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PEN International's weekly on-line round-up with updates of news and alerts from the PEN Community.

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NEWS RELEASES [French/Spanish](#)

3 May: Fleeting Words: An Anthology of Revolution launch for World Press Freedom Day

“I felt faint, struck by a dreamer’s dizziness and I took solace in my writing. We friends of the mad take solace in our pens, and mourn with our pens and laugh with our pens, and we love our pens and hate our pens” - Naziha Rjiba.



Tomorrow a new anthology will be launched in Tunis to honour the writers, activists and photographers who contributed to the struggle for free expression in Tunisia and continue that struggle since last year’s revolution. ‘Fleeting Words: An Anthology of Revolution’ brings together journalistic articles, commentaries, prose and verse in Arabic written both during the Ben Ali regime and since its fall, and is illustrated with images of the revolution. To read more about the anthology and for details on how to purchase, click [here](#).

30 April: A bold new literary festival – Reflections on PEN Haiti's first Free the Word! festival



Deji Olukotun, Freedom to Write Fellow at the PEN American Center, reflects on Haiti PEN's first Free the Word Festival, which took place in the towns of Port-au-Prince, Gonaïves, Verretes, Marchand Dessalines, and Saint Marc. Panel discussions ranged from topics such as “Free Expression in Times of Crisis” to “Women and Free Expression”. Read his article in the Huffington Post [here](#).

Deji Olukotun a fait une réflexion sur le premier Haïti PEN festival Libérez la Parole!, qui a eu lieu dans les villes de Port-au-Prince, Gonaïves, Verretes, Marchand Dessalines et Saint Marc. Les discussions ont abordé les sujets de "la liberté d'expression en temps de crise" et "les femmes et la libre expression". Lire son article dans le Huffington Post [ici](#).

Deji Olukotun escribe sobre el primer festival ¡Libera la palabra! en Haití, que se llevó a cabo en zonas de Port-au-Prince, Gonaïves, Verretes, Marchand Dessalines, y Saint Marc. Las discusiones en el festival abarcaron temas desde ‘La Libertad de Expresión en Tiempo de Crisis’ hasta ‘Mujeres y la Libertad de Expresión’. Lea su artículo en el Huffington Post [aquí](#).

**27 April: Monthly letter from John Ralston Saul,
International President / Lettre mensuelle du Président
International John Ralston Saul / Carta de John Ralston**

Saul, Presidente Internacional

John Ralston Saul reflects on the London Book Fair, developments in Mexico since the PEN Protesta! campaign of January this year, expansion of the Publisher's Circle and the building of positive relationships for International Programmes in Africa. Read his letter in [English](#), [French](#) or [Spanish](#).

27 April: PEN International recruiting for roles of Literary Manager and Communications & Campaigns Manager

PEN International is recruiting for a Literary Manager to run our literary web projects, edit our magazine and organise our literary events programming, and a Communications & Campaigns Manager to help develop and deliver our communications work, including our press office, website, events, social media and campaigning activity. For full details of both positions and directions on how to apply, visit our [Work With Us](#) page.

TAKE ACTION!!

2 May: MEXICO: Investigative Journalist Murdered in Veracruz / Periodista asesinada en Veracruz



The Writers in Prison Committee (WiPC) of PEN International is appalled by the recent murder of veteran Mexican journalist Regina Martínez. Martínez, a correspondent for the investigative news magazine Proceso, was found dead at her home in Veracruz state on 28 April 2012. She had been badly beaten and strangled. The WiPC calls for a thorough investigation into her murder. To read more and send appeals click [here](#).

1 May: Re-trial ordered of jailed human rights defenders, writers and bloggers.

PEN International's Writers in Prison Committee reiterates its protest at the continued detention of academic, blogger and human rights activist Dr Abduljalil Al-Singace and human rights defender Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja and urges a full and independent investigation into allegations that they were tortured in pre-trial detention. PEN continues to call for the immediate and unconditional release of all those currently detained in Bahrain for the peaceful exercise of their opinions. It reminds the Bahraini authorities of their obligations to protect the right to freedom of expression as guaranteed by Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Bahrain is a signatory. To read more and send appeals click [here](#).

PEN INTERNATIONAL BLOGS [French](#)/[Spanish](#)

3 May: Message to the members of PEN International, from Executive Director, Laura McVeigh / Message de Laura McVeigh, Directrice Exécutive, aux membres de PEN International / Mensaje a los miembros de PEN International, De la Directora Ejecutiva Laura McVeigh.

Read Laura McVeigh's monthly message to members in [English](#), [French](#) or [Spanish](#).

3 May: World Press Freedom Day, by Marian Botsford Fraser, Chair of the Writers in Prison Committee.



May 3rd is designated annually as Press Freedom Day by UNESCO, and marked worldwide by professional media organizations, NGOs and human rights activists, and states. This year, PEN International is celebrating the rights of all citizens on Press Freedom Day. [Read Marian Botsford Fraser's blog here](#).

EVENTS [French/Spanish](#)

9-11 May: ICORN Upcoming General Assembly to be held in Stockholm.

Kulturhus, Stockholm

ICORN's General Assembly, held every two years, will take place at Stockholm's Kulturhus from 9-11 May. Delegates and writers from the ICORN member cities are expected to attend, as well as representatives of cooperating and supporting organisations. Events will include writers workshops, plenary sessions, working groups, and the world premiere of Marion Stalens' documentary film on writers in exile, where many ICORN guest writers are among the portrayed. For more information click [here](#).

9 May 2012. PEN Balkan Network Meeting

Belgrade, Serbia

The Balkans Network was formed at the 77th World Congress in Belgrade in September 2011. It comprises Turkish PEN, Bulgarian PEN, Romanian PEN, Croatian PEN, Bosnia-Herzegovina PEN, Macedonian PEN, Slovene PEN, Montenegrin PEN, Moldovan PEN, Kosovan PEN, Cypriot PEN and Serbian PEN. In May, members from these centres will come together in Belgrade to share ideas about future collaboration across the network. Click [here](#) for more

information about the event.

8 May 2012. 18:00 - 20:00 “The Torture Report”

Swedish PEN

ABF Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden

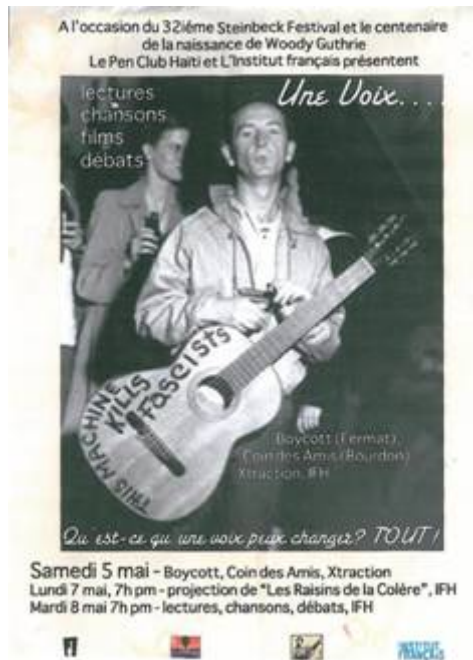
The Torture Report – om hur USA efter 11 september underminerade rättssäkerheten för egna medborgare och andras. Svenska PEN bjuder tillsammans med ICORN in till ett möte med Larry Siems, författaren bakom boken The Torture Report, på ABF Stockholm den 8 maj kl. 18.00. Samtalsledare är Ola Larsmo, ordf. i Svenska PEN.

For more information see the Facebook event [here](#).

5 – 8 May 2012. “Une Voix” Festival

PEN Haiti in collaboration with the Institut Francais

Institut Francais, Coin des Amis, Xtraction, Port-au-Prince, Haiti



On the occasion of the 32nd Steinbeck Festival and the centennial anniversary of the birth of Woody Guthrie, PEN Haiti and the Institut Francais are hosting Une Voix / One Voice, a festival of lectures, songs, films and debates commemorating the life and works of John Steinbeck and Woody Guthrie. The event comes just two weeks after [PEN Haiti's first Free the Word Festival](http://www.pen-haiti.org) and will take place between the 5th – 8th May in Port-au-Prince. More information: <http://www.pen-international.org/events-evenements-eventos/event/une-voix-quest-ce-quune-voix-peut-changer-tout/>

30 Apr 2012. "PEN World Voices Festival"

PEN American Centre, New York City, United States



Writers from around the world convene in New York City to celebrate the written word in action. Engage with literature in bold and unexpected ways and discover how words can be amplified through music, theater, puppetry, film, and much more. Marking PEN American Center's 90th anniversary, this year's festival features performances, discussions, one-on-one conversations, and readings.

For more information: <http://www.pen.org/page.php/prmID/1096>

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