

File of application for a writer-in-residence place at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar

Documents for the file of application (please, don't staple the documents together)

1. Registration form.
2. Commitment form, dated and signed.
3. Typed biobibliographical description in French (2 pages max.).
4. Typed letter of motivation in French (1 page max.).
5. Copies of your last published work in French :

Four copies of your last published work in French

Four copies of another one of your books published in French, representative of your artistic approach.

For non-francophone writers, send significant extracts translated into French : minimum 20 pages. Those extracts must be translated by a professional translator.

6. Typed summary or synopsis of the manuscript for which you are requesting the writer-in-residence place (1 page max.).

7. Press reviews concerning your publications (choice of 5 articles max.).

MANUSCRIPTS ARE NOT ALLOWED

WORKS SUBMITTED TO THE JURY CANNOT BE RETURNED

File to be sent to the following address before **January, the 1st 2018** :

Villa Marguerite Yourcenar

2266 Route du Parc

59270 Saint-Jans-Cappel

France

Telephone: (00 33) 03 59 73 48 90

Fax: (00 33) 03 59 73 48 95

Email: villayourcenar@lenord.fr

Any incomplete file will not be transmitted to the jury, which will deliberate in end-May 2018. Candidates will be informed by letter of the jury's decisions in June 2017. The chosen candidates will be able to stay from **March to November 2019**.

VILLA MARGUERITE YOURCENAR

ACCOMMODATION CHARTER



The Villa Marguerite Yourcenar, Departmental Centre of Residence for European Writers, offers authors to stay for one or two months to enable them to write in a calm, peaceful and stimulating location, and to meet with audiences in the Nord during literary evenings, book fairs, school visits, bookshops, etc.

It is open to all types of literature (novels, short stories, poetry, theatre, essays, BD, children's stories, etc). The Villa Marguerite Yourcenar is accessible to European authors who have already had one or more works published by a professional editor (editions published at the author's expense are not taken into account).

Collective works, books issued from the university research (theses, and scientific works, etc) didactic and scholar books are also excluded.

Location

The Villa Marguerite Yourcenar is located at Mont-Noir in the heart of the French Flanders, on the site of the former family property of the writer Marguerite Yourcenar (1903-1987). It belongs to the Conseil départemental du Nord (France), as does the park that surrounds it. The departmental park and the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar (36 hectares) are located in the commune of Saint-Jans-Cappel on the Belgian border, between the towns of Bailleul (France, 6km away and with the nearest train station) and Ypres (Belgium, 15km). It is about forty kilometres from Lille via the A25 motorway.

Capacity and conditions of stay

Three writers can be housed simultaneously at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar. Each one is allocated an office-bedroom with personal bathroom on the first floor.

A shared library, kitchen, computer room (with photocopier, printer and Internet access), television room and dining room are available to residents.

The Villa Marguerite Yourcenar provides resident writers with accommodation, breakfast and evening meals, except at weekends and Bank Holidays (telephone communications and lunch are at residents' own expense).

Three bicycles and one car are at the residents' disposal.

The Conseil départemental du Nord will pay for one return trip home for each resident writer from an address in Europa. The secretaress buys the tickets for the residents, they must not buy their tickets by themselves.

Resident writers will receive a grant of €66 for each day they are effectively present. The sum is transferred on the resident's bank account about 90 days after the beginning of the stay.

The Villa Marguerite Yourcenar promises to:

- submit all application forms received within the set time to a jury of European literary experts. Any incomplete file will not be transmitted to the jury.
- inform successful candidates several months in advance that their application has been retained and of the dates they can stay at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar.
- organise a monthly meeting with the public of the Nord/Pas-de-Calais region.
- encourage encounters with local culture, editors and translators, at the writer's request.

Writers-in-residence promise to keep to the following rules and conditions:

- Writers-in-residence must spend the stay at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar continuing or finishing their manuscript. They can give two periods of preference for their stay – the team at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar will take this into account while organising the dates of stay according to studio availability – noting that the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar is closed in December, January, February and August.
- In the publication and in any further editions and translations of the work they have continued during their stay, they must promise to state a sentence similar to the following: **“The author has benefited from a writer-in-residence place at the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar in order to write this book and received a writing grant from the Conseil Général du Nord”**.
- Writers-in-residence must accept to take part in one or more meetings with the public during literary events at the Villa Marguerite or outside (school visits, book fairs, signing sessions in book shops, etc.).
- They must accept that informations about them (photos, extracts of theirs work...) will be published by the Villa Marguerite Yourcenar (press, internet, social network...).
- They will give twenty pages in numerical file witch could possibly be published on line
- They must accept that information concerning them (photography, biobibliography, extracts, etc) be put online on the website of the Conseil Général du Nord, under the heading Villa Marguerite Yourcenar.

VILLA MARGUERITE YOURCENAR



REGISTRATION FORM

Mrs Mr

Last name: First name:

Pseudonym:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

Address:

.....

Tel:

Email:

For non French-speaking candidates:

Name and address of the person translating your works into French :

.....

Are you in touch with a French publisher in order to publish one of your book in French ? If so, name and address of the publisher :

Knowledge of French: passive active

Practise of French: oral written

Do you have a valid driving license in France and Belgium? YES NO

If you are a citizen of a country NOT belonging to the European Union, do you have the necessary visas to enter France and Belgium? YES NO

Details of your stay:

Desired length of stay: 1 month 2 months

- Please give two different periods of stay, **for indication only**, taking account of the months during which the Villa is not open to residents (December, January, February and August):

1st choice:

2nd choice:

What type of audience would you like to meet?

VILLA MARGUERITE YOURCENAR



COMMITMENT FORM

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DECLARE HAVING READ THE CONDITIONS ON OFFER TO RESIDENT WRITERS AND THE ACCOMMODATION CHARTER IN THE VILLA MARGUERITE YOURCENAR, AND PROMISE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

AT (place)

ON (date)

SIGNATURE:

Address :

Françoise BULTEZ

Villa Marguerite Yourcenar

2266, Route du Parc

59270 SAINT-JANS-CAPPEL

FRANCE

Tel: (0033) 03.59.73.48.90

Fax: (0033) 03.59.73.48.95

Email: villayourcenar@lenord.fr