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EXCITING UPDATES TO ASF TRANSLATION COMPETITION

NEW YORK, NY—The American-Scandinavian Foundation is delighted to announce the establishment of a new translation prize, as well as an update to one of its existing translation prizes.

Beginning with this year's competition, ASF will award the **Turið Sigurðardóttir Translation Prize**, honoring the best translation from a work of Faroese or Icelandic literature into English. The prize includes a \$2,000 award, a bronze medallion, and publication in *Scandinavian Review*. This new award has been made possible through the generosity of acclaimed translator and poet Randi Ward, a two-time recipient of the Nadia Christensen Prize.

The new prize is named in honor of Turið Sigurðardóttir, trailblazing professor emerita of Faroese language and literature at the University of the Faroe Islands. A prolific literary historian, author, and translator, Professor Sigurðardóttir has also distinguished herself as a devoted mentor to many. For decades, she has tirelessly fostered an ever-expanding network of translators—translating into and from Faroese—in addition to championing the work of contemporary writers through her publishing house, Ungu Føroyar. For her inestimable contributions to Nordic letters, Sigurðardóttir has received the Icelandic Order of the Falcon and the Faroe Islands' M.A. Jacobsen Award. ASF hopes the **Turið Sigurðardóttir Prize** will encourage more translators, and a wider Anglophone readership, to engage with Faroese literature and Icelandic literature.

ASF is also thrilled to announce that it will double the **Nadia Christensen Prize** from \$2,500 to \$5,000 this year. This award in ASF's annual competition recognizes the most outstanding translation of a literary work from a Nordic language into English.

These updates come during the current submission period of ASF's 46th annual competition for outstanding translations of poetry, fiction, drama, or literary prose by a 20th- or 21st-century author from the Nordic region (Denmark, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Sápmi). Three other prizes are also available: the **Leif and Inger Sjöberg Prize** (\$2,000), which recognizes a distinguished effort by an emerging translator whose literary translations from a Nordic language have not previously been published; the **Wigeland Prize** (\$2,000), which recognizes the best translation from Norwegian by a translator residing in Norway; and the **Inger and Jens Bruun Translation Prize** (\$2,000), supported by Scan Design Foundation, which recognizes the best translation from Danish.

Excerpts from all five prize recipients will also be published in *Scandinavian Review* (ASF's illustrated journal), and all will receive a commemorative bronze medallion.

The 2026 Translation Prize Competition is open through **September 15, 2026**.

To read the guidelines and submit an application, [please click here.](#)

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