#### REPORT

## THIRD INTERNACIONAL URANIUM FILM FESTIVAL RIO DE JANEIRO MAY 2013

3º FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DE FILMES SOBRE ENERGIA NUCLEAR RIO DE JANEIRO



CINEMA OF MODERN ART MUSEUM RIO DE JANEIRO MAY 16 TO MAY 26, 2013

### **The Festival in Numbers**

140 Films received52 Films shown from19 Countries10 Special achievement awards6 Yellow Oscar Awards

4 Colleges/Schools attended the festival

- Escola Parque Barra
- Escola Parque Gávea
- Escola SESC de Ensino Médio
- and of course the partner college: Escola Técnica Estadual Adolpho Bloch

3 Films translated into Portuguese

- High Power (Short from India)
- Buddha Weeps in Jadugoda (Feature from India)
- Friedlich in die Katastrophe (Silently for Disaster / Feature from Germany)

1 Photo Exhibition "India in White and Black. Buddha Weeps in Jadugoda."



The huge outdoor banner of the Uranium Film Festival in front of the Museum of Modern Art at Flamengo Park in the centre of Rio de Janeiro: Design MAM, financed by Istituto Italiano di Cultura Rio de Janeiro.

# India was the focus in 2013

Organized by Indian Filmmaker and Festival Director Shri Prakash in January and February 2013 the Uranium Festival traveled with its best films of the 1st and 2nd festival editions to ten major cities of India: New Delhi, Shillong, Ranchi, Manipal, Hyderabad, Pune, Bangalore, Chennai, Thrissur and finally Mumbai. In each city we had 3 or 4 day screenings, with an average of 4 sessions per day. In some cities like in Hyderabad and Pune we had in addition special screenings followed by discussions at universities, colleges and schools. In India, the festival attracted about 5,000 spectators, and several journalists and filmmakers. Dozens of articles about this in the world unique festival and the nuclear films have been published in major Indian newspapers, and Reports were produced for local TV-Stations.



Uranium Film Festival India opening in Ranchi – Central University of Jharkhand.

In continuing of the "Travel to India" the focus of the 3rd edition of the festival in Rio de Janeiro too was India. The aim was clear: stimulation and influencing the discussion on nuclear energy in the largest democracy of the world - and in Brazil - at a time, when thousands of local people demonstrated against South-India's new nuclear power plant at Kudankulam. Other countries like Germany are abandoning nuclear power, but India and Brazil are currently investing in nuclear energy. And, like Brazil, India has not only nuclear plants but also uranium mining to produce the nuclear fuel. Moreover, India and Brazil are partners in the new geopolitical union in favour of nuclear energy in the world, known as BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South-Africa.



Uranium Film Festival in Hyderabad – Screenings in the University of Hyderabad, Gachibowli.

### Photo Exhibition: India in Black & White

This year the Uranium Film Festival could help to translate and subtitle two Indian films into Portuguese: one about uranium mining and the other about the risks of nuclear power plants. In addition the festival organized the photo exhibition "India in Black & White. Buddha Weeps in Jadugoda".

With brilliant photos in black and white, two Indian photographers reveal their perception of uranium mining in Jadugoda, in the State of Jharkhand. Two photographic lenses, two points of view: a temporary experience of journalist and photographer Chinky Shukla from New Delhi, who visited the place of uranium mining with a scholarship for 3 months, and the point of view of the photographer Ashish Birulee, who was born in the community living around Jadugoda and has very personal experiences with the cruel and deadly risks of uranium contamination and radiation.



Photo-Journalist Chinky Shukla (left) from New Delhi, who visited Jadugoda with a scholarship for 3 months, and photographer Ashish Birulee born in Jadugoda - Jharkhand.



कुंदन कुमार बौधरी । रांची

सिर्फ 24 साल की उम्र में उनकी खींची तस्वीरों के जादू का लोहा अब ब्राजील के लोग भी मानते हैं। वह झारखंड में पहले ऐसे टाइबल फोटोग्राफर सितारे बन गए हैं, जिनकी ख्याति अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर तक पहुंची। पूर्वीसिंहभूम के जादगोल के आशीष विरुली की तस्वीरों का प्रदर्शन 15 से 26 मई के

उल्लेखनीय है कि बाजील के मशहर म्यूजियम फॉर मॉडनें आर्ट में अपनी कला का प्रदर्शन करने के लिए दनिया भर के कलाकार लालायित रहते हैं। भारत से आशीष बिरुली और चिंको शक्ता का अपनी तस्वीरों के प्रदर्शन के लिए चुना गया था। दोनों को ही तस्वीरों को वहाँ काफी पसंद किया गया है। पर पासपोर्ट समय पर नहीं बनने के कारण आशीष खद वहाँ नहीं जा सके।

रियो में लगे अष्ठीष के फोटो बेखते बाजीलियाई वर्षक। पीड़ितों के लिए

काम करना है सपना

3 जिली प्रतिक्रिय में अभियत हो। अभीष यहां लहीं आ प्राय

लेकिन उनकी तस्वीरों ने यहां थून मच दी है। लेग आश्रीष की इस्लक पाने को बेलाब थे। उसमें प्रतिभ है। उसे मदद मिले, लो झारखंड का नाम जरूर ऊंच करेगा। अशीष के पिता धनस्यम बिरुली लंबे समय से जादूनोड़ा में हो रहे यूरेनियम रेडिएलन पर काम

कर रहे हैं। उन्होंने 'झारखंडीज ॲंजेंनइजेशन अंगेंस्ट रेडिएशन' भी बनाई। अपने पिता की तरह आशीब भी जावूगोडा के पीड़िलें के लिए काम करना चाहते हैं। वहां की भावबहल को बुनिय को दिखान चलते हैं। फोटोग्राफी के सब डॉक्यूमेंट्री फिल्में बनान भी उनकी चलत है।

फोटोबाळी शुरू की। जब जादगोड़ा क्षेत्र में युरेनियम रो प्रमवित लोगो को देखा, तो उनकी तस्वीरें उतारने ल्हो। लेगे रहतब हाल्ल देखते-देखते उनका शौक कब जुनून बन नय उन्हें भी तहीं पता। अशीघ गे मैट्रिक तक पहाई खूंही खित सेवंध डे पड़देटिस स्वरूप से की।

Indian newspaper coverage about uranium film festival & photo exhibition festival 'India in Black & White'.

The photo exhibition was installed in two places: in the **Cinema of Rio de Janeiro's Modern Art Museum (MAM)** and in the beautiful **Cultural Centre Laurinda Santos Lobo** in Santa Teresa, organized by Indian film director Shri Prakash and Rio de Janeiro's festival director Norbert G. Suchanek and with the support of the young local artist Mahyrah Alves Peace.



Façade of the Municipal Cultural Centre Laurinda Santos Lobo during the photo exhibition "India in Black & White" in Rio de Janeiro, Santa Teresa.

The two different locations of the exhibition was chosen to connect two cultural important locations of Rio de Janeiro: MAM at the Beach of Flamengo and the famous artistic quarter Santa Teresa with its high tourism potential. Initially, the exhibition in Santa Teresa was planned to be inaugurated on the first of May, about two weeks before the festival opening at MAM. But unfortunately the Cultural Centre Laurinda Santos Lobo was - unforeseen - closed by the City authorities to meet new requirements of fire safety. Luckily at the very last moment, one day before the opening of the festival in MAM, the festival team could install the Exhibition in Cultural Centre Laurinda Santos Lobo.



Cinemateca do Museu de Arte Moderna (MAM-Rio)

### YELLOW OSCAR AWARD



Yellow Oscar Winner Pradeep Indulkar, film High Power and main Character of the film, fisherman Chandrasen Arekar, during the Award Ceremony at MAM-Rio.

The Award Ceremony of the festival included the presence of international film directors, producers and a delegation of atomic bomb survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Six productions from six countries and three continents received the Uranium Film Festival's "Yellow Oscars" of 2013.

<u>Category Fiction Feature Movie</u> <u>Atomic Ivan, Russia, 2012, 91</u> Director Vasily Barkhatov, Executive Producer, Viktoria Gromik, Telesto Film.

Category Fiction Short Movie: Curiosity Kills, Estonia, 2012, 14 min, Director Sander Maran.

<u>Category Documentary Feature Film:</u> Nuclear Savage: The Islands of Secret Project 4.1, USA, 2012, 87 min, Directed by Adam Jonas Horowitz.

Category Documentary Short Film: High Power, India, 2013, 27 min, Directed by Pradeep Indulkar.

<u>Category Animation:</u> Abita – Children of Fukushima, Germany, 2012, 4 min, Director Shoko Hara & Paul Brenner.

Category Student Film: No to A Nuclear Jordan, Jordan, 2012, 7 min, Director Solenne Tadros.

### Yellow Oscar to Atomic Ivan

Most of the productions about nuclear power and radioactive risks are documentaries. But more and more filmmakers are using other film genres to reach a wider public. That is the case of "Atomic Ivan". The 2012 produced romantic comedy "Atomic Ivan" is the début film of famous theatre director Vasiliy Barkhatov from Moscow. The film - based on the script of world-known playwright Maxim Kurochkin - is the world's first ever movie shot with real actors in nuclear power plants. The Shooting of the film took place at the Kalinin Nuclear Power Plant, about 200 km North West of Moscow, and at the Leningrad Power Plant 70 km close to St Petersburg. It was the first time that Russia's State Atomic Energy Corporation, ROSATOM, opened the doors to filmmakers.



Still of "Atomic Ivan"

"Atomic Ivan combines comedy, love story and nuclear science", says Festival Director Norbert G. Suchanek. "Atomic love at a Russian power plant. Atomic Ivan is a beautiful, intelligent, romantic comedy, in a surrealistic stile that remembers on Federico Fellini. Beside of the love story between two young people working in a nuclear power plant the basic plot of Atomic Ivan is simple. The director of that nuclear power plant invites a theatre director to develop a play together with the nuclear workers. Imagine: A Fellini opera in a real nuclear power plant. Beside of all that the film transports important worth full scientific information about nuclear power and radioactivity. So there was no way! This film had to win a Yellow Oscar of the Uranium Film Film Festival 2013."

## Yellow Oscar to Nuclear Savage

The 2011 released documentary "Nuclear Savage: The Islands of Secret Project 4.1" by US-Filmmaker Adam Jonas Horowitz is an extraordinary documentary, heartbreaking and intimate, incredible and shocking, that received awards from international film festivals of Amsterdam, Mexico, Chicago and Paris and won now the Yellow Oscar of Rio de Janeiro. *Nuclear Savage* focuses on atomic testing conducted by the United States near the Marshall Islands in the 1940s and 1950s and the secret human radiation experiments they conducted which were revealed through the release of formerly classified government documents. It is a true detective story that relies on recently declassified U.S. government documents, heartbreaking survivor testimony and previously unseen archival footage.

Adam Jonas Horowitz blends released government footage of nuclear tests with interviews of the people of Rongelap, an atoll of the Marshall Islands, where the U.S. detonated in 1954 the hydrogen bomb called "Bravo". It was the , with an estimated explosion 1,000 times larger than the US-bomb "Little Boy" dropped on Hiroshima. Adam Jonas Horowitz shot his first film in the Marshall Islands in 1986, and was shocked by what he found there, in this former American military colony in middle of the Pacific Ocean. Radioactive coconuts, leaking nuclear waste repositories and densely populated slums were all the direct result of 67 Cold War U.S. nuclear bomb tests that vaporized islands and devastated entire populations.

"Nuclear Savage is an exceptional accusation against a terrible crime: Testing of atomic bombs and using local populations as guinea pigs", says the festival judge. "A must-see documentary!"

Adam Jonas Horowitz is not only the producer, director, writer,

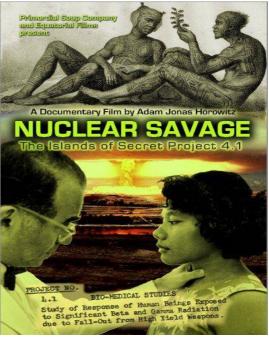
cameraman, and editor of this utterly devastating documentary film, he is also a renowned conceptual artist, sculptor and installation artist.

# **Yellow Oscar to High Power**

The 2013 finalized Indian documentary "High Power" had a successful World Premiere in Rio de Janeiro. It is an important, well made film that can give worthwhile impulses to the current "nuclear question" in India. Pradeep Indulkar, director of "High Power", is an engineer, who has been working during 12 years for India's nuclear program. High Power tells the disturbing story of the local population of Tarapur in the state of Maharashtra, where India's first nuclear power plant was constructed in the 1960s. Local fishermen families lost there land, their fishing grounds and health.

"Pradeep Indulkar's short documentary about the Tarapur Atomic Power Station had to be made. It is an important, the nuclear discussion stimulating documentary, that comes at the right time, when thousands of people in South-India struggle against a new nuclear power plant at Kudankulam in the state of ", says Festival director Norbert G. Suchanek. "High Power is Pradeep Indulkar's first documentary, and we hope to see more documentaries by him in future."

"Apart from all the sorrows and distress my film brought to you, this is a golden moment of my life as a film maker", said Pradeep Indulkar during the Award Ceremony in the Museum of Modern Art of Rio de Janeiro. "At this moment I remember and thank all my friends and well-wisher who helped in making of High Power. I also thank to all those Indian people who contributed even a smallest amount to make our trip happened. I thank you all who supported this film with as a great audience. I thank Rio, I thank Brazil and I accept this award on behalf of all the nuclear affected people of Tarapur and I dedicate this award to all those farmers and fishermen who lost their land, home and life for nuclear power plant."



## **Yellow Oscar to Curiosity Kills**

Sander Maran is a promising filmmaker from Estonia at the Baltic Film and Media School. His 2012 produced short horror comedy "Curiosity Kills" already received the Audience Award of Helsinki's H2T Festival. Now it won the Yellow Oscar of the third International Uranium Film Festival of Rio de Janeiro in the category "Best short comedy". A 10 year old boy is fascinated by his father's spooky looking chemistry suitcase and decides to play with its radioactive contents. One thing leads to another and the boy's pet rat ends up attacking the family. The message of this the young audience entertaining comedy "Curiosity kills" is simple and clear: Radioactivity is dangerous and curiosity can kill!

# **Yellow Oscar to Abita**

The best Animated Film of Rio de Janeiro's Uranium Film Festival 2013 is "ABITA – Children of Fukushima", a beautiful animated film directed and produced 2012 in Germany by Shoko Hara & Paul Brenner from the Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg in Ravensburg. This animated short film deals with the dreams of Fukushima children who can't play outside because of radioactive contamination.

Brazilian Professor for animated film and festival judge Leo Ribeiro: "I selected Abita, because it is a very poetic, sensitive movie and very well done.""



Students enjoying the film Curiosity Kills



Still of Abita

## Yellow Oscar to No to a Nuclear Jordan

The Best Student Film of the 3rd International Uranium Film Festival is "NO TO A NUCLEAR JORDAN" by young director Solenne Tadros from the International Academy-Amman. Student productions about nuclear issues are still very rare - especially in the Middle East. The Yellow Oscar 2013 is given to Solenne Tadros to stimulate other students, schools and colleges world-wide to follow here example to deal with this for human mankind important but very complicated nuclear issue. In addition the festival jury hopes that the Yellow Oscar to Solenne Tadros will improve the public discussion about Nuclear Energy in the Kingdom of Jordan, where the construction of nuclear power plants and uranium mining are in the planning.



Stills of the films "Unter Kontrolle" and "Yuris Omen"

## **Special achievement awards**

The film "Nuclear Waste" made by Ukrainian film director Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy received a special achievement award, "hors concours" of the 3rd International Uranium Film Festival Rio de Janeiro 2013. According to the festival's jury: "It is a strong, very well filmed short documentary in slow motion about the nuclear order and its impact on the people. Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy used professional actors to tell the simple story of a married couple living in Chernobyl working in nuclear waste management: A portray of ordinary life in the 30-kilometer Chernobyl zone of today."

#### 10 special achievement awards:

Cesium in my blood (*Cesium i blodet*), by Lars Westman, Sweden, 2009 Children of Uranium (Copiii Uraniului), by Adina Popescu, 64 min, Romania, 2009 Der Bauch von Tokyo, by Reinhild Dettmer-Finke, Germany, 2013 Friedlich in die Katastrophe, by Marcin El, Germany, 2012 Hibakusha, by Steve Nguyen & Choz Belen, USA, 2012 Hiroshima Nagasaki Download, by Shinpei Takeda, Mexico/Japan, 2010, 73 min Nuclear Waste, by Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy, Ukraine, 2012 The Last Flower, by Sima Baghery, Iran, 2013 Unter Kontrolle, by Volker Sattel, Germany, 2011 War's Dust - Uranium Beirut, by Flaviano Masella, Angelo Saso & Maurizio Torrealta, Italy, 2007



# **About the Yellow Oscar**

Yellow is the color of Uranium and therefore a symbol of the nuclear industry and radioactivity. The Yellow Oscar, the trophy of the Uranium Film Festival of Rio de Janeiro is a "piece of art" made by the famous contemporary waste-artist Getúlio Damado of Santa Teresa. Getúlio Damado's Art, made from the waste of Brazil consumer society is part of several exhibitions not only in Rio de Janeiro, but also in São Paulo and other cultural centers of Brazil. Getúlio Damado lives and works in Rio de Janeiro Artist quarter Santa Teresa, where the Uranium Film Festival has its office and where it started in the year 2011.

Viktoria Gromik, producer of the film Atomic Ivan with the "Yellow Oscar", during her visit to the colony of last fishermen of Copacabana Beach Post 6.



### International press about the festival and the winners

The festival had the pleasure of the presence of two filmmakers of India, Shri Prakash and Pradeep Indulkar, and the fisherman Chandrasen Arekar, main Character of the film High Power and representative of the thousands of victims, suffering from the construction of India's first nuclear power plant in Tarapur.

This Indian participation at the festival, along with the trophy "Yellow Oscar" for the short film "High Power", generated dozens of publications, especially in India. Articles were published in major newspapers like "The Hindu" and "The Times of India", for example. The festival has proven to be an important tool to stimulate the public discussion of the nuclear issue.

The "Yellow Oscar" for Pradeep Indulkar's also had further effects. Further international film festivals became interested in the film "High Power" and also the Brazilian TV channel "TV Curta". And soon after High Power's successful World Premiere in Brazil, the Indian government provided the censor certificate for this film.

In addition, the photographic exhibition "India in Black & White. Buddha Weeps Jadugoda" was a career boost for the two young "Atomic" photographers from India, **Chinky Shukla and Ashish Birulee.** Two big articles in major Newspapers have been published in India about this exhibition in Rio de Janeiro. These articles also contributed to the discussion on uranium mining in India, which has affected the lives of thousands of Adivasi in Jadugoda.

Another success was the awarding of the comedy movie "Atomic Ivan" from Russia, a country that is also BRICS-partner of Brazil. The Yellow Oscar to "Atomic Ivan" made big news in various newspapers, magazines and websites in Portuguese, Russian, Ukrainian and Hungarian. For the Uranium Film Festival "Atomic Ivan" was like a door opener to the Russian & East European World.

## Schools and Universities participating the festival



Because of the long trip to India earlier this year, the preparation time of the 3rd edition of Uranium Film Festival at the Cinema of MAM was reduced. But still the festival team managed to attract 3 important colleges to participate in the festival: Escola Parque Barra, Parque Gávea & Escola SESC de Ensino Médio. In addition, special film screenings were organized at the School of Cinema of the Fluminense Federal University and at the School of Communication at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. It is planned, that the relationships between the Uranium Film Festival and local schools, colleges and universities of Rio de Janeiro will continue with a growing participation in the festival 2014.

In total about 300 students participated the festival in the cinema of MAM and watched films like High Power by Pradeep Indulkar, India, or the comedy Curiosity Kills by Sander Maran, Estonia.

# Hibakusha attending the festival

As in the 2nd edition in 2012, the third festival also featured the presence of Hibakusha (Survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Atomic-Bomb-Attacks), living in Brazil. Hibakusha from São Paulo Mr. Morita, Mrs. Nakamura and Mrs. Watanabe from the Associação Hibakusha Brasil pela Paz - partner of the Uranium Film Festival - were accompanied by Argentine filmmaker Roberto Fernández, director of a film about the Hibakusha and also director of the production company O Movimento Falso Filmes that is also a festival partner.

The participation of the Associação Hibakusha Brasil pela Paz along with the screening of the Japanese film "NAGASAKI 1945 — O Sino de Ângelus" was one of the highlights of the festival. Following the screening, Mr. Morita, Mrs. Nakamura and Mrs. Watanabe presented to the audience their experiences and feelings as survivors of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This session has received coverage by the TV Channel "Rede TV", who interviewed Mr. Morita, the founder of the Associação Hibakusha Brasil pela Paz. This good relationship of the Uranium Film Festival with the Brazilian Hibakusha community will continue and increase. In 2014 Uranium Film Festival screenings are also planned in São Paulo in cooperation with the local Hibakusha.

This letter to the audience from the filmmaker SEIJI Arihara, director of "NAGASAKI 1945 — O Sino de Ângelus", is one of many examples to demonstrate the importance of the Uranium Film Festival: "Dear participants of the Uranium Film Festival. From the heart, I wish to express my support, respect and admiration to this Festival for their courage in the fight against the terror of nuclear weapons and radiation horror. I am so honored and happy to know that our work "NAGASAKI 1945 — O Sino de Ângelus", will be screened during the event. I would like to thank from my heart the organizers of the Festival and the Association Hibakusha for Peace Brazil for making this event happen. Thank you! "



Mr. Morita, founder of the Association for Peace Hibakusha Brazil, interviewed by network TV during the festival – May, 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## Press in Brazil about the festival

Beside of dozens of blogs and websites about cinema, culture, environment, education and nuclear energy, this year for the first time the important TV program "TV Reporter Brasil" of TV-Brazil covered the Uranium Film Festival. The festival also could attract the Channel "Rede TV" and the Short Film Channel "Canal Curta".

In addition for the first time the important magazine "Veja Rio" published a nice report about the Festival. And for the first time Brazilian based Japanese and Russian newspapers and websites and the Deutsche Welle-Website covered the Uranium Film Festival of Rio de Janeiro.

#### MAM recebe 3º Festival Internacional de Filmes sobre Energia Nuclear

http://vejario.abril.com.br/especial/mam-recebe-festival-internacional-de-filmes-sobre-energia-nuclear-741378.shtml

#### "Atomic Ivan" leva o prêmio máximo em festival de cinema no Rio

27/05/2013, <u>Norma Moura</u>, especial para Gazeta Russa <u>http://gazetarussa.com.br/arte/2013/05/27/atomic\_ivan\_leva\_o\_premio\_maximo\_em\_festival\_de\_cinema\_no\_rio\_19435.html</u>



## Thanks to Partners, Supporters & Participants

Finally the festival organizers want to thank its partners and supporters: the Cinema of the Modern Art Museum of Rio de Janeiro and its director Gilberto Santeiro, the Centro Cultural Municipal Laurinda Santos Lobo and its director Nádia Medella, the director José Adriano Alves and the team of professors and students of the State Technical School for Cinema, Film & Event "Adolpho Bloch", that belongs to the Fundação de Apoio à Escola Técnica FAETEC.

Special thanks of the organizers go to the Heinrich Boell Foundation Brazil and its director Dawid Bartelt, to the Cultural Institut of Italy in Rio de Janeiro and its director Andrea Baldi and to the local festival supporters in Santa Teresa, Armazém São Thiago, the Bar do Mineiro and to Rio de Janeiro's traditional Cachaça producer "Magnífica". Finaly the organizers thanks all our guests from Brazil and abroad, especially Filmmaker & Indian Festival director Shri Prakash, Indian filmmaker Pradeep Indulkar, Victoria Gromik producer from Russia, filmmaker Matsubayashi Yojyu from Japan and Laura Pires, producer and film director from Salvador da Bahia. Everyone was part of the success of the Third International Uranium Film Festival - the largest film festival about nuclear power in the world.

Thank you all for your confidence, support and participation. See you in May or June 2014! The Call for Entry for the 4th International Uranium Film Festival is open!

best regards & abraços The Uranium Film Festival directors,

Marcia Gomes de Chiveira N. Suchar

Marcia Gomes de Oliveira & Norbert G. Suchanek



Uranium Film Festival Team 2013 with Shri Prakash (left), Márcia Gomes & Students of Rio de Janeiro's FAETEC-College Adolpho Bloch

# Some film critics by Shri Prakash, Filmmaker and Uranium Film Festival Director in India

#### "Atomic Mom", Japan/USA, 2010, 80 min, Documentary, English subtitles, Director: M. T. Silvia

One of the films which I liked was "Atomic Mom", a film from USA and a story of a retired naval women officer who worked during the Manhattan project (cold war period) as researcher. Her work was to see the impact of radiation on living tissues. Her daughter is a peace activist, taking active participation in peace movements. The film is working at various levels, personal relation, emotional, same time also go to a nuclear world of secrecy, political rivalry, worse radioactive crimes committed during the cold war era and shockingly most of the victims are own (American) people. "Atomic Mom" adds another dimensions when the daughter went to Hiroshima, talking with a Hibakusha (a bomb survivor) mother. That was the most strong part of the film when the flow of emotion burst out it took audience above of human made boundary like nationality and identity.

#### "The Atomic states of America", usa, 2011, Directors Don Argett, Sheena M. Joyce, 92 min

A very impressive and eye opening film on the reality of nuclear power of the third addition of Uranium film festival, 2013, which talks about the health consequences of many residents in the small town Shirley. At the same time the film exposes the fact that the government, instead of protecting people, lies to them, that none cares about these communities. This film, produced one year before Fukushima disaster, asks serious questions at a time when the nuclear energy was still being promoted as green energy.

# "Children of Uranium", Romania, 2009, 64 min, Documentary, English subtitles, Production: Libra Film Productions, Director: Adina Popescu

During the cold war Russian discover Uranium in this part of Romania at Apuseni Mountains, and this Uranium was for the soviet military nuclear program. Till 2009 mining continued. Now it is a ghost town with a small left population with total destruction of environment, economy and health. People were left alone without any economy, only with contaminated mushrooms to harvest and to sale. But as I coming from the area of uranium mine, I was shocked to see the similarities between all the uranium mining area, like authorities never told the local population about the hazard of radiation. Locals made their houses with the leftover radioactive materials, radioactive tailing is thrown every where, with out any concern or any plan for clean up. But as film, this film offer many more for a cinema buff. The kind of special treatment of the subject of film through the camera and editing make this film unique. Wide angle camera, Long shot with longer duration and point of view is give viewers the first hand experience... some time viewer feel that he/she is walking on the path and camera is his point of view.

# "Uranium to Die For", Israel, 2012, 54 min, English subtitles, documentary, Production Sasha Klein Production, Director: Shanny Haziza

It was a film which really disturbed me a lot. A film from Israel about the uranium smuggling from Congo. The film maker clearly took a lot of risk courage to dig out the truth that also expose the rampant corruptions and lawlessness. That is the strong part of the film. Also it shows how difficult it is and how risky to her life to go to the uranium mining area and meet the collaborators. It is a courageous work, but there are other aspects of the film which are problematic. The most disturbing part of the film was, that the way film maker used the local connections (local people who took her to all the place and even carried the hidden cameras). All the faces and identity are been reviled. I feel there life is at risk as I personally know one of the Congolese human right defenders, who is now in exile in South Africa. I know his personal experience and how he was able to save his life. So it is the responsibility of the film maker to take care of these sensitive issues. As it might be for any film maker, she will not return to that area but the local people are going to face the consequences.

### All films of the Uranium Film Festival 2013

#### **FEATURE**

ATOMIC BOMB HOME – Japan, 2012, Katsumi Sakaguchi , 65 min – world premiere ATOMIC IVAN – Russia, 2012, Vasily Barkhatov , 91min ATOMIC MOM – Japan/USA, 2010, M. T. Silvia, 80 min CHILDREN OF URANIUM – Romania, 2009, Adina Popescu, 64 min CESIUM IBLODET – Sweden, 2009, Lars Westman, 70 min DER BAUCH VON TOKYO (Tokyo's Belly) – Germany, 2013, Reinhild Dettmer-Finke, 70 min - world premiere DOUBLE HAPPINESS URANIUM – Australia, 2012, Cole Larsen, 87 min – world premiere FORBIDDEN GROUND FUKUSHIMA – Japan, 2012, Kazunori Kurimoto, 57 min – world premiere FRIEDLICH IN DIE KATASTROPHE (Quietly into the Disaster) – Germany, 2012, Marcin El, 120 min HIROSHIMA NAGASAKI DOWNLOAD – Mexico/Japan, 2010, Shinpei Takeda, 73 min IRAK: LES ENFANTS SACRIFIÉS DE FALLUJA (Falluja: A lost generation?) - France, 2011, Feurat Alani, 48 min NUCLEAR SAVAGE: The Islands of Secret Project - USA, 2012, Adam Jonas Horowitz, 87 min THE ATOMIC STATES OF AMERICA – USA, 2011, Don Argett, Sheena M. Joyce, 92 min THE ATOMIC STATES OF AMERICA – USA, 2011, Don Argett, Sheena M. Joyce, 92 min

THE ULTIMATE WISH: ENDING THE NUCLEAR AGE – USA, 2012, Robert Richter, 40 min THE FOUR CORNERS: A NATIONAL SACRIFICE AREA? – USA, 1983, Christopher McLeod, 58 min U 4 URANIUM – Australia, 2011, Astral Jester, 72 min

UNDER CONTROL (Unter Kontrolle) - Germany, 2011, Volker Sattel, 98 min

URANIUM - TO DIE FOR (HaZman Hatzahov) - Israel, 2012, Shany Haziza, 54 min - world premiere URANIUM PROJECT – Italy, 2011, Alan Gard e Stefania Prandi, 43 min



Still from CHILDREN OF URANIUM - Romania, 2009, Adina Popescu, 64 min

#### SHORT

ACOUPHENES (White Noise) – France, 2004, François-Xavier Drouet, 17 min ANATOMIA DI UNA BOMBA - Italy, 2006, Flaviano Masella, Angelo Saso, Maurizio Torrealta, 22 min ATOMIC FOOTPRINTS - Australia, 2006, Pip Starr, 14 min BLACKWATER - Spain, 2012, Karlos Alastruey, 4 min BOMBENSICHER - Germany, 2009, Nuclear Free Future Award, Claus Biegert, 15 min CAETITÉ – Brasil, 2013, Laura Pires, 35 min CURIOSITY KILLS - Estonia, 2012, Sander Maran, 14 min ENOLA – Germany, 1986, Christoph Boekel, 28 min EXCLUSION ZONE - Spain, Omar Kardoudi , 13 min FUOCO AMICO: RITORNO NEI BALCANI - Italy, 2010, Terra Project Photographers, 10 min GET UP STAND UP - India, Sreemith, 34 min HALBWERTSZEIT (Half Life) - Germany, 2012, Anne-Katrin Kiewitt, Alice von Gewinner, 20 min HIGH POWER - India, 2013, Pradeep Indulkar, 27 min - world premiere KINTYRE - Australia, 2012, Curtis Tylor, 15 min NO TO A NUCLEAR JORDAN - Jordan, 2012, Solenne Tadros, 7 min NUCLEAR WASTE - Ukraine, 2012, Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy, 25 min RETURN OF NAVAJAO BOY - EPILOGUE - USA, 2008, Jeff Spitz, 15 min TAILINGS – USA. 2012. Sam Price-Waldman. 12 min WAR'S DUST - URANIUM BEIRUT - Italy, 2007, Flaviano Masella, Angelo Saso, Maurizio Torrealta, 23 min WOMEN OF FUKUSHIMA - Japan/Australia, 2012, Paul Johannessen, 27 min YURI'S OMEN - Spain, 2012, Jordi Montornés, 14 min

**ANIMATION** 

ABITA – Germany, 2012, Shoko Hara, Paul Brenner, 4 min FAIRLIGHTS – Germany, 2013, Ilinca Höpfner, Helge Henning, 10 min, world premiere HERR HOPPE AND THE NUCLEAR WASTE - Germany, 2011, Jan Lachauer & Thorsten Löffler, 4 min HIBAKUSHA - USA, 2012, Steve Nguyen, Choz Belen, 54 min MOAB – Israel, 2012, Keren Zaltz, 3 min SLOUCHING TOWARDS YUCCA MOUNTAIN – USA, 2011, Eve-Andrée Laramée, 17 min THE LAST FLOWER – Iran, 2013, Sima Baghery, 6 min

Further selected films - not part of the Competition

BUDDHA WEEPS IN JADUGODA - India, 1999, Shriprakash, 55 min WHEN THE DUST SETTLES – UK, 2011, 7 min



Still from HERR HOPPE AND THE NUCLEAR WASTE -Germany, 2011, Jan Lachauer & Thorsten Löffler, 4 min

### **Clippings / Press Reports about the Uranium Film Festival**

#### Repórter Brasil, 16 maio 2013:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riY11Q-UqsM

#### MAM recebe 3º Festival Internacional de Filmes sobre Energia Nuclear

http://vejario.abril.com.br/especial/mam-recebe-festival-internacional-de-filmes-sobre-energia-nuclear-741378.shtml

#### Cultura: Energia nuclear é tema de festival de cinema no Rio de Janeiro

http://www.dw.de/energia-nuclear-%C3%A9-tema-de-festival-de-cinema-no-rio-de-janeiro/a-16812016

# "Atomic Ivan" leva o prêmio máximo em festival de cinema no Rio, 27/05/2013Norma Moura, especial para Gazeta Russa

http://gazetarussa.com.br/arte/2013/05/27/atomic\_ivan\_leva\_o\_premio\_maximo\_em\_festival\_de\_cinema\_no\_ rio\_19435.html

# Festival de Filmes Nucleares do Rio de Janeiro premiou filmes da Rússia, EUA, Índia, Estônia, Jordânia & Alemanha

http://www.radiologiarj.com.br/festival-de-filmes-nucleares-do-rio-de-janeiro-premiou-filmes-da-russia-eua-india-estonia-jordania-alemanha/

**'Yellow Oscar' goes to documentary exposing US nuclear tests in Pacific.** A documentary depicting the horrifying effects on islanders from nuclear testing conducted by the United States in the Pacific won a "Yellow Oscar" Sunday at the third annual International Uranium Film Festival. http://ncronline.org/blogs/eco-catholic/yellow-oscar-goes-documentary-exposing-us-nuclear-tests-pacific

#### Sunday Guardian sobre Uranium Film Festival:

Telling the secrets of the nuclear story: The film festival intends to use the big screen as a medium to share the story of nuclear power that transcends geographical barriers... <u>http://www.sunday-guardian.com/masala-art/telling-the-secrets-of-the-nuclear-story</u>

## Manipal: In an attempt to enlighten students on the subjects pertaining to nuclear energy and its hazards. Travelling International Uranium Film Festival 2013 reached the student-town.

http://themanipaljournal.com/2013/01/travelling-international-uranium-film-festival-reaches-manipal/

# From Chernobyl to Fukushima: The Uranium Film Festival - NECSUS\_European Journal of Media Studie, Amsterdam University Press

"The global scale of nuclear issues inevitably informs the range of countries represented in the festival's programs and indicates that this particular field of witnessing is not restricted to the local Rio community. As a festival concerned with issues that have worldwide impacts the UFF organisers endeavor to reach global audiences. As Suchanek said, we want to create here in Rio a center of uranium and nuclear film worldwide. We want to attract everybody who is interested in the subject, to come here once a year to see the newest productions about nuclear energy, radioactivity, nuclear submarines, atomic bombs." http://www.necsus-ejms.org/from-chernobyl-to-fukushima-the-uranium-film-festival/

#### More Clippings / Reports at the Festival's website

http://www.uraniofestival.org/index.php/pt/imprensa/clippings

#### **Festival Guests**

Laura Pires – cineasta nuclear, Bahia Shri Prakash – cineasta nuclear, Índia Pradeep Indulkar – cineasta nuclear, Índia Chandrasen Arekar – pescador da região afetada pela usina nuclear em Tarapur, Índia Victoria Gromik – produtora executiva do filme "Atomic Ivan", Rússia Matsubayashi Yojyu – cineasta nuclear, Japão Sra.Watanabe e Sr. Morita – Associação Hibakusha Brasil pela Paz, São Paulo/Japão Sra. Nakamura - Hibakusha, Rio de Janeiro/Japão Roberto Fernández – cineasta nuclear, Brasil/Argentina

### **Festival Team and Festival Students**



Producer Laura Pires (centro) and Students of the Escola Técnica Estadual Adolpho Bloch/FAETEC

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Yellow Oscar Award Ceremony with Pradeep Indulkar (left, centre) short film: High Power / India and Viktoria Gromik, feature film: Atomic Ivan / Russia)

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