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**The 12th EDN Award is presented to Marianne Lévy-Leblond. She receives the award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the development of the European documentary culture, with her work in the field of online and interactive documentary.**

As Head of Web and Transmedia Productions within the web department at ARTE France, Marianne Lévy-Leblond has supported innovative cross-platform and interactive projects allowing innovative creators to work with new forms of documentary storytelling. Upon the presentation of the EDN Award, EDN Film & Media Consultant Ove Rishøj Jensen states: "Marianne Lévy-Leblond has been part of creating structures that many of us will operate in, in our future work with documentary stories. She had been part of developing projects that we in the future will refer to as early interactive classics. For this pioneering work, we are paying tribute to her, by presenting her the 2016 EDN Award."

Among the many unique projects Lévy-Leblond has passionately supported are titles such as **Do Not Track**, a web project illustrating how data shared by users on the web benefits large corporations like Google, Facebook and other global players in the field. Interactive works like **Alma** and the webseries **Affaires Familiales** are also on the long list of projects she commissioned and supported. With a view on Alma, a story about social issues and preventing violence in war-torn Guatemala, Lévy-Leblond explains: "Interactive documentary is not a geek affair, it can bring stories to life from a world that is far away when seen from our sometimes very abstract western preoccupations. And it can do so by using these new tools to make viewers meet characters on very different terms from the ones we're used to through papers or television".

Prior to her current position, Lévy-Leblond has worked as a documentary commissioning editor at ARTE France for 10 years, having been an executive producer for numerous documentaries and TV programs. The award was presented to Lévy-Leblond at The EDN Award ceremony on 18 March 2016 during the EDN workshop Docs in Thessaloniki. The workshop is held in the framework of the Thessaloniki Documentary Festival – Images of the 21st Century.

### **About The EDN Award**

The EDN Award is presented annually during Docs in Thessaloniki to an institution, group or private person for outstanding contribution to the development of the European documentary culture.

Previously The EDN Award has been presented to:

**2015 – Caspar Sonnen** for his pioneering commitment to interactive documentary work

**2014 – Tue Steen Müller** for a lifelong commitment to the documentary genre

**2013 – Stefano Tealdi and Joan Gonzales** for initiating and running Documentary in Europe and DocsBarcelona, respectively

**2012 – Diana El Jeiroudi, Orwa Nyrabia** and The DOX BOX Team for initiating the DOX BOX festival in Syria

**2011 – Dimitri Eipides:** Director of the Thessaloniki Documentary Festival

**2010 – IRDFA - Iranian Documentary Filmmakers Association:** Director's guild in Iran focusing on documentary filmmakers

**2009 – Nenad Puhovski and Zagreb Dox** For initiating Zagreb Dox in Croatia

**2008 – IDF – Institute of Documentary Film:** Prague based institute promoting documentary films from East- and Central Europe

**2007 – Svetlana and Zoran Popovic:** For initiating and running Magnificent 7 in Belgrade, Serbia

**2006 – The Jan Vrijman Fund:** Dutch film fund supporting filmmakers and festivals in developing countries

**2005 – YLE Documentary:** The documentary department of YLE, the national public service broadcaster in Finland

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