

Report form the Pre Selection Committee

In its work of choosing programmes for the Wacc-Signis TV festival competition from 60 entries received from 14 countries, the Pre Selection Committee was impressed by the overall high standard of production, the innovative approach to both new and traditional subjects and the imaginative use of scarce resources in some programmes.

The Committee also noted the high number of younger interviewees and participants, members of various faiths, in a cross section of entries, speaking honestly and often courageously about their personal search for spiritual meaning in life and the constraints they experience in traditional forms of religious adherence.

A difficulty for the Committee was the large number of programme entries with long durations. With limited time for viewing programmes during the Competition in May this inevitably and regrettably caused a reduction in the number of selected programmes.

After week long discussion, and bearing in mind (a) the need for balance in programme subjects, b) the spread of interests across four categories, c) the use of innovative formats, the Pre Selection Committee finally decided on 20 programmes to be included in the competition at the TV festival in Kristiansand in May 2007.

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