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“BCN INTERNATIONAL FICTS FESTIVAL” SHOWCASE FOR FILMMAKERS

Barcelona (Spain) will be the seat from 7th to 10th May 2014 of the fifth edition of “BCN Sports Film 2014 - Barcelona International FICTS Festival”. The event is organized – in the framework of the Worldwide Championship of Cinema, Sport and Television “World FICTS Challenge” - by the “Fundacio Olympic Barcelona” directed by Dr Juli Pernas Lopez (*director of Museu Olímpic i de l'Esport Joan Antoni Samaranch*) in collaboration with “Nikita Distribution” and with support of FICTS, the Ayuntamiento de Barcelona Institut Barcelona Esport and the Spanish Olympic Committee. On Friday, 9th May 2014 - from 4 pm to 6 pm in the Auditorium of the Joan Antoni Samaranch Olympic and Sports Museum - will take place the second Workshop “*Pitching Advice*” where find the advice need to get your sports themed audiovisual project off the ground. Final date for entries is 31st March 2014. The “Opening ceremony” of the Festival will take place at Auditorium of the Joan Antoni Samaranch Olympic and Sports Museum.

“EXCELLENCE GUIRLANDE D’HONNEUR” FOR PAOLO SORRENTINO

The FICTS Executive Committee has decided to award with the “Excellence Guirlande d'Honneur” the Italian director Paolo Sorrentino Oscar for “Best foreign language film” with “The great beauty” at the 86th Annual Academy Awards. The highest FICTS honor, considered the “*Oscar of cinema and sport television*”, will be delivered by the President Prof. Franco Ascani during the “Opening Ceremony” of

“Sport Movies & Tv 2014” scheduled in Milano on December 4th, 2014. Paolo Sorrentino has participated in 2011 to the “BCN Sports Film - Barcelona International FICTS Festival” in Spain with a film dedicated to the values of rugby. The “*The slow game*” is the title of the short film shot in black and white, to which have also collaborated other famous Italian directors Ermanno Olmi and Gabriele Salvatores.

“FICTS FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL CINE DE DEPORTE” IN MEXICO

The city of Oaxaca (Mexico) hosted - 1 to 4 March - the first edition of the “Festival Internacional de Cine Deporte” organized in the framework of the Worldwide Championship of Cinema, Sport and Television “World FICTS Challenge” by Alexanderson Bolano. The Festival took place at the University Carl Rogers, who also hosted the “Award Ceremony” during which have been awarded the winners of the Festival that will participate in “Sport Movies & Tv 2014” (Milan, December 3 to 8). Among the winners: “*Braking Air*” directed by Xavier Velasco Du Solier, “*Romang, greco-roman*” by Bongkeun Kwon, “*Baballe Apocalypse*” by Manuel Leroueil.

“HUBERT WAGNER VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT” IN POLAND

The city of **Pinczow** (Poland) is ready to host on 8th and 9th March, the International Tournament of volley “Hubert Wagner Golden Volleyball Team 2014” to which will compete the young people of the secondary schools coming from Poland and Italy. The 22nd edition part of cultural and formative international activities of FICTS is organized by Mr Krzysztof Marszalik, the President of the Olympic Club “Olympionik” and Treasurer of the Federation under the auspices of the Polish Olympic Committee. Media partner: Gazeta Wyborcza. Sponsor: Grupa Codex. The Tournament will be open with the message of the FICTS President Prof. Franco Ascani. In 2011 the video about the Tournament – produced by Impression 2 Films S. C. and directed by Maciej Bochniak was in competition to “Sport Movies & Tv” in the Section “Sport & Society”.

CINEMA, TV, SPORT AND TOURISM FOR FICTS FESTIVAL IN VIETNAM

The seventh edition of “*Vietnam International FICTS Festival - Sport, Tourism, Movies & Tv*” organized by “Vietnam Cinema of Sports & Tourism”, led by FICTS President for Asia Nguyen Xuan Vinh, will take place – from **2nd to 5th July** – in **Hanoi**. The Festival, organized in the framework of the World Championship of the Cinema and the sport Television, has the aim to promote more the sport and tourism quality through the sport images. The Festival is organized with the support of FICTS in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam and the Vietnam Olympic Committee.

BAKU (AZERBAIJAN): THE FIRST PRODUCTIONS

Baku, capital of the Republic of Azerbaijan, will host – from **29th to 31st October 2014** - the “**2nd Baku International FICTS Sport Films Festival**”. The International event – organized by Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Minister **Dr Abulfas Garayev**) in collaboration with the Ministry of Sport and Youth and the Azerbaijani Olympic Committee – it’s part of the “World FICTS Challenge” Worldwide Championship of Cinema and Sport Television articulated into 18 Festivals in the 5 Continents organized by FICTS (*Fédération Internationale Cinéma Télévision Sportifs, joined with 113 Countries*) recognized by the IOC. Several productions arrived: “*Mrs judo: be strong, be gentle, be beautiful*” (*Flying Carp Productions – USA*): homage dedicated to the inspiring life journey of Keiko Fukuda who decided to defy thousands of years of tradition, choosing her own path, and becoming the only woman in judo's history to attain the pinnacle 10th degree black belt. “*Missing*” (*Tariq Rimawi – UK*) about the history of a child who lives in a war-torn area where he longs for his past, peaceful life. Only few things give him comfort: a flower, a butterfly and a soccer shoe.

AGREEMENT UESpT UPKL ON THE EDUCATION FOR YOUTH THROUGH SPORT

It was signed the agreement between UESpT - Union Européenne du Sport pour Tous (continental Union of the FISpT - Federation Internationale Sport pour Tous) chaired by Prof. Franco Ascani and the UPKL - Union of Professionals Ki Life aisbl whose Secretary General is Dr Corrado Genova. The cooperation between the two institutions aims at the realization of the training program of the figure of European/International Social Sports Educator. Among the commitments that the two parties signed: the promotion of “Sport for All”, as free, spontaneous and recreational physical activity, by any means available and part of each other's ability, the organization of education and training programs through

the sports image, the promotion of the exchange of knowledge and experiences and healthy lifestyles through policies based on sustainable projects.

2014 SOCHI PARALYMPIC GAMES STARTS ON 7 MARCH

The Sochi 2014 Winter Paralympic Games will start on March 7. 750 athletes from 45 Nations will compete in 5 sports: wheelchair curling, ice sledge hockey, Nordic skiing, alpine skiing and biathlon. The Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi will be covered to the fullest extent – in general Russian TV channels planning to broadcast about 180 hours of Paralympic competitions. More than 450 television specialists from 10 regions of Russia will work on its transmission. In total, over 1,300 representatives of television or radio companies who have broadcasting rights will come to Sochi to cover Paralympic Winter Games 2014. Sir Philip Craven, IPC President, said: *“We are delighted that Russia’s first Paralympic Winter Games will get so much airtime on TV. Such coverage of the Games is vital in raising the profile of Paralympic Sport”*.

RICCI BITTI ASOIF AND ITF PRESIDENT: MANAGEMENT OF SPORTS FEDERATIONS

Dr Francesco Ricci Bitti, President of ASOIF (*Association of Summer Olympic International Federations*) and Chairman of ITF (*International Tennis Federation*) held a lecture on *“The International Sports Federations”* to the 25 future sports managers of the 12th edition of the Master Degree in *“Sport Management, Marketing and Society”* of the Department of Sociology and Social Research at the University of Milano-Bicocca. During the lecture Dr Ricci Bitti, after drawing an overview of the new guidelines for the management of Sports Federations and, in particular, the International Tennis Federation, said: *“To Promote and develop tennis worldwide at all levels of the game with a vision of Tennis for all in order to ensure anyone, regardless of age, ability or background has the chance to play and watch tennis whose values are universality, inclusiveness, integrity, unity and commitments especially by the most important international bodies of tennis in the world in order to fight in a total way in the war against doping and corruption”*.

MILANO FILM NETWORK PRESENTS “IN PROGRESS”

Milano Film Network proposes for 2014 a production laboratory focused on the development of an audiovisual project. As neglected in the Italian system, development is the most important and critical phase of the creative process and construction, that they depend on the outcome of the actual film ideas and much of the organizational structure, financial and production of the film. The project incorporates the experience of Filmmaker, which since 1985 has supported the work of independent filmmakers productively and in 2010 is with the support of Cariplo Foundation.

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