

Open Doors

60. Locarno International Film Festival, August 1 – 11, 2007

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Deadline: 28.4.2007

Open Doors is a section of the **Locarno International Film Festival**, which continues its ongoing commitment to raising the visibility of film projects from developing nations, by creating networking opportunities with possible co-producers and other industry partners who may be able to assist in getting projects off the ground.

Open Doors program is **not project-driven**, but **focuses on a region**. In 2007, the focus will be on the projects from the **Near and Middle East**: on Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Iraq, the Palestinian territories and Egypt.

The Open Doors staff chooses projects at various stages of development (pre-production, production, post-production) for presentation during the Festival.

Open Doors offers **pitching of selected projects** to an industry audience; **one-to-one meetings** between project representatives and potential co-production partners; **a case-study** on the production process regarding a project recently implemented in the region; **screenings** of the selected films from the region in focus.

Open Door Grant: two grants are awarded to support development and production, each worth 50.000 Swiss francs. Moreover, the CNC (Centre National de le Cinématographie, France) has committed an annual award of 10.000 Euros to support the development of a first feature film.

Open Doors program is bound to be useful for both producers and directors from the regions on which each event is focused and producers from other European countries who frequently have no way of establishing personal contacts with producers and filmmakers outside the mainstream circuit.

Entries for the Open Doors program may be received from:

- producers from a project's country of origin who can demonstrate an advanced state of collaboration with the director(s)/writer(s)
- filmmakers from the country of origin working with local producers
- directors/producers
- producers from other geographical regions who can demonstrate an advanced state of collaboration with a filmmaker from one of the countries of origin regarding a film production of the region

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