

**PEN/Heim  
Translation Fund  
2003-present**



**Michael Henry Heim (1943-2012)**

# PEN/Heim Translation Fund Grants

- \$730,000 Endowment funded in 2003
- The largest single donation to the PEN American Center
- 10-12 grants per year
- Average grant \$3,000
- 123 winning projects to date; about half have been published or have a contract.

# PEN/Heim Translation Fund Eligibility

- Translations must be into English.
- US citizenship not a requirement.
- Fiction, poetry, drama and creative non-fiction.
- New translations. If it's a retranslation, there must be a good reason for it.

# PEN/Heim Translation Fund Eligibility

- No previous publication required.
- Proof that English-language translation rights are available.
- The project may already be under contract with a publisher.

# PEN/Heim Translation Fund Criteria

- High literary quality of the original work.
- High literary quality of the translation.
- Excellence of the supporting material.
- Increase diversity of voices and introduce new authors.

# PEN/Heim Translation Fund Post-Award Support

- 1/2 of grant paid upon award; 1/2 upon completion.
- Announcement of award attracts interest of publishers, who are put in contact with the winners.
- [2014 Translation Feature at pen.org](#)
- [PEN/Heim Translation Fund information](#)