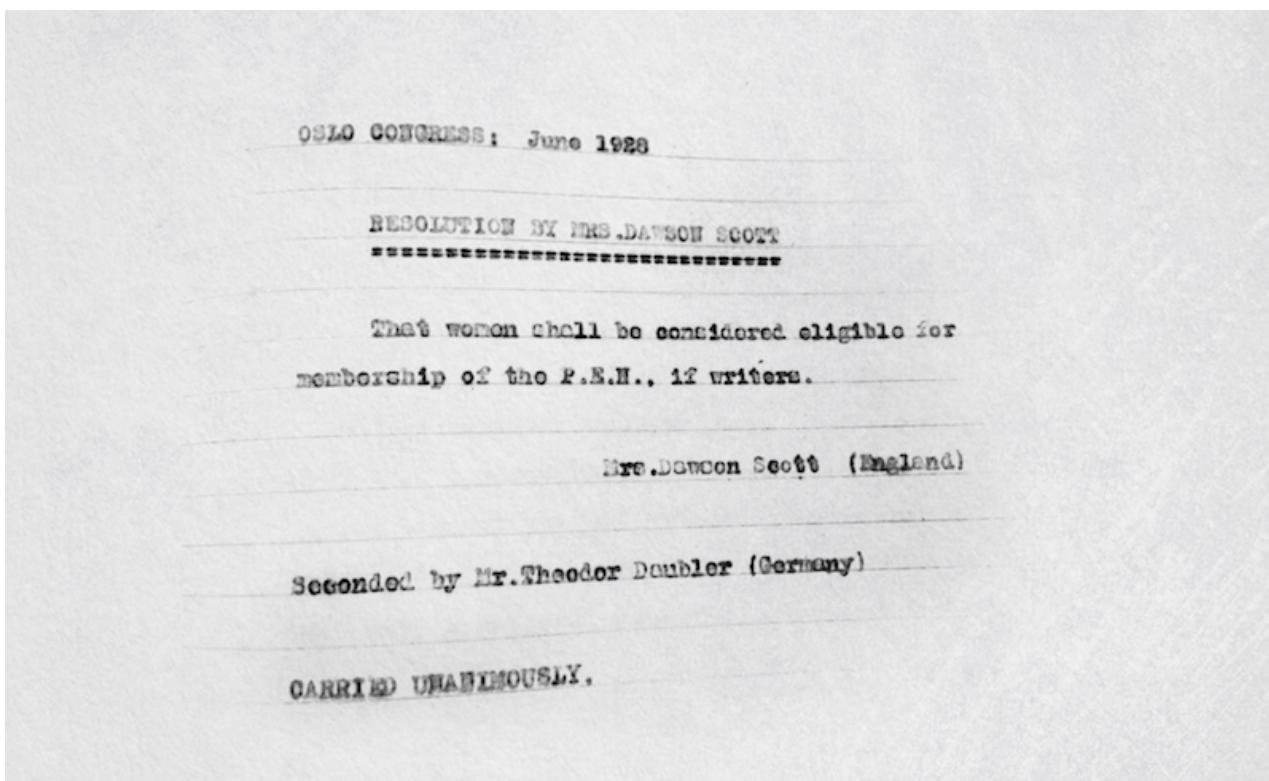


A Q&A with new PEN SA Board Member Pierre de Vos

PEN SA extends a warm welcome to Pierre de Vos, who has joined the PEN South Africa Board. Prof De Vos is the Claude Leon Foundation Chair in Constitutional Governance and teaches in the area of Constitutional Law. He has a B Comm (Law), LLB and LLM (cum laude) from the University of Stellenbosch, an LLM from Columbia University in New York, and an LLD from the University of Western Cape. In addition to his new position at PEN SA, Prof de Vos is the chairperson of the Board of the Aids Legal Network and is a board member of Triangle Project. He writes a Blog on social and political issues from a constitutional law perspective, which is widely read and quoted.

By way of introduction to our members, PEN SA staff asked Prof de Vos a number of questions relating to his future work at PEN, and the current state of freedom of expression in South Africa.

[Read more](#)



Launch of the PEN International Women's Manifesto

To mark International Women's Day 2018 on 8 March, PEN International and PEN Centres around the world launched the PEN International *Women's Manifesto*.

At the 83rd Congress in Ukraine, PEN International's Assembly of Delegates unanimously passed the Women's Manifesto, a set of principles which aim to protect free expression for women by combating and eliminating the silencing of women worldwide, whether through censorship, harassment, lack of access to education or violence.

Read the full Manifesto and watch a video of its recital by PEN members from throughout Africa on our site



PEN SA Statement on the UCT Artworks Case: Members Encouraged to Submit Views

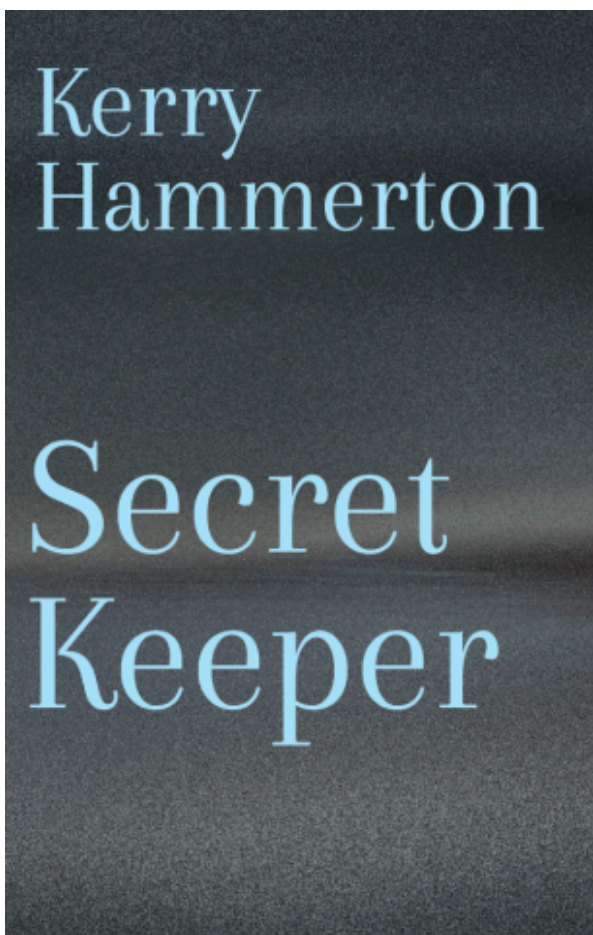
On occasion, the PEN SA Board is asked to weigh in on issues it deems too complex and nuanced to distill into an unequivocal statement. Various PEN SA members have, on a number of occasions, asked the PEN SA Board to address the incidents that have occurred before and since the establishment of the University of Cape Town's Council Task Team on Statues, Plaques and Artworks (hereafter referred to as UCT Works of Art Committee). It is the Board's considered view that this is one of those times when we cannot issue a blanket statement..

Read our full statement and call for submissions [here](#)

Check our calendar of literary events in April by clicking [here](#).

Please submit your literary events for conclusion on our events calendar by e-mailing newslettereditor@pensouthafrica.co.za.

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES



New releases from PEN SA members this month include [Secret Keeper by Kerry Hammerton](#).

Please send new releases to newslettereditor@pensouthafrica.co.za.

[Members are encouraged to submit articles for our series on the UCT Artworks case](#)

[Fiction, non-fiction and poetry wanted for Prufrock](#) (ongoing)

[Writivism Short Story Prize](#) (Deadline 31 March)

[Koffi Addo Writivism Prize for Creative Non Fiction](#) (Deadline 31 March)

[The Bodley Head/FT Essay Prize 2018](#) (Deadline 31 May)

[The 2018 Giving Them Wings Short Story Contest for high schoolers](#) (Deadline 6 July)

CONGRATULATIONS

PEN SA member Nakhane won Best Actor at the 2018 SAFTAs for his role in *Inxeba*. Additionally, PEN SA member Thando Mqolozana won as part of the film's scriptwriting team. [Read more](#)

PEN SA President Nadia Davids' play *What Remains* scooped five Fleur du Cap Theatre Awards: [Read more](#)

PEN SA member Claire Robertson and Board Member Sisonke Msimang have been announced as lecturers in the 2018 ICA Great Texts/Big Questions series: [Read more](#)

AWARDS NEWS

The winners of the 53rd annual Fleur du Cap Theatre Awards [were announced](#).

The Africa Centre [announced the winners](#) of the general call for their Artists In Residency Programme.

The Caine Prize [received 147 submissions](#) from twenty African countries for this year's prize.

WELCOME

Welcome to new PEN SA professional member Esther Levingrad and new PEN SA supporter member Ukhona Mlandu.

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 let us know if your email changes so we can update our mailing list.

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