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DIGITAL BITS



Digital Media Program Student wins ZON Prize

The Digital Media Program congratulates Pedro Resende for winning the top honor in filmmaking in the 2010 ZON Creativity in Multimedia Awards. The €30,000 prize recognizes Portuguese media producers who compete in the fields of filmmaking, multimedia applications, and animation. Portions of the winning film “Talvez...” were shot in Austin with Resende directing a crew of UT students. Resende first came to Austin in 2009 for an internship arranged by the Digital Media Leadership Program.

Two more of the filmmaking finalists have ties to the Digital Media Program. ZON Intensive Script Development Lab participants Ricardo Filipe Feio and Pierre-Marie Jézéquel were selected for the final round of competition. Feio and Jézéquel spent the summer of 2010 studying screenwriting and preproduction with UT faculty members.

Resende interned at the Austin-based post-production company 501 Post, and then returned to Austin last year to continue working in the Texas film community. In October 2010, he filmed his submission “Talvez...” (“Maybe...”) in three days with a crew of UT film students and alumni. The filmmaker says that his experience in Austin was a formative one, explaining “After I learned the craft last year in RTF, I wanted to experience all production stages. More than once I had people telling me that it would be impossible to make this movie in such schedule.”

ZON is a major cable and satellite TV operator in Portugal and has collaborated with the Digital Media Program on a variety of projects, including the ZON Intensive Screenwriting Workshop.

Students and Faculty Attend TEI Conference in Madeira

Several students and faculty members attended the Fifth Annual Conference Tangible, and Embedded Interaction in the Portuguese island of Madeira last month. The TEI conference draws graduate students, faculty and some industry representatives from around the world and represents some of the most cutting edge explorations of haptic, aural, visual and embedded interface experiments and developments. Two UT Austin faculty attended the conference, Luis Francisco-Revilla from the School of Information and Sharon Strover from the Department of Radio-TV-Film. In addition, several Portuguese faculty members from affiliated programs attended including Nuno Correia (UNL), Pedro Branco (U.Minho), and Nuno Nunes, from the University of Madeira and a collaborator with Carnegie-Mellon University’s M.A. program in interactive technologies. Digital Media graduate students attended as well including Monica Mendes, doctoral student at UNL, and Yago de Quay (U.Porto).



Professor Strover also used the conference as an opportunity to meet with several faculty members to discuss the future of the Digital Media Program and potentially expanded collaborations.

Internship Update

Digital Media Leadership Program Welcomes Four New Interns

The beginning of a new semester at UT Austin also heralds the beginning of another set of internship experiences for Portuguese and RTF undergraduate participants in the Digital Leadership Media Program. This semester, UT Austin | Portugal has placed Ioli Campos at public radio station KUT, where she will be working on web journalism as part of KUT's new web initiatives. Also coming from across the Atlantic are ZON winners Cintia Morais and Paulo Martins. Cintia will be working with the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas, while Paulo will be interning at KUT. In addition, we have placed web designer Katerina Markova with Austin firm Infochimps. There are other outstanding internship candidates that we are actively looking to place here in Austin, particularly in the realm of animation. If you or anyone you know has connections with the animation industry, we would love to hear from you - email us at jonathan.a.daniels@gmail.com. We also have two undergraduate interns this semester who will be working for 510 Post and SolarWinds in various capacities.

In other news, current intern Nuno Martins has launched a blog detailing his internship experience with the DMLP in Austin that can be found [here](#). He will be regularly updating the blog, so we encourage everyone to comment and submit blog post ideas. The UT Austin | Portugal community is very broad and diverse, so we hope the blog becomes a place to share ideas and feedback. There is also a Facebook group for UT Austin | Portugal to further our efforts to create a community environment for our program. The Facebook group is located [here](#) and all content is public. Please join and get the conversation started.

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