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MANNHEIM MEETINGS Make a good Match

The Mannheim Coproduction Meetings report an increase of 20% in number of participants and budget in 2003

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For 2003 the International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg reports an increase of more than 20% in the number of participants as well as in the amount of the total budget that was negotiated: 150 producers with 68 projects have participated (in 2002 it was 120) and negotiated a total budget of 130 million Euro (110 million Euro in 2002).

Many projects like Santiago's Days" (Peru) have already found a solid coproduction during the 2003 meetings and many others like „The Concubine“ (Canada), „Eleven Men“ (Iceland), „Loving Hell“ (Czechia) are under promising negotiations.

In the past seven years more than 40 feature films in the arthouse sector have been launched at the Mannheim Coproduction Meetings. This efficiency is the result of its clever market concept: producers meet producers in pre-arranged one-on-one meetings, roundabout 600 during five days – not counting the unofficial and spontaneous discussions.

Olaf Aichinger, Coordinator Coproduction Meetings: „Our concept is succesful: Put 150 producers together in a nice, intimate place and organise a tough schedule for them. Soon the room will hum like a beehive. The participants are very keen on being efficient and fast as they are only here for two or three days. Every participant has an average number of 10 longer meetings per day. No wonder so many projects are realised!“

About the Mannheim Coproduction Meetings:

Coproduction Meetings Mannheim-Heidelberg – for business professionals in the arthouse sector the meetings are a fixed date on their agenda: they stand for high quality projects making their first steps on an intimate market platform since 7 years. 150 producers from all over the world can find partners for their projects in productive pre-arranged one-on-one meetings.

The meetings take place during the International Filmfestival Mannheim-Heidelberg which is one of the most important arthouse film festivals for newcomers in the world.

Mannheim-Heidelberg is one of only five co-financing events worldwide.

The Mannheim Coproduction Meetings 2004 will take place from 21 to 25 November 2004.

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