THE MIPDOC CO-PRODUCTION CHALLENGE

The MIPDOC Co-Production Challenge is back for its third edition. This prestigious competition will once again select the best and most innovative current projects in the documentary world, to be pitched in front of a panel of international broadcasters, in Genova, on Saturday, April 5, from 16.30 to 18.00.

Organized in partnership with Feelnscreen Magazine and sponsored by Why Central Europe, the competition has selected five documentary projects to take part in the pitching session. The winners will benefit from a private training session to prepare the pitch and will receive professional advice from jury members on how to reach international broadcasters. The winner of the MIPDOC Co-Production Challenge will be selected using the following criteria:

The Return Of The Bible Plagues (ZDF Enterprises)

CONFERENCE AND EVENTS PROGRAMME

VIEWERS STILL GET A THRILL OUT OF FACTUAL

Factual programming is a barometer of what the world is interested in now and one of this year’s hot topics is definitely China.

WHERE TO NEXT FOR FACTUAL CHANNELS?

The ‘Big Three’ factual channels have had a relatively easy time of it. But factual is becoming an increasingly challenging business in the digital age.

RE-GROUPING THE SPECIALIST FORCES

Fancy climbing Everest or wrestling a python? A look at the evermore adventurous world of specialist factual programming.

IN SEARCH OF THE TRUTH

What exactly is an observational documentary? And why have they suddenly become so popular?

MIPDOC IN FOCUS

MIPDOC keynote speaker Alex Gibney

The International Trailblazers Tribute: honouring the best in leading-edge factual film-making

PRODUCT NEWS

Factual programming on show at MIPDOC and onwards at MIPTV

On the nature trail

TOPPING ZDF Enterprises’ raft of nature programming is the Messages From Nature strand, which looks at little-known animals and their importance to the eco-system. In the episode Elephant Shrew — Spirit Of The Forest (1 x 45/1 x 50 mins), the East African mini-elephant comes under scrutiny. Other episodes throw the spotlight on river dolphins, parrots and giant African rats. Also from ZDF comes The Return Of The Plagues (5 x 52 mins). Each episode opens with an explanation of one of the biblical plagues, illustrated by dramatic re-enactments. Researchers and scientists then explain how they are coping with the death and destruction caused by modern-day epidemics.

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