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**NEWS RELEASES    [French/Spanish](#)**

**10 May: PEN International deeply saddened by the death of Thomas von Vegesack, publisher, writer and free speech activist.**

**“Thomas was a man who never bargained with his ideals, who always stood clear and visible on the side of those oppressed and those who spoke up against all kinds of injustice. He was a true intellectual and when he spoke people had to listen”**

**- Eugene Schoulgin, Vice President of PEN International.**

*Thomas von Vegesack, writer, intellectual and Vice President of PEN International, who died on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012, will be remembered by all at PEN for his outstanding contribution to literature and the defence of free expression. A Swedish publisher and writer, he was Chair of Swedish PEN 1978-87 and Chair of PEN International's Writers in Prison Committee 1987-92. He was passionate about PEN and gave a huge amount to us both within Sweden and internationally. By his friends and colleagues, he was valued and esteemed for his unwaveringly loyal and courageous commitment to freedom of expression. To read his obituary and tributes from friends and colleagues, click [here](#).*

**4 May: PEN Club Mexico Issues Statement on Violence Against Journalists / PEN Club de México Condena Asesinatos a Periodistas en Veracruz**

*In response to the recent killings of print and photo journalists in Veracruz, Mexico, PEN Club Mexico has issued a statement calling for an end to 'Mexico's war on journalists.' The statement, issued yesterday, 3 May 2012, calls for all attacks on journalists to be investigated at the federal level, and for the provision of a secure and functioning protection mechanism for all journalists under threat. Read more [here](#).*

*Atención medios de comunicación, organizaciones civiles y gubernamentales: Ante los asesinatos de la reportera Regina Martínez y los fotoreporteros Guillermo Luna y Gabriel Hüge de esta semana en Veracruz el PEN club de México vuelve a hacer un llamado para frenar la Guerra contra periodistas en México. A pesar de sus obligaciones constitucionales e internacionales, en México se continúan violando los derechos humanos de periodistas y escritores. Los derechos violados incluyen el derecho a la vida, así como el derecho a no ser torturado, al trabajo y a la libertad de expresión. Para leer más haz un clic [aquí](#).*

**May: 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.*

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

### **9 May: Honduras: Killing Free Expression, by Cathal Sheerin**

*Erick Martínez Ávila, a 32-year old Honduran journalist and gay rights activist, was found dead and dumped in a ditch in Guascalile on 7 May 2012. His killers strangled him, and in doing so, brought the total number of journalists murdered in Honduras since 2007 to twenty-seven. Read the article [here](#), or in the [Huffington Post](#).*

*Erick Martínez Ávila, periodista hondureño de 32 años y activista por los derechos homosexuales, fue hallado muerto en una zanja en Guascalile, el 7 de mayo de 2012. Erick fue estrangulado y su muerte eleva el número total de periodistas asesinados en Honduras desde 2007, a veintisiete. Lea el artículo [aquí](#), o en el [Huffington Post](#).*

### **3 May: Mexico must do more to protect journalists: John Ralston Saul speaks to The Globe and Mail**

*“Freedom of expression is fundamental to a successful democracy. Writers and journalists who expose corruption and wrongdoing must know that they will not be killed for their efforts”.*

*PEN International’s International President, John Ralston Saul, talked to [The Globe and Mail](#) about the urgent situation of violence and impunity targeting journalists and writers in Mexico. Watch the video interview [here](#) and read the original editorial in *The Globe and Mail* [here](#).*

## **EVENTS [French](#)/[Spanish](#)**

### **16 May: Writers for Peace Committee Conference: Sharing - the Path to Peace / Le Partage comme le chemin vers la Paix**

*Bled, Slovenia*

*The PEN International Writers for Peace Committee has held annual meetings in Bled since 1968. This year, under the theme ‘Sharing:*

*the Path to Peace', representatives from PEN Centres around the world will meet to discuss and debate issues of intercultural dialogue and literature. For further details about the event, click [here](#), or contact the Writers for Peace Committee Chair, Edvard Kovac, at the [Slovenian PEN Centre](#).*

**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](#) 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/>**

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