



**PRESS RELEASE EUROPA DISTRIBUTION
2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE - ESTORIL FILM FESTIVAL 2008
November 20-22 2008
PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

The 2nd annual Conference of Europa Distribution will be held in Estoril (Portugal) during the Estoril Film Festival 2008, from Thursday 20 November to Saturday 22 November 2008. Nearly 50 European Distributors and 15 European speakers have already confirmed their presence.

For any further information on registrations, please email us at adeline.monzier@europa-distribution.org

- **Thursday 20 November, from 2pm onwards: conference and workshop**
 - o What is the future of European distributors at the age of new technologies?
 - Michael Gubbins - Screen International (UK)
 - Elisabeth Prommer - Potsdam University (Germany)
 - Fabrice Rochelandet - Faculté Jean Monnet, Université Paris-Sud (France)
 - Liz Rosenthal - Power to the Pixel (UK)
 - o State of play and perspectives of the European Audiovisual Policy
 - Antonio Medici - Bim Distribuzione (Italy)
 - Cécile Despringre - FERA (Belgium)
 - Hughes Becquart - MEDIA (Belgium)
- **Thursday 20 November at night: Screenings & Opening dinner**
- **Friday 21 November from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm: discussion forums**
 - o The digital revolution: economic models and practical realities of digital distribution
 - David Hancock - Screen Digest (UK)
 - Anne Pouliquen - DIRE (France)
 - Hugues Becquart - MEDIA/European Commission
 - Fiona Deans - Arts Alliance Media (UK)
 - Nico Simon - Europa Cinemas - Utopia (Luxembourg)
 - Alex Stolz - UK Film Council (UK)
 - Fabrice Testa - XDC International (Belgium)
 - Thierry Delpit - CN Films (France)
 - Svend Jensen - Arthaus (Norway)
 - Christine Eloy - Cineart (Belgium)
 - Jean Mizrahi - Ymagis (France)
 - o The VOD Challenge: a new opportunity for independent distributors?
 - Jean-Marie Le Guen - NPA Conseil (France)
 - Peter Bognar - Budapest Film (Hungary)
 - Philippe Leconte - Pyramide (France)
 - Teun Hilte - Content Republic (UK)
 - Thomas Jörg- Cinexe (Switzerland)
 - Peter Kruger, consultant (Italy)
 - Alexandre Labelle - Glitner/Busy Bee (France, UK)

- **Friday 21 November at night: Screenings & Closing ceremony of the Estoril Film festival**
- **Saturday 22 November from 9:30 am to 1 pm:**
 - o Focus on Portuguese cinema : Paulo Branco - Atalanta (Portugal)
 - o General Assembly: Europa Distribution's activity report, action plans, new projects & elections
 - o ALLOCINE: Presentation of the European Development : Grégoire Lassale & Alexandra Ouzilleau
- **Saturday 22 November afternoon: Screenings of awarded movies**
- **Saturday 22 November at night: Departures**

About Europa Distribution:

Europa Distribution, with a membership of 63 leading independent distributors representing 19 countries, serves as the voice of the European independent film distributor. It acts as a lobby, a think tank as well as a network and aims to develop a strong European film industry. The association is headed by Robert Guédiguian, the 2 vice-presidents are Régine Vial from Les Films du Losange (France) and Antonio Medici from Bim (Italy).

Austria □ *Filmladen*, Michael Stejskal - *Polyfilm*, Hans Koenig.

Belgium □ *ABC*, Chantal Krakowski - *Cineart-Cinelibre*, Eliane Dubois, Stéphane de Potter - *Imagine Films*, Christian Thomas - *Lumière*, Jan de Clerq - *Paradiso Filmed Entertainment*, Olivier Mortagne.

Czech Republic □ *Artcam*, Bara Mudrova

Denmark □ *Camera Films*, Kim Foss - *Nordisk*, Kirsten Dalgaard - *Ost for Paradis*, Ole Bjorn Christensen.

France □ *Ad Vitam*, Alexandra Henochsberg - *Bac Films*, Michel Liberman - *Diaphana*, Michel Saint-Jean - *Epicentre*, Dabiel Chabannes - *Les Films du Losange*, Régine Vial - *Gebeka*, Marc Bonny - *Haut et Court*, Carole Scotta - *Jour de Fête*, Etienne Ollagnier & Sarah Chazelle - *Memento Films Distribution*, Alexandre Mallet-Guy - *Pierre Grise Distribution*, Maurice Tinchant & Dominique Welinski - *Pyramide*, Eric Lagesse - *Rezo Films*, Jean-Michel Rey - *Wildbunch Distribution*, Jean-Philippe Tirel.

Germany □ *Alamode Film*, Fabien Arseguel & Tobias Lehmann - *Prokino*, Ira von Gienanth & Emma Klopff - *Schwarzweiss-Filmverleih*, Matthias Keuthen

Great-Britain □ *Artificial Eye*, Ross Fitzsimons - *Dogwoof pictures*, Anna Godas - *Maiden Voyage Pictures*, Bjorn Ricketts - *Soda Pictures*, Edward Fletcher.

Greece □ *PCV SA*, Peggy Carajopoulou-Vavali.

Holland □ *A-Film*, Frank Peijnenburg - *Cinemien*, Nicolaine den Breejen - *Paradiso Entertainment Nederlands*, Martien Uyttendaele.

Hungary □ *Budapest Film*, Peter Bogner & Gabor Csardi

Italy □ *Bim distribuzione*, Valerio de Paolis & Antonio Medici - *Lucky Red*, Andrea Occhipinti & Stefano Massenzi - *Media Film SPA*, Ernesto Tabarelli - *Mikado*, Emilia Bandel - *Teodora*, Cesare Petrillo.

Kosovo □ *Genci/Kino ABC*, Milazim Salihu

Norway □ *Arthaus*, Svend Jensen - *Oro Films*, Willy Johansen.

Poland □ *Kinoswiat*, Marcin Piasecki.

Portugal □ *Atalanta Filmes*, Paulo Branco - *Lnk Audiovisuals*, João Paulo Abreu - *Valentim de Carvalho*, Luis Froes.

Spain □ *Alta Films*, Enrique Gonzales Kuhn - *Filmmax Barcelona*, Carlos Fernandez - *Golem*, Josetxo Moreno - *Karma Films*, Miguel Angel Perez - *Notro Films*, Adolfo Blanco Lucas - *Sagrera TV*, Ramon Colom Estmatges - *Wanda Vision*, Jose Maria Morales.

Sweden □ *Folkets Bio*, Marie Booberg - *Non Stop Entertainment*, Jakob Abrahamsson & Ignas Scheynius.

Switzerland □ *Agora*, Michel Buhler & Laurent Dutoit - *Cineworx*, Thomas Schmutz - *Filmcoopi*, Felix Hächler - *Frenetic*, Monika Weibel - *Look now!*, Bea Cuttat - *Xenix*, Cyril Thurston.