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The 13th EDN Award is presented to Nilotpal Majumdar who receives the award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of the international documentary culture. Through his continuous engagement for DocedgeKolkata, Asian Forum for Documentary, he successfully established and developed an important hub for documentary professionals from all over the world.

As founder of the [DocedgeKolkata](#) programme, Nilotpal Majumdar created a unique platform for co-production and training in the Asia-Pacific region including a pitching forum attracting documentary talents, financiers and sales agents from all across the globe. Upon presenting the EDN Award, EDN Director Paul Pauwels stated: "Nilotpal's work has been instrumental in bringing Asian and international documentary professionals together and contributed considerably to the development of the documentary genre across borders. His pioneering efforts also helped to open up a brand new market for both young and established documentary filmmakers in India who would otherwise not have entered the international arena to deliver topics of global relevance. For this important work, we are paying tribute to Nilotpal Majumdar by presenting him the 2017 EDN Award."

With more than twenty years of film teaching experience, Nilotpal Majumdar frequently contributes to a great variety of activities related to the documentary sector, eg. as a jury member of documentary festivals (national and international), as a tutor and expert at key documentary events such as the Documentary Film Programme, IDFA, Sundance Film Festival, Al Jazeera International Documentary Film Festival, ITVS International Fund, ZeLIG School, DMZ Docs Fund and many others.

His track record in directing and producing includes 18 documentaries, fiction and short films including various award-winning titles such as *Dhatujhar'96*, which earned him the National Awards in 1997 for his directing performance. Nilotpal Majumdar holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kolkata University and a Postgraduate Diploma in Cinema with a specialization in editing from the Film & Television Institute in Pune, India.

About The EDN Award

The EDN Award is presented annually to an institution, group or private person for outstanding contribution to the development of the international documentary culture.

Previously, the EDN Award has been presented to:

2016 - Marianne Lévy-Leblond: for her outstanding contribution to the field of online and interactive documentary

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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