

PEN International Publishers' Circle

PEN International receives no regular governmental support and is a membership organisation composed of individuals professionally engaged in writing, including many of the greatest authors and publishers, as well as the thought leaders of today. PEN International Publishers' Circle contributions are essential to the ongoing success and continuation of PEN International's work. Furthermore the PEN International Publishers' Circle, drawing upon PEN's unique international approach and network of 144 PEN Centres in 102 countries, develops the publishing aspects of free expression and the unhampered movement of literature, and is committed in raising awareness about PEN's mission.

How do publishers get involved?

- **Advocacy**

The Publishers' Circle will support PEN's work defending publishers who are imprisoned or harassed because of the work which they publish. Publishers' Circle members will be informed of actions which are being taken on behalf of publishers. Publishers' Circle members will be consulted to strengthen our support of Publishers and writers under threat.

- **Developing programmes**

PEN International supports writers, publishers and readers through education, translation, and literature programmes in countries worldwide such as Kenya, Afghanistan, Bolivia and Kyrgyzstan. The Publishers' Circle supports PEN's work promoting publishing and literature in the 102 countries where PEN International works. Publishers' Circle members will be informed of programmes promoting publishing and the expertise of this group will be a valuable addition to PEN's global impact.

- **Emergency situations**

Publishers' Circle members can help PEN International to respond to emergency situations. When the fatwa on Salman Rushdie put publishers and translators in danger, a consortium of publishers came together to publish the book and ensure the freedom to write and freedom to read. The Publishers' Circle will help us all to figure out how to work together and to respond to emergency situations.

- **International Book Fairs**

To sustain PEN's work Publishers' Circle members could organize or host readings of works of imprisoned writers and publishers to promote awareness and to support PEN advocacy campaigns.

- **Newsletter and updating**

Publishers' Circle members will receive regular updates on PEN projects specifically aimed at the Publishers' Circle supporters, yearly cases list, and invitations to PEN events.

- **Acknowledgments**

Publishers' Circle members will be fully acknowledged in all PEN International communications, programmes, publications and on our web-site.

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