



Statistics of the first Venice Production Bridge



The first **Venice Production Bridge** – the Festival film market's

evolution into a specialized meeting point for completing projects – was held from **September 1-5, 2016** at the **73rd Venice International Film Festival**. The VPB re-proposed and expanded on the **Venice Gap-Financing Market** and **Final Cut in Venice** programs, making the most of the experience of the **Biennale College – Cinema**.

This first edition of the Venice Production Bridge registered **1,767 accreditations, including 758 Industry Gold accreditations** (a **35%** increase in this latter figure, compared to 2015).

Here are the final figures of the **2016 VENICE PRODUCTION BRIDGE**:

- **GAP FINANCING MARKET (2-4 September)**: 448 pre-organized meetings were held for the 25 Fiction and Documentary projects, and 158 meetings for the 15 Virtual Reality/TV series/Web series. Fifty meetings were added directly on-site for all 40 projects. Thus, a total of 606 encounters were re-organized, for a grand total of **656 meetings for the 40 projects over the two and a half days**.
- **BOOK ADAPTATION RIGHTS AREA (2-3 September)**: over 250 meetings were organized over the two days for the 15 editors.
- **FINAL CUT IN VENICE (3-5 September)**: of the 6 projects presented in the selection, 4 films won the *Final Cut* prizes (***)

• EUROPEAN FILM FORUM OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The **European Film Forum** was held on September 3-4, with the participation of the **European Commissioner for the Digital Single Market, Günther Oettinger**, and the **Director-General of DG Connect, Roberto Viola**. The European Film Forum organized two workshops, on access to financing

for the creative industries and on the future of cinemas.

· **6 STANDS OPERATED IN THE VPB EXHIBIT AREAS:**

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· **PANELS AND EVENTS ORGANIZED AT THE MEETING SPACE**

A total of 22, including 17 international panels and events

· **VPB MARKET SCREENINGS ORGANIZED**

A total of 35, including 13 Private Screenings

· **DIGITAL VIDEO LIBRARY:**

51 films were available for viewing at the Digital Video Library, including:

6 films from Out of Competition, 18 from Orizzonti, 7 from Venice Classics, 4 from Biennale College Cinema, 2 from Cinema nel Giardino, 5 from SIC, 6 from Venice Days, 1 from Final Cut

(*) FINAL CUT Awards:**

FELICITY / FÉLICITÉ by Alain Gomis (France/Senegal/Belgium) Producer: Arnaud Dommerc received the following prizes:

- Sub-Ti Ltd. (London) will offer up to € 7,000 to make a DCP master and Italian or English subtitles;
- Sub-Ti Access Srl (Turin) will offer up to € 7,000 for a version accessible to people with sensorial disabilities;
- Rai Cinema will offer € 5,000 to purchase the broadcasting rights for two years;
- Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) will offer € 5,000 to reimburse costs incurred during post-production.

THE WOUND / ISIKO by John Trengove (South Africa/Germany/France/Holland) Producer: Elias Ribeiro received the following prizes:

- Mactari Mixing Auditorium (Paris) will offer up to € 15,000 to make the sound mix;
- Titra Film (Paris) will offer up to € 10,000 for digital color correction, and to make a DCP master and French or English subtitles.

GHOST HUNTING / ISTIYAD ASHBA by Raed Andoni (Palestine/France/Switzerland) Producer: Palmyre Badinie received the following prizes:

- Laser Film (Rome) will offer € 15,000 for the color correction of a feature film, totaling up to 50 work hours (including technician);
- The Festival International du Film d'Amiens will participate in the cost of making a DCP.

OBSCURE / OTMAH by Soudade Kaadan (Syria/Lebanon) Producer: Salma Kaf received the following prizes:

- MAD Solutions will offer marketing, advertising and distribution in the Arab world;

– The Festival International de Films de Fribourg will participate in the cost of making a DCP.



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