HOUSE Husbands (10 x 60 mins) is a new HD drama featuring stay-at-home fathers Lewis (in his 50s), Mark (in his 40s), Kane (in his 30s) and Justin (in his 20s). The four men meet on the children’s first day at school and it’s the start of a unique friendship. A further 13 episodes are in production. ZDFE also highlights Mako Mermaids (26 x 24 mins/1 x 90 mins), also in HD, a spin-off of H2O - Just Add Water. Mermaids Sirena, Nixie and Lyla must protect the Moon Pool, but when 16-year-old Zac enters the pool and is given a fish-like tail and amazing powers the girls must venture onto land and take back Zac’s powers.
LAST Secrets Of The Third Reich (6 x 50 mins/HD) explores previously inaccessible archives and newly found documents. Produced under the supervision of Guido Knopp and the ZDF Contemporary History Dept, the programme exposes the unknown inner workings of Hitler's regime. Did Hitler fear he had Jewish blood? What did his architect Albert Speer really know about the Holocaust?
ZDF ENTERPRISES

DRAMA series from ZDF include telenovela Roads To Happiness: Footsteps In The Sand (99 x 43 mins) and Crime Stories (6 x 45 mins), based on unusual cases inspired by real crimes. From the children’s catalogue comes Michel (52 x 11 mins), which follows the adventures of a child with a furry-monster alter ego. Reality series Navajo Cops (7 x 50 mins) follows the 330 officers serving the 180,000 citizens of the Navajo Nation — the largest Indian Reservation in North America. All these shows are in HD.

Roads To Happiness – Footsteps In The Sand (ZDF Enterprises)
GERMANY’s ZDFE brings a wide-ranging catalogue to MIPTV. Crime series include Dicte (5 x 90 mins/10 x 45 mins/HD), based on thriller novels by Elsebeth Egholm about a crime-solving journalist and single mother; and The Fall (5 x 60 mins/3 x 90 mins/HD), in which Gillian Anderson plays a detective pursuing a serial killer in Belfast. From the kids genre comes the third season of live-action series Dance Academy (13 x 26 mins/HD), which sees Tara and her friends in the final year. Factual titles include: CIA Confidential (2 x 50 mins/HD), bringing true stories of undercover agents working around the world; and Bomb Hunters (10 x 50 mins/HD) which discusses the remote areas of Canada that have been used for military training for many years, and therefore hold tons of unexploded ordnance.
Nazi documentaries are one of the most reliable performers in the international broadcast world. Last Secrets Of The Third Reich is the latest series to come out of ZDF’s history division, the German equivalent of the BBC’s Natural History Unit. The six-parter investigates the remaining secrets of the Nazi regime and asks questions such as whether Hitler feared he had Jewish blood.

The series is the final doc to be produced by Guido Knopp, who has run ZDF’s contemporary history department for the past 20 years, and follows the success of docs including Hitler’s Henchmen and War Of The Century. It is a co-pro with US cable network Nat Geo.

Nikolas Huelbusch, factual co-production manager, ZDF Enterprises, the commercial arm of the German public broadcaster, says: “It is a carefully researched series on the little-known and often surprising aspects of the politics and personalities of the Third Reich, made up of partly unknown archive footage, top international expert statements, atmospheric re-enactments and maybe the last eyewitness accounts of people who still remember the events, some of them from the close surrounds of Hitler and his henchmen.”