



International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF)

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FIAF-NFVSA SUMMER SCHOOL 2011

The 2011 FIAF–NFVSA Summer School will take place from March 27 to April 15, 2011, and will be hosted and organized by the South African National Film, Video and Sound Archives (NFVSA), Pretoria. The course will be held on the premises of the NFVSA and at the National Library of South Africa, Pretoria. This follows the success of the Summer Schools hosted by various FIAF Archives since the early 1970s.

The 2011 FIAF-NFVSA Summer School will be funded with special resources made available for this important occasion by the National Archives of South Africa in Pretoria, the International Federation of Film Archives in Brussels, the Unesco Participation Programme in Paris and with the support of the Goethe Institut, the AFDA Film School and the Sasani Film Lab in Johannesburg.

The aim of the Pretoria Summer School 2011 is to provide an intensive three-week training course for FIAF-member and film archivists from all over the African Continent who have some experience of film handling and archival practices. Some openings will also be available for television archivists. The course will embrace the history and philosophy of film archiving, but instruction will focus on the conservation of moving images, and the performance of essential museum activities such as acquisition, cataloging, access, programming and management. Instruction will be provided by the expert staff of the NFVSA, supplemented by guest lecturers from FIAF and key practitioners in the film, sound and video industries. The 2011 Pretoria Summer School will provide transportation to and from the training facilities.

The NFVSA aims to provide an adequate and pleasant learning environment for the students. The Summer School will supplement professional instruction with social events and local sightseeing excursions. The Pretoria-Johannesburg area provides attractive possibilities for exploring the region and undertaking visits to other locations.

There are 30 student positions available. The School encourages applicants from African archives with poor resources and training. We expect that a number of these applicants will require help with their travel, accommodation and course expenses. The participation in the course covers accommodation, most meals, and all training. International travel costs may be covered (subject to the reception of adequate support). Both FIAF and NFVSA have been seeking sponsorship funding for this purpose, nevertheless, applicants needing financial assistance can and should approach the South Africa Information Service in their country, as well as other national sources.

The Pretoria Summer School has worked out a detailed course program, including lectures, Film Sessions, demonstrations, and course-related visits. A list of proposed training/lecture subjects will be sent together with an information sheet and application form. A full program summary will be sent to all applicants upon acceptance into the school.

You are invited to submit an application on behalf of yourself or members of your staff (please photocopy the form as necessary). If there are more applicants than places available, a selection will be made by a FIAF-NFVSA selection Committee. If there are fewer applicants than places available, then we will seek qualified participants from a wider field.

Please ask for forms to FIAF, Rue Defacqz 1, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium (fax: +32 2 534 4774; email info@fiagnet.org). No applications will be processed after February 29, 2011.

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