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## Eli Shibley Joins IM Global TV As President Of International Distribution & Co-Productions

**EXCLUSIVE: Eli** 

Shibley has joined IM
Global's TV division as
President, International
Distribution and CoProductions. He will work
closely with IM Global
founder and CEO Stuart
Ford and IM Global TV
president Mark Stern to
expand the company's



burgeoning TV division, in particular encouraging strategic partnerships and intl copros between content creators and key U.S. and global buyers.

Shibley will manage sales of IM Global's scripted slate as well as oversee acquisitions of third-party scripted and unscripted projects from U.S., UK, and international content partners. The company will also branch out into international distribution.

Upcoming projects from IM Global TV include Kurt Vonnegut's *Cat's Cradle;Darkover*, the popular book series by acclaimed bestselling author Marion Zimmer Bradley (*The Mists of Avalon*); *Den Of Thieves*, a noir-ish crime drama starring Carla Gugino, produced by Kevin Spacey and written by Sebastian Gutierrez (*Gothika*,); and *Patrolman P* which Antoine Fuqua (*The Equalizer*) will exec produce along with Tom Hanks' Playtone Productions.

"Eli is an outstanding distribution executive and his arrival is a major coup for our TV distribution business," said Ford. "I envision scripted and unscripted TV sales becoming a substantial component of our already extensive global licensing platform in the next few years."

Shibley comes to IM Global Television from Electus, where he served as SVP International Media and Formats and was instrumental in sourcing international formats for the U.S. market, including the Golden Globe-winning CW series *Jane The Virgin* with RCTV and Aquarius Television. Prior to joining Electus, Shibley co-founded the London sales team for Shine International, and helped launch Reveille International in Los Angeles.

Shibley's deal was brokered on behalf of IM Global by Chris Bosco, COO, and on behalf of Shibley by Chad Christopher of Stone, Meyer.



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