



# DOCNZ 2009 PITCHING FORUM REGULATIONS

## ***THE FUTURE DOCOS***

Following on our very successful DOCNZ 2006 and DOCNZ 2007 Pitching Forum, DOCNZ is pleased to open submission for our **DOCNZ 2009 Pitching Forum**. The DOCNZ Pitching Forum will allow selected filmmakers to pitch their project to a panel of local and overseas commissioning editors, buyers and other funders sitting together in a documentary specific pitching forum.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Pitching Forum is now open for applications. However, only up to twelve filmmaking teams will be selected. The selected applicant will also attend a master-class on pitching prior to the Pitching Forum.

This is a significant opportunity for independent filmmakers to put forward their ideas for documentaries with more universal themes to local and overseas commissioners and buyers and to make important new contacts. For the Panel, it provides them an opportunity to hear of new and exciting projects. Observers will be able to hear international commissioning priorities direct from the decision-makers as well as to watch & learn from the pitching process.

## **PROJECTS**

DOCNZ seeks projects that are challenging and innovative not just in its subject matter, but also its treatment and delivery. We are prioritising:

- One-off documentary projects with international appeal and strong co-production potential
- Creative and cinematic projects
- TV and feature - length projects ( 45 mins and over )
- Projects that explore cross - platform opportunities

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Applications are now open and **must reach our offices no later than 4pm, 31 July 2008**.
2. Each application must be accompanied by a registration fee of NZD \$40.00. This fee may be paid by a bank cheque or direct credited to our bank account as follows:
  - Please remit the NZD \$ 40 to *Documentary New Zealand Trust*, ASB Bank, Account No; 123019 0652838 00
  - Please ensure that your direct credit has clear reference to:

*Your Name*, DOCNZ Pitch09

3. **All applications must be submitted in duplicate** using the Application Form. You may provide us a separate written pitch covering the points in the Application Form.

4. Email and faxed applications may be submitted to our email address but these must be also accompanied by a hard copy sent by post, postmarked no later than **31 July 2008**.
5. The organizers are entitled to require the applicants to provide such additional information and documents as may be considered necessary by the organizers.
6. Selected applicants will have to submit a further written pitch together with supporting documents in the format required by the organizers for the Panel's consideration.
7. The organizer will not consider incomplete applications.
8. The organizers have the absolute discretion to reserve the right to vary any aspect of the DOCNZ 2009 Pitching Forum including but not limited to:
  - the number of selected projects
  - the dates
  - the Panel and the activities to be held as part of or associated with the DOCNZ Pitching Forum or
  - cancelling the Pitching Forum
9. Successful applicants will be announced in late 2008.
10. Applicants must be available to attend all events relating to the DOCNZ Pitching Forum including the Master-class, Media activities and the Pitching Forum in Auckland (dates in February 2009 to be confirmed).
11. Applicants agree that the organizers are entitled to use information and details of their applications for the purposes of DOCNZ 2009.
12. Applicants agree that they will not use their selection for the DOCNZ 2009 Pitching Forum for any non DOCNZ 2009 publicity or promotion without first obtaining the written consent of the organizers.
13. The winners and other selected applicants of the DOCNZ 2009 Pitching Forum agree to make themselves available for all media and press related activities in connection with the DOCNZ 2009 Pitching Forum.
14. The selected applicants agree that all matters in connection with DOCNZ 2009 Pitching Forum shall remain confidential between the selected applicants and the organizers and shall not be revealed to third Parties without the prior written approval of the organizers.

**We are welcoming your submissions.**

**GOOD LUCK**

**DOCNZ 2009 Team**

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