The Danish Writers Guild

The guild:

The Danish Writers Guild represents around 390 members, which all are professional screenwriters, playwrights or translators. We are continuously experiencing an increase in the number of members.

SVOD/Create Denmark

The fact that streaming services are still challenging the residual payment models we have been used to from broadcasting is an ongoing matter for discussion, since 2016 with Create Denmark as base.

Create Denmark has since its founding been actively trying to prevent e.g. buyouts and the erosion of the artists' residuals. This fall we're launching a new strategy on this.

Danish Film Institute:

At the moment, the new film agreement is being negotiated in the political field. The agreement will influence the public funding system for the next four years. We are of course opting for an increased amount of funding in the earlier stages of the script. Danish films need high quality stories – now and in the future.

Gender equality

The guild has a strong focus on gender equality. In late '17 we launched a satirical guide to the usual gender clichés in contemporary film and television: ManusFestet, which is now available in an English version. The intention is to put focus on the subject of gender stereotypes and find ways to think differently. ManusFestet has been very well received by the film and tv business in Denmark.

Work and well-being

As a follow-up to the metoo-matter we are sending out a survey to examine our members' work-related stress situations. The goal is to be aware of the ways this particular field of work deals with ever-increasing expectations, diffuse management etc.

Society of Copyright Organization

Society of Copyright Organization is an organization for all copyright organizations and unions in Denmark. We coordinate views on different copyright issues and in some cases, we write coordinated answers on hearings from The Danish Ministry of Culture and from EU.

Copyright Denmark

Copyright Denmark is another Collective Cooperation that reacts on different copyright issues and secures a coordinated and continuous response on different copyright issues in the media and other public relations.

The Copyright Alliance

The Copyright Alliance is an association working to secure the rights for all copyright owners. It used to be called The Antipiracy Group, but the name was changed so it would have a friendlier tone. The Alliance also represents producers. For instance, they try cases at the court if necessary and are working more determined on the legal matters of the copyright and illegal downloads.

Nordic Writers Guild:

We also work with the Nordic Writers Guild (NDU) which counts the writers' guilds of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

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