

JOSEP MAIXENCHS (1943-2018)



Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that CILECT informs you about the loss of our long-time colleague, the founder and director of ESCAC (Barcelona, Spain) the talented producer, the wise thinker, the good-natured person, the true friend Josep Maixenchs.

Josep Maixenchs is a graduate in History of Art of the University of Barcelona and holds a diploma in Aesthetics and History of Cinematography from the University of Valladolid and a diploma in Semiology of the Audiovisual Image from the International Centre for Performing Arts and Social Communication of Rome (CISCS). He is the founder and director (until 2012) of the University School of Cinema and Visual Communication of Catalonia (ESCAC) and head of the successful company Escándalo Films, created by the ESCAC as a bridge between the academic and professional worlds. Among other honours, he has received the Homenot Prize, awarded by Catalan producers; the González Sinde Prize, awarded by the Spanish Academy of Arts and Cinema Sciences; the Maria Honorifica Prize, awarded at the International Fantasy Film Festival of Catalonia, Sitges; the Barcelona Municipality Gold Medal for Cultural Merits; the National Award for Culture; and the Cross of St. George.

Josep Maixenchs was not only one of the best ambassadors of his country and people but he managed to turn in the whole world into such ambassadors by organizing the extremely successful congress of CILECT in Barcelona'2010. It was at this congress that CILECT's current image was created and developed making our association a truly professional one – an achievement which would not have been possible without Josep's (and ESCAC's) dedicated endeavors and true friendship. CILECT will always owe him a lot!

May his soul rest in peace!