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New Coordinator Coproduction Meetings appointed for MANNHEIM MEETINGS

May 13, 2005 --- Gudula Meinzolt is appointed Coordinator Coproduction Meetings at the International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg. Miss Meinzolt will be in charge of coordinating the Mannheim Meetings for Coproduction that will take place for the ninth time in November 2005 during the 54th International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg.

The MANNHEIM MEETINGS are substantially subsidized by MEDIA plus.

Meinzolt will coordinate more than 600 one-to-one business meetings between producers and co-producers from all over the world. 200 producers present new arthouse projects at the MANNHEIM MEETINGS every year, negotiating an overall budget of roundabout 120 Million EUR. More than 40 films have been realised with the direct help of the Coproduction Meetings.

Unlike other co-production markets, the Mannheim Meetings for Coproduction are structured by territories which turned out to be an utterly efficient scheme: the attending producers negotiate projects from Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Latin America, Canada, completed by Africa since 2004.

Gudula Meinzolt joins the festival to replace former coordinator Olaf Aichinger. She worked previously in several international film organisations (International Forum of the Berlinale Filmfestival/Germany; House of World Cultures, Berlin) and with distribution companies (Basis Filmverleih Berlin). She was CEO at the Freiburger Filmforum. Since 2003 she is also CEO at Milcolores Media.

Mannheim Meetings for Coproduction 2005: November 21 to 25, 2005.

Deadline for Product submissions for the Coproduction Meetings 2005: August 15, 2005.

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