The Danish Writers Guild

The guild:

The Danish Writers Guild represents around 420 members, which are all professional screenwriters, playwrights or translators. We are continuously experiencing an increase in the number of members of just under 10% annually.

SVOD/Create Denmark

The fact that streaming services are still challenging the residual payment model we use for 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 subject.

Danish Film Institute:

This year, our long-term advocacy for more funding for the screenwriter's development of the script has paid off. Last winter, The Film Institute launched the ManusFokus under which experienced writers receive funds for research and development leading up to a first draft.

Work and well-being

As a follow-up to the metoo-matter we have conducted a survey to examine our members' work-related stress situations. In prolongation of the survey, we will launch a seminar for head writers on how to deal with increased responsibility.

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 of The Danish Ministry of Culture and of 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.