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## 24. ÖKUMENISCHE JURY – 24<sup>th</sup> ECUMENICAL JURY

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Gustavo Andujar has been reviewing films with OCIC and SIGNIS Cuba in for more than 40 years and has been executive producer of several documentaries.

President of SIGNIS Cuba since 1994,

he is the director of ECOS, a Cuban Catholic magazine devoted to audio-visual media and a member of the Media Commission for the Cuban Conference of Catholic Bishops.

He participated as jury member and as president of the jury in various international film festivals, such as Berlin, Venice, Hong Kong, La Habana and others.

Since February 2014 he is president of SIGNIS World and is also president of the cinema desk of SIGNIS.

#### Gregg Brekke, Portland (USA)

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The Rev. Gregg Brekke (\*1969) owns and operates SixView Studios, a communications company dedicated to the art of visual storytelling and interpretation.

He serves as board president of the Associated Church Press and is the former Executive Committee team lead for video and film projects with the World Association for Christian Communication (WACC-NA).

### **Piet Halma, Baarn (The Netherlands)**

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Piet Halma (\*1950) has a broad experience in communications, (public) broadcasting and peace keeping.

He served at the ecumenical broadcaster IKON in the Netherlands

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Piet Halma was vice-president of the World Association for Christian Communication (WACC),  
and president of WACC Europe, an NGO that cares for the communication rights of the voiceless in our world.

He was also chair of the European television festival of religious programmes in Kristiansand, Norway 2007.

At the moment he is advisor of the Board and Management PAX an NGO in the Netherlands

that works for peace, reconciliation and justice in conflict areas around the world..

Piet Halma was for INTERFILM member of several Ecumenical Juries

like Karlovy Vary, Leipzig, Kyiv, Cottbus and Locarno

### **Lukas Jirsa, Praha (Czech Republic) - President**

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Born (\*1981) Lukas Jirsa is film critic for several media  
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He studied French and theory of culture at the Charles University of Prague.

. The theme of his PhD thesis was "Sociological imagination and film in the culturological perspective".

He writes film reviews for the Czech Catholic weekly and is editor of the Christian Academy's revue.

He runs a film club "Spirituality and film" in the Prague's Municipal Library.

He is the representative of SIGNIS in Czech Republic  
and was member of Ecumenical Juries at Zlin, Karlovy Vary, Cannes, Berlin and Warszaw.

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Since the time of her studies, which she completed with a thesis about "Salvation in Film",  
PD Dr. Inge Kirsner (\*1963) is working in academics and profession with the subject "Religion and Cinema".  
She accompanies and organizes film series during the German Protestant Church Days since 1995, worked  
as a teacher in adult education and has invented as pastor the genre of Film-Services.

She supervises and organizes the work with film in school and parish and writes books about it.

Since 2013 she is High School pastor in Ludwigsburg near Stuttgart  
and works together with the university of education and the film academy.

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Joachim Opahle (\*1956) studied catholic Theology, is married and has three children.

He is actually head of Media Department of the Archdiocese of Berlin.

Responsible for radio and television work.

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Working since 1983 in different fields of media: public television and public relations for dioceses.

Vice-president of SIGNIS Europe (2004-2013).

Jury member in various SIGNIS juries (Graz, Torino) and the Ecumenical Jury in Cottbus