

ACTIVITIES FROM ALMA (Writers' Guild of Spain)

ALMA is the senior screenwriters' guild of Spain. Located in Madrid, its associates cover all Spain and also have foreign members. Our members are working scriptwriters for TV and films, including top screenwriters and directors and renowned TV creators/writers.

The Guild's activities are several:

EDUCATION IN SPAIN

From its creation, education has been one of its biggest concerns. During 2008 our education activities have been:

1. First Edition of the Masters Screenwriting for TV and Film ALMA / CARLOS III University of Madrid (leading public University).
2. Yearly edition of ALMA's Screenwriting Workshop for Beginners.
3. Yearly edition of the Advanced Screenwriting Workshop: Feature film development.
4. Edition of the "WRITING IN JUSTICE" workshop, in collaboration with the Supreme Court of Justice.

EDUCATION ABROAD: In collaboration with the INSTITUTO CERVANTES

ALMA has signed an agreement with the Instituto Cervantes (Public Institute which aims to widen the Spanish language abroad, akin to the British Council, Institut Français or Goethe Institut) to start the ALMA screenwriting workshops at its International Centres.

2009 will include:



Film Workshop at the Instituto Cervantes, Rabat, Morocco.
Film Workshop at the Instituto Cervantes, Brasilia, Brazil.

AWARDS AT THE SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL IN MÁLAGA

A jury elected by ALMA gives the “Best Screenplay” awards at the Festival:

- Best Beginners Screenplay Award at the Oficial Section
- Best Screenplay at the Section ZONACINE

SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT MEETING

ALMA organizes a yearly Script Development Meeting in collaboration with Madrid’s Community Council of Culture, Sports and Tourism. Next meeting will take place on November, 5, 2009. This meeting is part of Community of Madrid Fellowship for Screenwriting Development and includes the publishing of the awarded scripts.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Collective Bargaining Agreement for Screenwriters, in collaboration with National Trade Unions
- Agreement with Producers’ Federation (FAPAE) over the conditions for hiring Screenwriters
- Active member of the Federation of Screenwriters in Europe (FSE)
- Legal advisory by our lawyers to screenwriters to improve their conditions in their contracts
- Gatherings among screenwriters
- Participation in Juries deciding awards and allocation of public funds donated by the Ministry of Culture of Spain, such as the Script Development Fellowship

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