



Report of the Bulgarian Association of the Film, Television and Radio Scriptwriters

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Dear Mr. David Kavanagh, President of the Federation of Screenwriters in Europe, I would like to bring to your attention the Report of the activities of the Bulgarian Association of the Film, Television and Radio Scriptwriters – BAFTRS for 2017.

1. Membership

In 2017 BAFTRS accepted 4 new members in the Association all of which prominent TV screenwriters with a lot of experience and TV-series projects. As of today, the Association amounts to 41 registered professional scriptwriters.

2. Activities in 2017

In 2017 several important amendments in the Law for Film Industry in Bulgaria were suggested by all film guilds under the initiative of the new Executive Director of the Bulgarian Film Center. BAFTRS and its members organized two sessions and discussed changes in the Law that need to be performed. A lot of new suggestions for changes in the procedures and mandate of the governing bodies and national committees in of the Film Fund have been introduced. Alternative sources of financing of the Film Fund have been suggested with concrete percentage from specific activities have been introduced.

This December 2017 BAFTRS in partnership with NATFA 'Kr. Sarafov' is organizing a workshop with the Spanish documentary filmmaker and scriptwriter Miguel Barros. His most notable feature films are "Blackthorn" (nominated best script in Tribeca Festival) by Mateo Gil "Nobody Wants the Night" (nominated best film in Festival de Berlin), by Isabel Coixet.

In November 2017 representatives of all the film guilds in Bulgaria including BAFTRS met with the newly appointed Executive Director of the Film Center – Jana Karaivanova to discuss important issues with the amendments that need to be performed in the Law for Film Industry and compliance with European Law and Directives. Important decisions were taking regarding the appointment of candidates for the National Film Council. Currently, the National Film Council is taking actions in presenting the changes with the Council of Ministers.

In 2017 the Chairman of BAFTRS Prof. Stanislav Semerdjiev met with the representatives of Filmautor - the Bulgarian Society for collective management of authors' and producers' rights in audiovisual works to discuss contractual benefits of screenwriters in the bargaining process.

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Looking forward to meeting you at the Annual General Assembly in Brussels in 2017 for the 2nd FSE European Screenwriters Award.

Best regards,

BAFTRS