

Advertisers, brands, media take center stage at MIPTV

PARIS: MIPTV featuring MILIA 2008 will see advertisers, brands and new media out in force, both in the conference programme and the exhibition space. The 45th MIPTV featuring MILIA will be held in Cannes, France 7– 11 April 2008.

Of special note, Richard Dickson, SVP, worldwide marketing, media & entertainment, Mattel Brands, will give the advertising keynote on Tuesday 8 April, and Rory Sutherland, vice chairman, Ogilvy Group, will give the opening speech of the Mobile Media day on Wednesday 9 April. The Internet TV keynote speeches will be given by Hulu CEO Jason Kilar, and Brightcove chairman/CEO Jeremy Allaire on Tuesday 8 April.

Ogilvy will also be the first advertising agency to exhibit at MIPTV featuring MILIA and is a sponsor of the advertising and media conference track taking place on Tuesday 8 April.

Global advertising agencies

Global advertising agencies and their subsidiaries and affiliated companies from several countries are on the rise at MIPTV featuring MILIA this April, including: TBWA, Havas Entertainment, Euro RSCG, WPP Group's Ogilvy & Mather, OgilvyOne Worldwide and OgilvyAction. Some of the many global brands to participate will be Dove, Nike, American Express, Fanta, Ford, BP and Kodak.

Commenting on the growing force of digital for both the advertising industry and content producers, Paul Johnson, director of the television division for Reed MIDEM, said, "All of the distribution solutions, whether they are traditional or digital, will increasingly need a strong advertising partner in order to succeed in a cross-platform world."

"The growth of advertising agencies and brands participating at MIPTV featuring MILIA 2008 reflects their sincere desire to join the entertainment content production and distribution players – at a development stage – as strategic partners."

Evolving an American icon

In his keynote speech entitled "The Evolution of a Living Brand," marketing pioneer, Dickson will share his experience in evolving an American icon, Barbie, to continue to stay relevant after 50 years of existence.

He will also explore how Mattel, a leader in toy manufacturing, branded entertainment, online and kids' advertising, is harnessing its intellectual property to challenge how brands and media will work together to engage today's digital consumers. His keynote will close the "Advertising & Media Day", which will gather major brands and advertising agencies together with entertainment content producers and distributors.

Rory Sutherland will give the opening speech of the Mobile Media day entitled, "Engaging the Consumers in new ways: The Power of Mobile". He will examine how mobile could play a unique and important role in engaging consumers with brands, through personalised or location-specific advertising content.

Cross-media competition

For the second year, Ogilvy will sponsor a category in MIPTV's international cross-media competition, Content 360.

Ogilvy's category, entitled "Using the power of the brand for the power of good," attracted more than 100 projects from 27 countries this year and has already drawn interest from several multinational brands, including American Express, Fanta, Ford, BP and Dove.

The competition's goal is to champion the potential of new media producers worldwide and help them deliver innovative digital

services and applications. The BBC, The National Film Board of Canada and The Korean Broadcasting Commission also have categories in the event.

“Sex, Lies, & Online TV”

Kilar's keynote “Sex, Lies, & Online TV” will share how new online distribution channels have raised the bar for the viewing experience and how they can provide a compelling platform to generate revenue and reach new audiences.

Jason Kilar joined Hulu, the online video joint venture of News Corp and NBC Universal, after nearly a decade at Amazon.com where he served as SVP, worldwide application software. Prior to that, Kilar served as VP and GM of Amazon North American media businesses. He began his career with The Walt Disney Company, where he worked for Disney Design & Development.

Allaire's “Beyond Aggregation: Blended Distribution, Audience Networks & Monetisation” will showcase examples of media companies taking advantage of blended distribution strategies, pointing to industry trends that signal opportunities for growth and development.

Allaire founded Brightcove in early 2004. Prior to that, he worked as a technologist and entrepreneur-in-residence for Cambridge, MA-based venture capital firm General Catalyst. Before General Catalyst, he was CTO of Macromedia. He joined Macromedia with its merger with Allaire Corporation, where he was a co-founder and CTO.

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