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## **FORUM news** (27.08.06)

If you're looking for funding for a new toon series, then Cartoon FORUM is the place to be. This year is the 17th edition and it's being hosted in the French town of Pau-Pyrénées from 20th - 23rd September. 61 new projects from 17 European countries have been selected, which we're told totals more than 320 hours of programming and a total budget of 179.4m Euro.

The UK is the second-largest contributor, with 10 projects in the melting pot, looking for funds, exposure or just a big fat broadcast commission. Here are this year's annointed titles and companies:

Benny and Boil (52 x 5')  
from [Tandem Films](#)

Dog Squad (26 x 11')  
from [Greenlit Rights Ltd](#)

Harry & Toto (24 x 5')  
from [Handle & Spout Ltd](#) / GS Animations Poland

IG (26 x 10')  
from [Calon](#)



Moonridge 5 (26 x 26')  
from 3-D Revolution Productions / [Bejuba](#)

Ping & Pong (26 x 11')  
from [Novel Entertainment Ltd](#)

Pocket Rockets (52 x 13')  
from [Millimages\\_UK](#) / Millimages S.A./  
Toons 'N' Tales Filmproduktion GmbH Germany

Scratch & Sniff (26 x 11')  
from [A Productions Ltd](#)

The Hive (52 x 7')  
from Monumental Productions

The Rory Stories (26 x 13')  
from [Darrall Macqueen Ltd](#) / [Spider Eye](#)

Exposure at Forum will give all ten projects a considerable boost towards success. And as always, it will be intriguing to see who triumphs, and who flounders en route to our tv screens.

The Hound hasn't caught up with all 10, as yet, but "IG" sounds particularly exciting. It's a stop-motion series from Andrew Offiler, and Robin Lyon's Calon. It's set in a twisted Stone Age and features a cavegirl toddler and her pet pterodactyl. Stone Age dino-romps are of course quite common, but The Hound is a sucker for prehistorical hysteria - from [Gogs](#) to [Moschops](#) and beyond. Calon have some shots of "IG" [on their web site](#) (look in "productions"). It looks terrific!

Elsewhere, "Harry & Toto" have their own [promo site](#) online at Handle & Spout. Harry's a nippy Hare, whilst Toto is a laid-back Tortoise (as opposed to [a monkey](#)) who takes life a little slower than his fast-talking pal.

Meanwhile, "The Rory Stories" is based on the books by Andrew Wolffe and adapted by David Ingham. It follows the gentle adventures of a young lad called Rory, his dog, and their seaside friends...

The Award for Most Mysterious Holding Page must surely go to [Moonridge 5](#), whose tag-line promises "Totally solar adventures from the 22nd Century".

Will the commisssioning execs be just as intrigued? - We'll find out, come September...

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