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# Kid' Screen 2002: "I am what I eat":



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Reinhold T. Schoeffel. Frankfurt/Germany

# Feeding Soul, svche & Bo

More than 150 nutrition experts and media educators from all over Europe, with participants from other continents as well as the teachers from the region, participated at Kid'Screen in Desenzano del Garda (Northern Italy) to learn and exchange ideas on how they can motivate young people's awareness of their nutritional habits. The event was organized by Regione Lombardia in co-operation with ECFA.

The aim of Kid' Screen was to try to understand the relationships

- between nutrition in its widest sense as food and as emotional nourishment and children:
- between media and the dietary behaviour of children and youngsters;
- between agriculture its production processes and its relationship with the environment and animals - and the possible connections with the world of the young and that of images.

All this with the primary objective of comparing various methods of research and experimentation used inside and outside schools. We wanted to identify ways of operating that would be brought together by their concern for the welfare of children and youngsters despite belonging to apparently distant professions; ways of operating that could best express the principles of cross-disciplinary work and the transferability of good education and cultural practices.

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### Talking to Director Danny Deprez on his new Film ...

With his new and thrilling release, "Science Fiction", Danny Deprez returns to common ground he walked before with "The Ball". "SF" has become an exciting film told from the perspective of children.

10-year-old Andreas is new at school. He has spent his entire life travelling around the world with his parents, who are scientists. After a difficult start, Andreas becomes friends with Vero, his next-doorneighbour. She thinks Andreas' parents are pretty weird and is very curious about what they exactly do. They are always working, they always wear dark sunglasses, they don't seem to have contact with other people,... Andreas only knows they are working on some biological programme and that they are rushing to reach a mysterious 'deadline'. Vero, who has a broad imagination, decides they have to find out what Andreas' parents are up to...



David Geclowicz in "Science Fiction"

# Dear Readers of ECFA-Journal,

With this issue ECFA-Journal will be distributed more than 500 copies. For a newsletter meant for a very specialized scene it is quite a figure. Furthermore the International Federation of Film societies sends ECFA-Journal to its member organisations all around the world.

Almost three years ago ECFA-Journal was re-started with approximately 50 addresses. The first issue some weeks later already reached 200 people. Since then the circulation has constantly increased. Today we have 35 directors, 104 producers, 86 sales agencies, 88 film distributors, 94 festivals, 58 TV-programmers, 16 cinemas, 20 journalists, 38 organisations working in media education and 124 others, mostly political institutions or organisations, on our mailing list. (For the maths freaks among you: ok, they are more than 500, but some have double functions).

With ECFA-Journal, ECFAweb and ECFA's events we want to create easy communication and co-operation between all who are involved in high quality film for children in Europe and to improve the distribution of the excellent films produced in the different European countries. We do not know how far our efforts already have succeeded. We recognize that films which have been anounced here soon after appear in various festivals or become distributed. But it is impossible to do a hard evaluation. So we put it another way: During these three years only five receivers cancelled subscription to ECFA-Journal. The last was a sales agency that did not even know that they have a children's film for sale in their programe ...

# The News Section: Films. Festivals. Prizes

Lucas - International Children's Filmfestival, Frankfurt/Germany Lucas Awards: "Little Big Girl" ("Ulvepigen Tinke") by Mørten Koehlert, DK 2002 and "Thunderpants" by Peter Hewitt, GB 2002

CIFEJ-Award: "Little Big Girl"
Special Mentions: "You Are Free" ("To
Azadee") by Mohammad Ali Talebi, Iran
2001 and "House of Hearts" ("Omfavn
Mig Måne" by Elisabeth Rygård, DK 2001
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Buster - The Copenhagen Int. Children's Film Festival, Copenhagen/Denmark Children's Jury, best feature film: "The Pellet" ("El Bola") by Achero Mañas, Spain 2001;

best short film: "Viktor and his Brothers" by Mårten Klingberg, Sweden 2002. Int. Jury, best feature film: "Ali Zaoua" by Nabil Ayouch, Marocco/France/Belgium 2000;

best short film: "Outside - Looking In" ("Mens du står utenfor") by Nina F. Grünfeld, Norway 2002; best documentary: "Promises" by B.Z. Goldberg, J. Shapiro & C, Bolado, USA 2002.

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International Children's Film Festival "Schlingel", Chemnitz/Germany
Int. Jury's Main Prize: "Little Big Girl",
Special Mentions: "Aliens in Colorado"
by Karel Janák, Czech Republic 2002
(TV-Movie), "Mr. Blott's Triumph" by
Krzysztof Gradowski, Poland 2001
Children's Jury's & Audience's Award:
"Aliens in Colorado", Special Mentions:
"Little Big Girl" and "Little Tom Thumb"
by Olivier Dahan, France 2001

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Cinekid - International Film, Television and New Media Festival for Children and Young People, Amsterdam,

Internat. Jury: "The Little Bird Freak" by Rahbar Ghanbari, Iran 2002, and "Spirited Away" by Hayao Miyazaki, Japan. Audience Award: "Catch that Girl" ("Klatretøsen") by Hans Fabian Wullen-

weber, DK 2002 Contact: Cinekid

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# Talking to Director Danny Deprez on his new Film ... "Science Fiction"



**Danny Deprez (r.) directing "Science Fiction"** In an escalating number of events Andreas grows more and more paranoid about his parents and his relation to them. Are his parents from another planet?

The film is told from the perspective of the young Andreas and the viewer who never knows more than he does. Together with Andreas, you discover the truth, piece by piece.

"I really liked the script from the start", director Danny Deprez admits, "It's a story about solitude, about children who make up stories about alien invasions in an attempt to flee from the bizarre and boring world of adults. About miscommunication between parents and children."

Danny Deprez completed his studies in animated film under the wings of Raoul Servais. After working for Flemish TV for over 15 years, he debuted in fiction films with the short "Oktobernacht" in 1996.

"'Oktobernacht' tells the story of a little boy who suspects the end of the world is near and everything will be flooded by a huge tidal wave", Danny Deprez tells, "on the roof-top of his appartement he builds some sort of a Arch of Noah from old orange-crates."

In 1997 Danny Deprez could finally start on his first feature film "The Ball". This film is a poetic fairy-tale about a little girl and a wornout magic football. The film was released in theatres in eight countries and shown on TV in over 20 countries. The film, which also opened the Kinderfilmfest in Berlin, was selected for about 25 festivals around the world and won prizes in Bonn and Teheran.

"The Ball was some kind of a child's dream, while Science Fiction explores the darker side of children's fantasy", Deprez explains. "This film is more like a nightmare."

"Science Fiction is a film which just needed that expressionistic look that was the trademark of directors like Fritz Lang, Polanski and Hitchcock", Deprez continues. "As in their best films, we've tried not to use shock-effects, but more to create an



Scene from "Science Fiction"

atmosphere by using suggestive elements." A think-tank was created to pinpoint the right 'look' for the film. Art Director Bart Van Loo was assisted by a group of young professionals from the world of design to create a world that balances between science fiction and reality.

"The house where Andreas and his parents live was very important to me", explained Danny Deprez. "It had to be a very modern, cold construction with lots of glass and iron and a minimalist interior design. We found the perfect house, which dated from the 70's but was so personal and special it could be a house from the near-future."

The stiffness of the architecture was continued through in the costumes of Eva Bos. "Andreas had to look like a miniature adult, some sort of a copy of his parents", Deprez explains, "this also created quite a contrast with the other children in school."

Director of photography Walther Van den Ende (*Toto Le Héros, Daens, Farinelli, No Man's Land*) regards *Science Fiction* as one of the best challenges of his career. "Not everyday you get the chance of making a film in which you have to create an atmosphere of fear and doubt", Walther says smiling, "it was a very original project and Danny and I could really explore our possibilities."



Scene from "Science Fiction"

For the four leading actors, the children, there were auditions with thousands of children. David Geclowicz from Antwerp was chosen to play Andreas. "Not only did he do a great audition", Danny Deprez explains, "he's also multi-lingual and speaks Dutch with a slight accent. He was very close to our main character." Fran Michiels from Brussels got Vero's part. "She's a very vivid little girl", Danny laughs, "a real Pippi Longstocking".

The script was written with Koen de Bouw, in mind as the father, but finding a decent actress to play the mother wasn't that obvious. "We looked for months for the right actress and suddenly there was Wendy van Dijk. She did a perfect audition. Immediately there was a spark between her and Koen. And they both had a physic resemblance to their son in the movie.", Danny concludes. The cast was completed with Liesbeth Kamerling, Ilse Van Hoecke and Dirk Van Dijk.

"Science Fiction" had its premiere at the 29th Filmfestival of Flanders – Ghent.

Pieter Boeckx



# "I am what I eat": Regionelombordie Feeding Soul, **Psyche & Body**

We know how today's world often uses the young without paying them any respect. There are however teachers, educators, researchers, health and education professionals who operate outside market economics. It is their input that Kid Screen sought in its search for new project opportunities and new seeds of thought that might expand our mental and emotional experience. What have these three days left us with?

We stressed the importance of considering men and women as complex wholes, as soul, psyche and body and the consequent need to consider nutrition in its totality. Dr. Finocchiaro told us that to educate towards aware food consumption and to modify wrong nutritional behaviour it is necessary to work on emotional, cultural, social and territorial values and on the processes of interpersonal communication. It is therefore important to develop cross-disciplinary projects which would enable children to discover their environment and its produce, so that by knowing food and its history they might get closer to their roots, without however forgetting that problems related to nutrition always hide deeper ones, which need to be researched and understood. The projects of Bonney Bracey, Vasso Kanellopoulou, Alman, Reiff and Rossi show how also through media it is possible to re-affirm the profound relationship that facilitates the rediscovery of those flavours and that warmth annihilated by fast-foods. As Nichter has shown, schools are becoming a further channel for the distribution and marketing of mass products, another way of invading the imagery and taste of the young. Projects that like Ivan Dragoni's "Milano Ristorazione" - developed for the Lombardy Region - aim at introducing quality produce in school canteens by creating tasting workshops are most welcome. Teaching children to appreciate the relationship between food and our environment, the aim of Besana's "Teaching Farms", helps them to understand how food gets onto our tables. It thus re-empowers agriculture with a cultural dignity it is losing and teaches children that milk is borne not on supermarket shelves but from cows. Showing them the fun involved in cooking and manipulating food helps them develop culinary skills, it builds their selfesteem and their social skills. Hantler, Nystedt and Svenson all described this extensively: they put children in front of an oven and amongst other things facilitated the socializing of children with relational difficulties and helped boys to overcome their gender prejudices towards girls.

On the other hand we see the values promoted by media and advertising failing to strengthen the sense of equality and belonging amongst children but rather striving to divide them. They set the young in competition between one another, they separate boys from girls, pretty girls from



Piazza dell'Arte's Workshop at Kid' Screen 2002 ugly girls, bodies from souls. Initiatives aiming at bridging this fracture, like the ones of Ad Van Dam's and Dorèe De Kruijk, are therefore of great value. Their work in schools wants to promote a critical analysis of advertising and looks at stimulating children to recognise the stereotypes and contradictions inside marketing messages, in the hope that this will help them to become more critical consumers, able to reject these unattainable and frustrating dreams of beauty and perfection. Dreams which might sometimes trap them in nutritional pathologies: it is for these reason, Eskilsson told us, that an educational objective might be that of freeing the thoughts of the young through the use of alternative means, such as media and cinema. By using film they can encourage the surfacing of problems linked to food and communication and by promoting projects where children themselves become authors and producers, they can develop skills useful in our technological society and discover values destroyed by the hamburger culture. This is the way Millington's "Rural Media Company" project operates. He works with youngsters in rural areas by producing audiovisual material, which sometimes becomes an instrument of exchange between generations. Producing is important for children and youngsters. Even the younger children can do it if prepared teachers guide them, as we have seen in Patrizia Canova's presentation: she showed us films produced by children and youngsters, which were an opportunity for them to express imaginatively and serenely a side of their character that is elsewhere frustrated.

Cinema therefore is a privileged medium, because, as Canova points out, the visual aspect is a relevant role for the decisions made by the consumer: by showing children films we help them to better perceive the distance between reality and fiction. With a stimulating sequence of diverse film scenes Castelli presented us with the representations of food in cinema imagery. Children too often tackle themes linked with food and nutrition in their productions, as we saw in the Norwegian products presented to us by Lindrup. These audiovisuals are an important instrument of understanding for adults: for through the young authors' stories they can connect to harsh themes such as the authors' eating disorders, who through their films tell us of their experience of anorexia.

# The News Section: Films. Festivals. Prizes

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Chicago Int. Children's Film Festival Best of the Fest Prize: "In Desert and Wilderness" by Gavin Hood, Poland 2001 Adult Jury, Best feature films: 1st - "Scars" ("Glasskår") by Lars Berg; 2nd - "The Web of the Witch" ("Makdee") by Vishal Bhardwaj, India 2002 Children's Jury: 1st - "Minoes"; 2nd - "Catch that Girl"

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**Nordic Filmdays at Luebeck/Germany** Children's Film Prize of the Nordic Film Institutes: "Marcello & Fatima" ("Bäst i Sverige") by Ulf Malmros, Sweden 2002; Prize of the Children's Jury: "My Sister's Kids 2" ("Min søsters børn i sneen") by Tomas Villum Jensen, Denmark 2002. Video Industry's pize: "Marcello & Fatima". The Children's Film Clubs specially recommended the films "Elina – As if I wasn't there" ("Elina - Som om jag inte fanns") by Klaus Härö (Sweden, Finland 2002), "Wallah Be" ("Kald mig bare Aksel") by Pia Bovin (Denmark 2002) and "One-Way Ticket to Mombasa" by Hannu Tuomainen, Finland 2002 **Contact: Nordische Filmtage Luebeck** Phone: ++49-451-122 4109 E-Mail: info@filmtage.luebeck.de Internet: www.filmtage.luebeck.de

Int Children's Film Festival Vienna

Children's Jury:

"Rolli" by Olli Saarela, Finland 2001 UNICEF-Prize: "El Bola" ("The Pellet") by Archero Mañas, Spain 2001 Contact: Int. KinderFilmFestival

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### **FABU - Family, Children and Youth Film Festival, Sandnes**

Public Jury's award & the Norwegian Film Institute's distribution award: "One Way Ticket to Mombasa" Prix CIFEJ: "El Bola" **Best short films:** Int. Jury: "Merry Christmas, Rachid"

("Joyeux Noél Rachid") by Sam Garbarksi, Belgium 2000 Public Jury: "Disa Moves to Japan" by Benedicte Orvung, Norway 2002 Best animation films:

Int. Jury: "The Pipsqueak Prince" ("Le trop petit prince") by Zoia Trofimova,

Public Jury: "Hamilton Mattress" by **Barry Purves, Great Britain** Contact: FABU - Family, Children and

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Castellinaria Festival internazionale del cinema giovane Bellinzona/Switzerland

Children's Jury "6 - 15":

1st prize: "Rabbit Proof Fence" by Philip

Noyce, Australia 2001

2nd prize: "Jurij" by Stefano Gabrini,

Italy 2001

**Phone:** 

3rd prize: "A Handful of Gras" by Roland Suso Richter, Germany 2001 Short film Award: "La terre est ronde" ("Earth is Round") by Brigitte Coscas, France 2000.

Young people's Jury "16 - 20": 1st prize: "Respiro" by Emanuele Crialese, Italy 2002 2nd prize: "Torzok" ("Abandoned") by Arpàd Sopsits, Hungary 2001. Audience award: "Vincent" by Gert Embrechts, Belgium 2001 (short film). At Castellinaria Media Salles awarded "Minoes" by Vincent Bal, NL 2001.

Contact: Castellinaria Festival internazionale del cinema giovane

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**Oulu International Children's Film** Festival, Oulu, Finland

Children's Jury: "Catch that Girl" CIFEJ-Jury: "Scars"

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**Cinemagic - World Screen Festival for** Young People, Belfast/Northern Ireland Best short film for children:

"Ornaments", Aaron Erimez Best feature film for children: "An Angel for May", Harley Cokeliss, GB 2002

Best short film for teenagers: "Member", David Brooks, USA 2001 Best featuer film for teenagers: "Never Mind the Wall", Connie Walther,

Germany 2001

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**Olympia International Filmfestival for** Children and Young People, Greece

Children's Jury:

Best Feature Film: "Hard Goodbyes: My Father" by Penny Panayotopoulou,

Greece 2002 **International Jury:** 

Best Feature Film: "You Are Free" Best Direction: "25 Kids and a Father"

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### Kid' Screen 2002: "I am what I eat": Feeding Soul, Psyche & Body



Children attending the Kid'Screenings

One of the main themes to have emerged from the seminar and that will be useful in continuing the work of everyone, is the importance of teaching children that "the impossible is possible", as pointed out by Tanderø in the presentation of her project linking cinema and environment. Teaching optimism, respect for nature and improving our relationship with animals can all be done without forgetting that we also have to educate the young in what happens in the world. Casali, a UNICEF-representative, reminded us that food also means resources, equality, intercultural

exchange and that there exists a silent emergency: malnutrition and the difficulty of access to food. If on the one side we are in a position of having to worry about the bad dietary habits of the young, on the other there are children who die of hunger and who have no access to fresh produce but have to rely solely on canned and precooked food. We therefore have to integrate our work with the young so that they may develop a picture of what goes on in the world as comprehensively as possible, that they may grow up as citizens capable of upholding the rights which the UN Charter of Rights has been asserting for years.

Kid' Screen 2002 was an interesting opportunity for thought and stimulating reflection, with all our Italian and foreign guests complimenting the contents of the seminar and the vision that emerged from its multifaceted interventions.

The next edition of Kid' Screen will take place in Norway in October 2003.

# ns on the Horizon

Angel for May, An Feature film, GB 2002 Director: Harley Cokeliss Production: Spice Factory

Already released

World Sales: Tim Buxton, Portman

Film & Television Ltd. 21-25 St. Anne's Court GB London W1V 3AW ++44-20-74948024

phone: ++44-20-74948046 fax: E-mail: sales@portmanfilm.co.uk

The Boy who wanted to be a Bear

Animation, Denmark/France 2002 Director: Jannik Hastrup

Production: Tegnefilm 2, AnimagicNet,

Les Amateurs

Already released

World Sales: President Classics

Claudia Rae-Colombani "Le Barjac" 1. Blvd. F-75015 Paris

phone: ++33-1-44250162 ++33-1-44250195 fax: E-mail: crae@francetv.com

Flina - As if I wasn't There

Feature Film, Sweden/Finland 2002

Director: Ulf Malmros

Production: Filmlance Int. AB, Stockholm

Kinoproduction Oy, Helsinki

Already released

World Sales: Filmlance Int. AB

Box 27156 S-10252 Stockholm

phone: ++46-8-4597380 fax: ++46-8-4597389 E-mail: hq@filmlance.se Internet: www.filmlance.se

Marcello & Fatima

Feature Film, Sweden/Denmark 2002

Director: **Ulf Malmros** Production: Sandrew Metronome

Already released

World Sales: Sandrew Metronome

Distribution Sverige AB

Box 5612 SE-11486 Stockholm

++46-8-7621700 phone:

fax: ++46-8-103850

Internet: www.sandrewmetronome.se

My Sister's Kids 2

Feature Film, Denmark 2002 Director: Tomas Villum Jensen Production: Moonlight Filmproduction

ApS, Copenhagen

Already released

World Sales: Nordisk Film Int. Sales

Halmtorvet 29

DK-1700 København V

phone: ++45-33-266880 ++45-33-266889 fax: F-mail: contact@nordisk.dk Internet: www.nordiskfilm.dk

**Summer of the Ghosts** 

Feature Film, Austria/Canada 2003 Director: Bernd Neuburger Production: Extrafilm, Vienna

La Fete, Montreal/Canada

In production, release in spring 2003

World Sales: Extrafilm

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Wallah Be

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Feature Film, Denmark 2002 Director: Pia Bovin Production: Zentropa Already released

World Sales:Trust Film Sales

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## ECFA's participation at a unique event

# The Kids for Kids Festival

The Festival 'Kids For Kids' was already mentioned in ECFA Journal, but the more ECFA is getting involved with it, the more information we want to share with you.



Everybody knows: the best way to make children learn about film, is to call upon their own ability to make one. They often surprise us with a shower of creativity and fresh ideas brought together in very short and very simple masterpieces. Their work sometimes is so amazing that we regret not having a platform available, to prove that to the world. A platform that can entirely cover Europe, or even the entire world. This is the aim of the Kids For Kids Festival. This event is so significant that it has brought together some of the largest children's film organisations. CIFEJ, ECFA and ECTC are working alongside each other to prepare a perfect platform for these young filmmakers to demonstrate exactly what they are capable of.

Our motivation is clear; no need for bombastic terms to blow it up in an artificial way. We are not looking for the next Steven Spielberg. We don't pretend to have the key to Hollywood's main entrance. But we really are exceedingly interested in youngsters who are trying to find a filmic shape and size that fits their creativity. This makes Kids For Kids a unique event: promoting films, made by children and teenagers for children and teenagers.

Currently, Gert Hermans (for ECFA, covering Europe) and Jo-Anne Blouin (for CIFEJ, covering the rest of the world) are in search of films, in order to present them to a pre-selection committee that will gather in April at the Amandus Film Festival (Lillehammer, Norway). Films can be shown on 35 & 16 mm, 1/2-inch VHS (PAL or NTSC), DV and Hi8.

Age categories: 6 till 12 years & 13 till 16 years Format categories:

animation, fiction, documentaries, videoclips

Out of this selection, 40 films will be chosen and 40 young filmmakers will be invited to the final festival during AGORA (Mediterranean Summit on Media for Children)

in the beautiful city of Bologna, Italy, in June 2003. International professional's and children's juries will be handing out prizes in all categories. Meanwhile, ECFA and CIFEJ will ensure that this festival will use every opportunity to give participants a platform to debate, to meet each other, to exchange information and know-how. We want to use this exceptional occasion to generate enthusiasm, to develop a deeper sense of understanding and expertise. This festival must be more than just a competition. This festival must mirror the incredible possibilities created when children have a say.

Entry forms are available in printed version (French & English, just ask for them), or you can find them on ECFA's & CIFEJ's websites. Later, you can check these sites for extracts of competing films. Kids For Kids flags will indicate on a map of the world which countries have registered already their films throughout the pre-selection process.

To cover the world on the largest possible scale, we need your help and guidance to complete our files. Who's in the best position to trace these young artistic talents? You, of course. So if you have contacts or information on active young filmmakers in your region, please inform them about Kids For Kids, get their attention on the digital entry forms on the websites or let us know how we can reach them.

Want to do more? You could become a 'local representative', making a national selection to represent the project in your country. We are already delighted by the voluntary help offered by Ginette Dislaire (France), Klas Viklund (Sweden), Suzanna Wad (Denmark), Mia Lindrup (Norway), Liset Cotera (Mexico), Gerardo Nieto (Columbia), Ricardo Casas (Uruguay), Theresita Cherry (Argentina), and Jane Schoettle (Canada) to name just a few.

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# E-Mail from Cameroon: Request for Film Donation

The Benevolent Community Education and Rural Development Society (BERDSCO) is an NGO founded in Cameroon in 1990 working in the area of development with focus on children. BERDSCO has set up a library with a section for children. We are interested in getting some films to be displayed in the library for the interest of our young generation as well as to promote the distribution of these films in Cameroon and Africa at large. For this reason, we will be very grateful if you can send us simple copies as well as offer us some donation of useful films (VHS, PAL, English) for children for this very important library. This will be extremely helpful for us as we intend to develop a visiting programme to this library for school children around our vicinty. Contact:

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### Forthcoming Festivals

### Int. Filmfestival Berlin, Children's Film Festival, February 6th to 16th

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### Europees Jeugdfilmfestival Vlaanderen,

Antwerp, March 2nd - 9th 2003

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### **BUFF - International Children & Young** People's Film-Festival, Malmö/Sweden, March 11th - 16th

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### Festival International du Cinema Jeune Public, Laon/France, April 1st - 8th

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### "Golden Sparrow" - German Children's Film & Television Festival, Erfurt/Gera, April 2nd - 11th

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www.ecfaweb.org/english/ ecfnet/index.htm

Databases on children's film festivals, sales agents, distributors and TV-programrs interested in European films for children.

# **ECFA** in Persons:

# Reinhold T. Schoeffel, Frankfurt/Germany



Reinhold T. Schoeffel, born 1960, diploma in media literacy, lives in Germany near Frankfurt/Main. Schoeffel has been working since 1980 in various projects that help to bring high quality films to a wider audience: as organizer of film programmes and festivals, as a journalist and distributor. Since 1990 Schoeffel is managing director of Bundesverband Jugend und Film e.V. (BJF), the German federation of film clubs for children and young people. BJF is running a non-theatrical distribution with more than 400 outstanding films for children and young people and is co-organizer of the International Children's Filmfestival "Lucas" at Frankfurt. Since the year 2000 Schoeffel is also editor of "ECFA-Journal", the member's newsletter of the European Children's Film Association, and ECFA's website "www.ecfaweb.org".

### ECFA's General Assembly in Berlin, February 8th 2003

The annual General Assembly of the European Children's Film Association will be held during the International Film Festival Berlin on Saturday, February 8th, 4 pm. The location will be Hotel Unter den Linden, Unter den Linden 14, 10117 Berlin.

#### **AGENDA:**

- 1. Report on the Annual General Meeting 2002
- 2. Report on the ECFA-activities 2002
- 3. Report on the financial situation 2002
- 4. Approval of the activity and financial reports
- 5. Projects for the year 2003:
  - Kid'Screen 8
- Kids for Kids Festival at Agora 2003

# Get together of the Children's Film Community at the **International Film Festival at Berlin, February 8th 2002**

Same day, in the evening: At 9 pm. there will be a get together for all those working with children's films, organized by ECFA, Bundesverband Jugend und Film, Foerderverein Deutscher Kinderfilm, Stiftung Goldener Spatz, AFM Film Distribution and MDC International Film Distribution.

Location: Café am Neuen See, Lichtensteinallee 2, 10787 Berlin

# Hotel at the Berlin Festival for Children's Film People

Bundesverband Jugend und Film has reserved some rooms for the children's film people at "Hotel Kubrat", a middle class hotel near to the festival center at Potsdamer Platz. Single rooms are 82 Euros, double rooms 95 Euros per night. You can book these rooms yourself until December 20th and you have to mention booked by "BJF" (codeword!).

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