

## PRESS RELEASE

### Eurimages supports 9 European co-productions

STRASBOURG, 28.02.2003 - At its 82nd meeting held on 24.02.2003 - 26.02.2003 in Paris, the Council of Europe Eurimages Fund Board of Management agreed to support 9 feature films for a total amount of 3 337 716 Euros.

*The feature films are :*

#### ***Scheme 1 - Assistance awarded mainly on the basis of the project's circulation potential***

***Le Retour de James Bataille*** - Didier and Thierry Poiraud (French)

(France, Germany, United Kingdom)

***Triple agent*** - Eric Rohmer (French)

(France, Greece, Spain, Italy)

#### ***Scheme 2 - Assistance awarded primarily on the basis of artistic value***

***Brides (Oi Nyfes)*** - Pantelis Voulgaris (Greek)

(Greece, France)

***Clearing up*** - Lars Johansson (Danish)

(Denmark, Germany, Sweden)

***Demain on déménage*** - Chantal Akerman (Belgian)

(Belgium, France)

***Niceland*** - Fridrik Thor Fridriksson (Icelandic)

(Iceland, Germany, Denmark, United Kingdom)

***Tur och Retur (Immediate Boarding)*** - Ella Lemhagen (Swedish)

(Sweden, Norway)

***Vodka Lemon*** - Hiner Saleem (French)

(France, Switzerland, Italy, Armenia)

***Zaman*** - Ali Özgentürk (Turkish)

(Turkey, Bulgaria)

*Support was awarded to the following distributors for the films listed hereafter:*

BEST HOLLYWOOD (Hungary)

***The Pianist*** - Roman Polanski (Polish)

BUDAPEST FILM (Hungary)

***Lundi matin*** - Otar Iosseliani (French-Georgian)

***Sur mes lèvres*** - Jacques Audiard (French)

MASKEPP FOUNDATION (Hungary)

***Fausto 5.0*** - Alex Ollé, Izidoro Ortiz & Carlos Padrissa (Spanish)

***Irréversible*** - Gaspard Noé (French)

MOKEP (Hungary)

***I am Dina*** - Ole Bornedal (Danish)

INDEPENDENTA FILM (Romania)

***L'auberge espagnole*** - Cédric Klapisch (French)

***Le peuple migrateur*** - Jacques Perrin, Gérard Vienne & Michel Debats (French)

NEW FILMS INTERNATIONAL ROMANIA (Romania)  
**Hable con ella** - Pedro Almodovar (Spanish)

ASSOCIATION OF SLOVAK FILM CLUBS (Slovakia)  
**Mies Vailla Menneisyttä** - Aki Kaurismäki (Finnish)  
**Swing** - Tony Gatlif (French)

SPI INTERNATIONAL CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA (Slovakia)  
**Smradi** - Zdenek Tyc (Czech Republic)

BLITZ FILM & VIDEO DISTRIBUTION (Slovenia)  
**Lucky Break** - Peter Cataneo (British)

AGORA FILMS (Switzerland)  
**L'idole** - Samantha Lang (French)  
**Un monde presque paisible** - Michel Deville (French)

FILMCOOPERATIVE ZÜRICH (Switzerland)  
**I am Dina** - Ole Bornedal (Danish)

FOUNDATION TRIGON-FILM (Switzerland)  
**Heremakono** - Abderrahmane Sissako (French)

JMH DISTRIBUTIONS (Switzerland)  
**Effroyables jardins** - Jean Becker (French)  
**Oligarch** - Pavel Lounguine (Russian)

RTV FILM PRODUKSIYON VE PAZARLAMA (Turkey)  
**Intacto** - Juan Carlos Fresnadillo (Spanish)

SPOT FILM (Turkey)  
**Buñuel et la table du roi Salomon** - Carlos Saura (Spanish)  
**The Pianist** - Roman Polanski (Polish)

In the framework of the 'Cinemas' support schemes, the Board of Management decided to integrate six new cinemas in the Eurimages/Europa Cinemas' network. The cinemas are: "Tisza Mozi" (Szolnok, Hungary), "Toldi" (Budapest, Hungary) "Urania Mozi" (Pecs, Hungary), Cinebonus (Antalya, Turkey), Outlet Center (Izmit, Turkey) and Feriye Sinemasi (Istanbul, Turkey). Thus, in addition to the 25 cinemas for which the Eurimages' support has been renewed, the Eurimages/Europa Cinemas' network now counts 31 cinemas as of 1 January 2003. Further to an agreement signed between the authorities of Poland, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Slovakia and the European Union, 13 cinemas from these countries have passed over to the Media Plus Programme.

EURIMAGES is a support fund for co-production, distribution and exhibition of European cinematographic works, established by the Council of Europe in 1988 <sup>1</sup> (E-mail : [Eurimages@coe.int](mailto:Eurimages@coe.int) - Web : <http://www.coe.int/Eurimages>). **Since its establishment, EURIMAGES has supported 900 European co-productions for a total amount of 252 096 287 Euros.**

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<sup>1</sup> Since 1 January 2003, EURIMAGES comprises 28 member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey