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SHOOT GOALS! SHOOT MOVIES! 611 film talents in the line-up for the short film competition

Bringing creativity to the 2006 FIFA World Cup™ – 611 filmmakers from 75 countries have put in their applications for “SHOOT GOALS! SHOOT MOVIES!“, the international short film competition of the *Berlinale Talent Campus*: Above all, directors and scriptwriters have made it to the final round, as well as producers and film editors. Top of the league table is Germany with 80 applicants, followed by 25 from Great Britain, the home of football, 21 applications came from the USA. The South American football virtuosos man the midfield with 76 applicants together with 15 films from India.

The jury which includes Alfred Holighaus (Head of the *Perspektive Deutsches Kino*) is thrilled that there are outstanding submissions, above all from countries with a rather young filmmaking infrastructure like Benin, Sri Lanka, Columbia and Palestine. Many of the up to 5 minute long films are highly original from an artistic point of view. “All filmmakers agree: Football, just like film, is a universal language and unites people regardless of their culture, class and religion,“ says Thomas Struck, Talent Manager and director of the film compilation.

The game goes on

The football short films will be presented in film compilations lasting between 10 and 60 minutes each. Premiere will be at the *Berlinale Talent Campus* in February 2005. In addition to this, the winning films will be shown in Germany within the framework of the Artistic and Cultural Programme to the 2006 FIFA World Cup™, at Goethe-Institutes as well as in the Football Globe. The short film competition is an official element of the Artistic and Cultural Programme to the 2006 FIFA World Cup™.

The Berlinale Talent Campus

The *Berlinale Talent Campus* is part of the Berlin International Film Festival and is intended as a tutorial platform and contact forum for young film professionals. Next year, 500 filmmakers from more than 80 countries will once more be given the chance to meet and exchange ideas with professional filmmakers and colleagues from all over the world. The *Berlinale Talent Campus 2005* takes place in Berlin from 12 to 17 February 2005.

Artistic and Cultural Programme to the 2006 FIFA World Cup Germany™

Besides the sporting events, arts and culture are an integral part of the 2006 FIFA World Cup Germany™. To this aim the German government has inaugurated an artistic and cultural programme with a total budget of 30 million Euros that is presented by the cultural foundation of the DFB (German Football Association). André Heller will act as curator. As well as the major sporting event, the 2006 FIFA World Cup Germany™ offers the unique possibility to present Germany to its guests in all its cultural diversity and also to get the people of the host country and the general public all over the world in the mood for the 2006 FIFA World Cup Germany™.