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## **Announcement of HIROSHIMA 2016 International Honorary President and International Selection Committee Members**

International Honorary President and five members of the Selection Committee of the 16th Hiroshima International Animation Festival have been decided as follows. (Please also refer to the attached flyer, Bulletin No.1).

### 1. International Honorary President

Jean-François Languionie (France) is our International Honorary President of HIROSHIMA 2016.

In order to bring the worldwide attention to the festival, Hiroshima International Animation Festival invites a renowned master of animation art as the International Honorary President to represent the animation field.

Jean-François Languionie: Born in Besançon, France in 1939. He started to direct short films with Paul Grimault and then set up his own studio in the Cévennes. In 1978, Languionie directed "La Traversée de l'Atlantique à la Rame /Rowing Across the Atlantic", which was awarded the César Award in Paris and the Short Film Palme d'Or of the Cannes Film Festival. His representative feature animations including "Gwen et le Livre de Sable /Gwen", "Le Chateau des Singes/A Monkey's Tale", "L'île de Black Mor /Black Mór's Island" and "Le Tableau /The Painting" have also been officially screened at past HIROSHIMA festivals. Languionie served as International Jury Member of the 4th festival HIROSHIMA 1992.

### 2. International Selection Committee

International Selection Committee of HIROSHIMA 2016:

Karen Kelly (U.K.), Animation Filmmaker and illustrator  
Fumiko Magari (Japan), Puppet Animation Filmmaker  
David Buob (Germany), Animation Filmmaker  
Alik Shpilyuk (Ukraine), Program Director of KROK International Animated Film Festival, Film Critic  
Olivier Catherin (France), General Manager of Noranim, Producer

Our International Selection Committee will choose competition titles by previewing all entries submitted from around the world. Competition titles will be screened during the festival in August. On the occasion of the 15th edition HIROSHIMA 2014, 2,217 titles were entered from 74 countries and regions.

## HIROSHIMA 2016 General Information

1. Official Name:  
The 16th International Animation Festival in Japan – HIROSHIMA 2016
2. Date and Venue:  
18-22 August 2016 at JMS Aster Plaza, Hiroshima city
3. Sprit:  
Love & Peace
4. Organized by: International Animation Festival Organizing Committee, Hiroshima City,  
Hiroshima City Culture Foundation  
Co-organized by: ASIFA-Japan  
Endorsed by: ASIFA (Association Internationale du Film d'Animation)
5. Schedules of HIROSHIMA 2016 Competition:
  - 1) Date
    - i. Selection Committee/ May 9th - May 27, 2016 (tentative)
    - ii. Competition/ August 18th - August 22nd, 2016
  - 2) Place
    - i. Selection Committee/ Hiroshima City Cinematographic and Audio-Visual Library  
(3-1, Moto-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima)
    - ii. Competition/ JMS Aster Plaza (4-17, Kako-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima)