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### EMERGING PRODUCERS 2018 WERE INTRODUCED IN BERLIN

The eighteen up-and-coming documentary film producers were presented in Berlin during the Berlinale.

The sixth edition of the Emerging Producers workshop saw its peak on February 16 at a **cocktail in presence of over 400 film professionals attending the 68th Berlinale**. At this occasion, the eighteen Emerging Producers 2018 were introduced, and **Chile was announced as the guest country** of the upcoming Emerging Producers 2019 edition.

**The first part of the Emerging Producers workshop took place in October 2017 at the Ji.hlava International Documentary Film Festival and its second leg took place on February 12-16 in Berlin.** The Emerging Producers 2018 participated also at a public discussion about the role of documentaries in the changing media landscape, hosted by the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Berlin on February 15. The event was accompanied by a screening of Piotr Stasik's documentary *Opera about Poland*, winner of the Between the Seas Award at the 21<sup>st</sup> Ji.hlava IDFF. The producer of the film is Anna Gawlita, Emerging Producer 2018 from Poland.

*„After six successful editions, the Emerging Producers has become a very popular and prestigious project. It now has 111 alumni, many of whom have been recently receiving awards at major film festivals across the world”,* says Marek Hovorka, director of the Ji.hlava IDFF, which launched the Emerging Producers programme in 2012.

*“But as even more valuable I find the fact that thanks to the programme, some of the most talented producers of the continent collaborate together on new, interesting film projects,”* adds Hovorka.

Ji.hlava IDFF, the largest event of its kind in the region of Central and Eastern Europe, just [opened submissions to its 22nd edition](#), which will take place on October 25-30. In 2017, the festival selected 342 films from over 3,500 submissions, including 104 World, international and European premieres.

The Emerging Producers programme, flagship of the Ji.hlava IDFF Industry programme, just opened doors to applications. **The talented European and Chilean film producers are encouraged to [apply to the seventh edition of the programme](#) until March 31, 2018.**

Personal profiles of all eighteen Emerging Producers 2018 are available [HERE](#).

Photos from the event are available [HERE](#).

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