ZDF ENTERPRISES

GERMANY’s ZDF Enterprises is focusing on history, contemporary history and nature programming, mostly in the form of one-hour specials and mini-series.

Beyond Fear: Communicating With Great White Sharks (1 x 52 mins) is a documentary about the body language of these awesome creatures. It follows the divers who swim with the great whites off the coast of South Africa and the bull sharks off the Bahamas.

“Our three-part mini-series 2056 considers what the world could look like in 50 years’ time with regard to medicine, the environment, transport, etc,” says Kristina Hollstein, ZDF Enterprises’ director of international co-production and development. “The Longest Night, meanwhile, is a single documentary about what might happen if a meteorite hits the earth.”

A docu-drama about the 1972 terrorist attack on the Olympic Games is also in development. Entitled A Day

In September, the programme will be shot in HD and should be available in late 2007. Also on the drawing board is a third series of the technology show Mission X, and a series of documentaries to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.