



## Press Release

### ***Berlinale Co-Production Market* extends its programme “Breakfast & Books” with the Frankfurt Book Fair**

In 2006 the *Berlinale Co-Production Market* is extending its programme by one day: from 12 through 14 February, film producers and financial backers from around the world will once again meet to initiate international co-productions.

The additional day on 14 February 2006 will primarily focus on participating film producers – and its motto will be “Breakfast & Books”. Organized in conjunction with the Frankfurt Book Fair, producers will be given an opportunity to strengthen their contacts with one another as well as meet representatives from the publishing world. A selection of ten literary works will be presented for international film adaptations.

This year producers from 58 countries have submitted more than 300 projects to the *Co-Production Market*. Furthermore over 200 project proposals have been received by the Talent Project Market, which is being held in cooperation with the *Berlinale Talent Campus*. In the past years, the Talent Project Market has become a fixed component of the *Berlinale Co-Production Market*.

Within the Festival, other synergies have also developed. Since 2005, the *Berlinale Co-Production Market* has been held in the Berlin House of Representatives, directly opposite the Martin-Gropius-Bau, where the new *European Film Market* will be located for the first time in 2006.

“With our – not only spatial – proximity to the *EFM* and our extremely efficient services, we feel well equipped for 2006,” states project manager Sonja Heinen. “Our special software for meetings allows us to put together a personal timetable for each participant and so accommodate the tight schedules typical of festival attendees.”

In addition the Berlin House of Representatives will be the venue of the Producers’ Lounge. Here participants will be able to arrange meetings also with Berlinale guests who are not registered for the *Berlinale Co-Production Market*.

Once again the main partners of this year’s *Berlinale Co-Production Market* are MDM (Mitteldeutsche Medienförderung) and the MEDIA Programme of the European Union.

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