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First annual arab.european Documentary Convention release preliminary program and confirmed contributors

The arab.european Documentary Convention gathers exceptional documentary professionals and decision-makers from around the globe from April, 12-14th in Leipzig to foster connectivity, spark critical debate and ignite change. The 2018 aDC program includes a diverse array of debates, panels and case studies, as well as rough-cut and public screenings centred on the documentary industry across Europe and the Arab region.

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BERLIN – The preliminary program and list of confirmed contributors for the first annual arab.european Documentary Convention (aDC) are now available [online](#). Structured around five thematic modules, the program focuses on debates, presentations and expert group discussions on challenges faced by documentary filmmakers. The side program includes expert engagement with rough-cut screenings, for which aDC is pleased to announce its collaboration with **Bejaia Film Laboratoire** and the selection of Algeria as this year's focus country.

Main highlights include a public screening of the Academy Award®-nominated documentary “**Last Men in Aleppo**” on day two of aDC'18 and a surprise creative Master Class on the final day. Beyond the fixed program, aDC'18 will serve as a platform for extensive networking and consultancy.

Among the growing list of international contributors, aDC is pleased to announce Cara Mertens, director of JustFilms, Ford Foundation and a surprise guest as keynote speakers. They will be joined by the following newly confirmed contributors: Cecilia Lidin, Danish Film Institute, Denmark; Jowe Harfouche, NAAS Network, Lebanon; Leena Pasanen, Director DOK Leipzig Festival, Finland/Germany; Leila Hourani, Ford Foundation, Egypt; Mohamed Soueid Director/Writer/Producer, Lebanon; and Vesna Cudic, Head of Sales at Met Film, UK.

Stay tuned for even more inspiring speakers and program highlights!

[Registration is now open for aDC'18 in Leipzig, April, 12-14th.](#) Given the limited number of remaining spots, make sure to secure your ticket soon!

To learn more about the convention and how to get involved, please visit our website documentary-convention.org, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) or contact the organising committee at documentary.convention@documentary-convention.org.

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