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Features Heads

EBU Active and Associate Members



45th International Feature Conference

Cork, Ireland, 7-11 April 2019

Dear Colleagues,

The 45th International Feature Conference (IFC) will take place on 7-11 April 2019 in Cork at the kind invitation of RTÉ (Ireland).

Please find attached the official invitation and the first important information regarding entries, deadlines and practical information about the IFC, whose format will slightly change next year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurent Marceau', with a flourish at the end.

Laurent Marceau

RTÉ RADIO 1

45th International Feature Conference Co. Cork, Ireland, 7-11 April 2019

Hello everyone,

We're delighted to host the 45th International Feature Conference in Co. Cork, Ireland from 7 to 11 April 2019.

IFC 2019 will carry the baton from all previous conferences, whilst adding new twists, and, of course, an Irish flavour.

The Conference is open to anyone interested in crafted audio. We hope that radio and audio makers from across the world will enter their work into the Conference.

Whether you're a first-time audio maker or someone with years of experience, a freelancer or employed by a broadcaster, everyone is welcome.

If you'd like a chance to have others listen to your work, and give you feedback and critique, then please enter your audio work into #IFC2019. However, if you prefer to sit back, listen and offer feedback to what others are doing, that's great too.

As #IFC2019 is a training conference, we hope you will learn, share, experience, critique and listen to some wonderful audio that gets everyone talking.

The focus of #IFC2019 is simply on '*Stories - and how we tell them*'.

And so we invite you into the beautiful and relaxing surrounds of a luxury hotel (at affordable rates) in rural Co. Cork, near the South Coast of Ireland, as we join together to celebrate the craft of what we all do. To listen. To talk. To share. And of course, to have lots of 'craic' ((Irish for enjoyable social activity; a good time).

As capacity is limited at #IFC2019 we advise booking early to avoid disappointment. To register for #IFC2019: <https://ifc2019rte.eventbrite.co.uk>

We can't wait to meet you all.

Documentary On One team, RTÉ Radio 1

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Enter Your Audio into #IFC2019

Each year we search for the best and most inspiring audio documentaries from across the globe. We listen to them, discuss, critique – and tease out the ways in which we all tell stories.

#IFC2019 is open to all aspects of factual audio storytelling. That includes a radio feature, a radio documentary, a podcast, radio stories, a series, a short documentary – or anything in between.

This year, the format of #IFC2019 will be:

- **Story Showcase** will feature selected entries in which an outstanding aspect is listened to and discussed.
- **The Full Story** will allow for selected entries to be heard in full and discussed.

To have your work considered for inclusion at #IFC2019, please submit your audio by **Sunday, 13 January 2019.**

Your entry will need to include:

- Your *entire audio piece*. We no longer consider excerpts of programmes for pre-selection. Full entry durations are limited to 60 minutes. If you're entering a series, please enter a single part.
- An exact English-language translation of your entry in full. English-language entries must include an English-language transcript of your entry in full.
- A brief synopsis of your production (100 words)

Please bear in mind that each year, the number of audio entries into the IFC considerably exceeds the time available to listen to them, so regrettably the [EBU Features Group](#) (#IFC2019 selection committee) will have to make choices.

As places at #IFC2019 are limited, we advise people not to wait to register/book accommodation until after pre-selection, since once #IFC2019 reaches capacity, no further registrations will be possible, irrespective of whether your piece has been chosen for the Conference or not. In short, if you want to guarantee your attendance at #IFC2019, our advice is to register/book your accommodation immediately to avoid being disappointed.

To register for #IFC2019: <https://ifc2019rte.eventbrite.co.uk>

Entry upload details #IFC2019

To upload your entry (both audio/scripts):

All entries to be uploaded to <https://soundcloud.com/> [Upload your script/English translation (in pdf) to Dropbox or Google Drive and put the URL link in the Soundcloud "Description" field]

You then e-mail the Soundcloud url link for your entry, the English translation and your entry synopsis to: ifc2019@rte.ie

The EBU Features Group will meet on 4-5 February 2019 in Cork, Ireland to select the productions to be heard at #IFC2019.

All entrants will be notified by e-mail of the outcome of the pre-selection process immediately after this meeting.

<https://ifc2.wordpress.com/ifc19/>

<https://www.facebook.com/internationalfeatureconference/>

#IFC2019 & #HearSay19

This year, the IFC has, for the first time, teamed up with the [HearSay International Audio Arts Festival](#) in Limerick, Ireland. One event directly follows the other, so those travelling can immerse themselves in a full week of world-class audio in Ireland.

HearSay runs 4-7 April, directly followed by IFC, Apr 7-11 2019.

The HearSay International Audio Festival runs every two years and sees sound makers from all the disciplines of creative audio - radio features, podcasts, film sound, sound art, theatre, and audio fiction - come together to take over the Irish mountain village of Kilfinane, Limerick. Some 17 venues host 90 events that will see deep dives into the craft of creative audio, thoughtful reflections, powerful provocations, unique experiments, surprising encounters, creative challenges and immersive experiences.

#HearSay19 will finish at 14.00 on Sunday, 7 April 2019, and buses will be available to take attendees directly to **#IFC2019** – around a one-hour journey. Why not attend both events and place yourself at the centre of the audio universe for one whole week?

As capacity is limited at both #IFC2019 and #HearSay19, we advise early booking to avoid disappointment.

#IFC2019 Conference details

The 45th International Feature Conference will be held at the luxury five-star **Castlemartyr Resort**, Co. Cork (Eircode P25X300).

Approx. 75% of #IFC2019 will involve listening and discussing what's heard. In addition, a number of keynote speakers are invited to share their experience and expertise on a variety of topics from a variety of angles. Full details of speakers/topics at #IFC2019 will be released in early January 2019.

Listening sessions at #IFC2019 will take place in the Capel Suite Ballroom at Castlemartyr Resort. We're planning on having a set of wireless headphones available to all delegates for the listening sessions throughout #IFC2019 so they can fully immerse themselves in the audio quality of each piece. A PA/speaker system will also be in place.

Discussion groups will be held in a variety of conference rooms.

The opening ceremony will take place on Sunday, 7 April at 18.00 in Castlemartyr Resort.

The conference will begin on Monday, 8 April at 9.30 and conclude on Thursday, 11 April at approximately 14.00.

A variety of seating will be available to delegates – from couches, armchairs, bean bags to standard seating. All types of backs and long and short legs will be catered for. We want you to be comfortable as you listen.

Other Deadlines

As places at **#IFC2019** are limited, registration will close when numbers have reached capacity, or by Friday, 1 March 2019.

Accommodation

As **#IFC2019** will be a self-contained conference within Castlemartyr Resort, i.e. accommodation is on site in the same hotel as the Conference, specially discounted hotel prices are on offer for the duration of the Conference.

Early bird rates are on offer if booked before 1 January 2019. After that date, rates increase by €10 per person, per night.

To book your accommodation at Castlemartyr, simply ring +353214219150 or e-mail: **reservations@castlemartyrresort.ie** (quote **#IFC2019**).

Accommodation rates

All prices listed here are as per the early bird rates, booked before 1 January 2019.

Hotel Rooms

Single occupancy in a Junior Suite, Deluxe or Classic bedroom is at a rate of €120, including breakfast.

Double occupancy in a Junior Suite, Deluxe or Classic bedroom is at a rate of €140, including breakfast.

On-site self-catering lodges at Castlemartyr Resort

There are a variety of 2- and 3-bedroom self-catering lodges and mews at Castlemartyr Resort. These are located on the grounds of Castlemartyr Resort, approx. 500 metres on foot from the hotel/conference rooms.

It is best if people group together to book the self-catering lodges as an entire unit.

A **two-bedroom** lodge/mews can be booked for €140 per unit per night. The 2-bedroom lodges consist of a double bedroom and a twin room. These can be shared by up to 4 people (€35 per person, per night) or by 3 people (€46 per person, per night).

Single occupancy rooms can be also booked within a self-catering lodge at a rate of €70 per room, per night. Breakfast is not included.

A number of **three-bedroom** lodges/mews are also available at a rate of €195 per unit, per night. These can sleep up to six adults in two double rooms and one twin room. They can be shared by up to 6 people (€32.50 per person, per night) all the way down to 3 people, each with their own bedroom for €65 per person, per night. Breakfast is not included.

It is best if people group together to book the self-catering lodges as an entire unit.

However, you can also book a single occupancy bedroom in the self-catering lodge (you'll then share the lodge with someone else).

Breakfast is not included in any of the self-catering lodges, but is available in the hotel at a rate of €15.

All guests, both hotel and self-catering lodges, can avail themselves of the leisure facilities with the hotel, including the swimming pool, spa, jet pool, gym, saunas and steam room.

Getting to #IFC2019

Flying:

Cork International Airport is the nearest to Castlemartyr, being only ca 30 km away. Cork Airport connects direct to ca 40 destinations within Europe, and Boston, in the US. [For more info, click here.](#)

Shannon Airport is the next nearest, being 135 km from Castlemartyr. [Shannon Airport connects direct to 28 destinations, click here for more info.](#)

Dublin Airport, the largest in Ireland, is ca 250 km from Castlemartyr, with direct flights to all parts of Europe and the US. [Click here for more info.](#)

[Bus connections are on offer](#) directly from Dublin Airport to Cork City, from where a shuttle bus will be available to transport you to Castlemartyr Resort.

Car hire

Car hire rates at this time of year are good value if booked in advance, averaging ca €60/70 for 4 days' hire (very cheap if shared by 3 or 4 people).

Train

The nearest train station to Castlemartyr is Midleton, which is 10 km away. Cork (Kent Station) is the nearest main hub train station, with regular connections to Midleton. [All train timetables can be found at Irish Rail.](#) Taxis are available from Midleton train station to take you to Castlemartyr.

Ferry

Ireland has connections to both Britain and France by ferry, through Dublin port or Rosslare port. [For ferry timetables/tickets, click here](#)
For bus connections from Dublin and/or Rosslare to Castlemartyr or nearby Midleton, [click here.](#)

Further information on reaching Castlemartyr Resort [can be found here](#)

Buses will be organized to take delegates directly from Castlemartyr to Cork City (bus station, rail station or Cork Airport) immediately after #IFC2019 finishes at 14.00 on Thursday, 11 April.

If you're attending both #HearSay19 and #IFC2019, buses will be available to transport you directly from Kilfinane, Limerick (HearSay location) to Castlemartyr, Cork on Sunday, 7 April at 14.00. Journey time: approx 1 hour.

#IFC2019 Dinner

In keeping with the tradition of each IFC, the host broadcaster, which this year is RTÉ, will offer a local trip/experience followed by a group dinner for all delegates. This will take place in the late afternoon/early evening of Tuesday, 9 April 2019.

Any unanswered questions?

E-mail us: ifc2019@rte.ie