

London Calling

UK Selected for 2006 History Congress

Following on the heels of its enormously successful event in Rome last December, the World Congress of History Producers has chosen London, England as the site for the 2006 edition of the prestigious international television event.



Rita Carbone-Fleury (left) and Craig Thompson lead the World Congress of History Producers team.

The 2006 World Congress of History Producers will be held at the Radisson SAS Portman Hotel in London's West End, a stone's throw from the Baker Street haunt of Sherlock Holmes and Oxford Street shopping. From November 16 to 19, the venue will be resonating with engaging debate and inspiring dialogue as hundreds of producers, broadcasters, distributors and historical experts from around the world plot the future of historically-themed content.

"The U.K. is a country where the discourse on history is a national passion so London provides conducive atmosphere for broadcasters and

producers to meet and do business," says Craig Thompson, Executive Producer of the Congress. "Based on our delegate feedback, deals were done and projects moved forward thanks to the meetings held in Rome."

Highlights of this year's Congress include the opening Town Hall moderated by TV personalities, Peter and Dan Snow, who will engage academics, broadcasters and producers in a debate on history versus the media; filmmaker Alexandre Trudeau will take part in a session focused on the challenges of making programs in Iraq. Another panel will examine the growing popularity of genealogy and social history. The Congress will also explore the emerging theme of personal archives and home movies being used as inspiration for historical stories.

"The genre of history is evolving all the time and the Congress acknowledges the new trends that are shaping our industry," says Congress Producer Rita Carbone-Fleury.

Registration for the World Congress of History Producers is now open at www.history2006.com. For more information, visit the History Congress booth in the BANFF Marketplace.



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"The best I could do is to try to capture the essence of this man. He's just such a beautiful person."

- Lian Lunson, director of "Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man"



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