

FIAT/IFTA World Conference 2023

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The 2023 FIAT/IFTA World Conference will take place in Locarno, Switzerland, from 17 to 20 October 2023 and will be hosted by SRG/SSR.

FIAT/IFTA would like to enable media archivists and researchers from all over the world to attend the conference, become an active part of the international audiovisual heritage community and promote the development of professional skills and opportunities. With this objective FIAT/IFTA has decided to offer the

FIAT/IFTA World Conference Travel Grant

Deadline for applications: 9th June 2023

This grant consists of a maximum of 5 scholarships of a maximum of € 1000 each, which should allow candidates to bear the costs associated with attending the conference. Grant recipients are awarded:

- complimentary registration for the entire FIAT/IFTA World Conference, including workshops on the preconference day, the Opening Cocktail and the Gala Dinner and Awards Show.
- reimbursement of up to € 1000 to cover travel costs to and from the conference and local accommodation.

The applications will be considered according to the following criteria:

- Being a resident of a country or being employed by an organisation located in a country registered on the [OECD Development Assistance Committee List of Official Development Assistance Recipients](#), classified as 'Least Developed Countries', 'Other Low Income Countries' or 'Lower Middle Income Countries and Territories.'

- Residents of a country or employees of an organisation located in one of the 'Upper Middle Income Countries and Territories' are equally eligible, on condition that they themselves or no representative from their employer has attended a FIAT/IFTA World Conference in the past three in person editions, being 2018 (Venice).
- Considering FIAT/IFTA membership and professional activities priority will be given in the following order: FIAT/IFTA members, FIAT/IFTA non-members working for a media archive, FIAT/IFTA non-members working for an audiovisual archive, FIAT/IFTA non-members executing scholarly research on media archives.

In order to be eligible, candidates should submit:

1. an application letter (max. 1500 characters) that outlines the candidate's background and professional activities, indicating why the applicant merits consideration for the grant,
2. an estimation of travel costs to and from the conference location and local accommodation,
3. a letter of recommendation from their organisation, a senior manager in the organisation or research supervisor in the case of a research or learning institution,
4. a list of any other funding that the candidate may receive to attend the FIAT/IFTA World Conference,
5. an updated curriculum vitae.

In exchange, candidates are expected to:

- attend the full conference including the pre-conference workshops and a commission meeting of their choice, as an observer.
- report on their experiences at the conference no later than four weeks after the end of it, by means of a blog post in their own language, with translation in English, to be published on the FIAT/IFTA website.

How to submit a valid application:

Candidates wishing to submit an application for the FIAT/IFTA World Conference Travel Grant should submit their application via [this form](#), by **June 9th 2023** at the latest. Applicants will be notified about the award decisions by no later than **14th July 2023**. [A Google account is required to fill out the form.](#)

Terms and conditions:

- Travel and accommodation costs can be reimbursed upon approval of valid receipts, to be submitted after the conference.
- Candidates requiring a visa are responsible to apply for this by themselves. However, FIAT/IFTA can assist in obtaining an official Invitation Letter from the conference host.
- Candidates missing one of the items mentioned will be considered incomplete and can be refused on that basis.
- All personal data submitted to FIAT/IFTA in the context of this application will be processed according to the principles of the FIAT/IFTA Privacy and Data Processing Statement as outlined [here](#).