

## Accreditation guidelines of Messe Berlin GmbH

### Any of the following may obtain accreditation:

1. Holders of ID cards issued by associations in the relevant Land of the Federal Republic of Germany:

Deutscher Journalisten Verband (djv);

ver.di, Deutsche Journalistinnen- und Journalisten-Union (dju);

Verband der Zeitschriftenverleger;

DAG;

Persons holding an International Press Card issued by the IFJ in Brussels;

2. Holders of cards issued by the following professional associations: UIPRE, TELI, DFJV, VDM, FIJET, VDAJ, VDRJ, LPC etc., provided that such organisations are cooperating with Messe Berlin at trade fairs.

3. Journalists

- who can submit a letter of authority from an editorial department (letter on original headed notepaper, no copies accepted) or can provide documentary evidence of such authorisation in which they are named personally;
- who can submit an imprint listing their name;
- whose journalistic activities derive from fee contracts or are specified in accounts statements.

Documentary evidence may not be more than three months old.

Authors must submit the title of a current book and its relevance to the particular fair.

4. Persons who are able to prove that they are conducting press work on behalf of a public sector authority or institution, or are acting as press officers or for the corporate press departments of exhibiting companies.

5. Persons who require press releases for non profit-making purposes, e.g. radio for the blind, associations for the disabled, or persons accompanying someone who is registered as disabled (documentary evidence that they are performing such work).

6. Representatives of youth press organisations will receive a single day ticket on presentation of current documentary proof.

7. All foreign press representatives who can provide some form of proof of their membership of the press, e.g. a press card from

their own country, a business card, submission of a newspaper imprint, invitations from exhibitors to attend press events.

Members of recognised organisations of foreign press representatives (Foreign Press Association, Federal Press Conference, Regional Press Conference etc.).

Foreign press representatives who are resident in Germany will receive accreditation upon presentation of a valid ID document (see above).

8. Unpaid staff, assistants and persons undergoing compulsory practical training will only receive accreditation upon presentation of a valid employment or training contract showing that journalistic activities form the main purpose of the training or employment. If this is the case such applicants will receive a one-day working pass. Passes valid for longer periods will only be issued in exceptional and justifiable cases.

**Accreditation will not be granted to the following:**

Persons without any evidence of authority

Persons who are only making use of the broadcasting facilities of an Open Channel;

German citizens resident in Germany presenting a foreign press card, e.g. Fleet Street London, Universal Press (USA) etc.;

Person holding press cards that have been issued by associations or organisations which have not been recognised by the German Conference of Ministers of the Interior;

Persons whose press cards have expired;

Persons for whom the confirmation of journalistic status has been provided by other freelance journalists, in particular relatives and spouses;

Persons holding a pass issued by a company or organisation but without an editorial commission;

Due to the fact that the internet is freely available to all, making it difficult to establish the authenticity of applicants, anyone working for internet-based editorial departments will only receive accreditation if they can submit a recognised press card.

Exceptions: Internet-based editorial departments belonging to recognised editorial departments or publishing companies e.g. Focus Online etc.

**Important:**

The technical facilities of the press centre and in particular those of the journalists' work room, such as PCs, fax machines etc., are provided solely for filing reports about the event for which the journalist has been accredited.

The Press and Public Relations Department of Messe Berlin reserves the right to insist on seeing documentary evidence of such journalistic work. In the event of misuse journalists may be prohibited from using the facilities of the work room. In particularly serious cases Messe Berlin may exercise its right to withdraw the journalist's accreditation for the event.

Michael T. Hofer  
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