

FILMES DO HOMEM Festival is open to applications for the new edition of the Jean Loup Passek award

For the second consecutive year the **FILMES DO HOMEM** - **Melgaço International Documentary Film Festival** will present the **Jean Loup Passek Award**. Applications are open until March 15th to all documentaries that reflect on the issues of identity, memory and border. The Jean Loup Passek award is integrated into FILMES DO HOMEM festival, which will be held from 2nd to 7th August 2016.

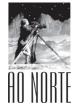
Films will be eligible for the award if completed after January 1, 2015, in the categories of short film, lasting up to 49 minutes and feature-lenght film, longer than 50 minutes. In the coming weeks after the deadline, all applicants will be informed if their film was selected for competition.

All competing films will be shown during the FILMES DO HOMEM festival, when the winners will be announced in due course. The winning film in the feature-lenght film category will be awarded the amount of 3,000 euros, the best short film will receive 1,500 euros and the best Portuguese documentary in competition will receive the national award of 1,000 euros.

Additional information about the award and application process can be found on the festival's web page at www.filmesdohomem.pt

The Jean Loup Passek award was thus named after the writer and critic of French cinema who donated part of his estate to the municipality of Melgaço. The FILMES DO HOMEM festival is an initiative of the Melgaço Town Hall in partnership with AO NORTE — Associação de Produção e Animação Audiovisual, which intends to promote and disclose social and ethnographic film, and reflect on identity, memory and border. This is also a way to liven up the Melgaço Museum of Cinema Jean Loup Passek, established in 2005, current home of the estate donated to the municipality by the French cinephile.

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