Students from the College of Media at University of Illinois were able to travel with Illinois Public Media’s Moss Bresnahan and John Lindsay to Sunny Side of the Doc, one of the top documentary conferences in the world. Sunny Side takes place in La Rochelle, France, every June and features many of the top documentary filmmakers, commissioning editors, and broadcast networks in the world.

The College of Media students were able to participate in thought-provoking conference discussions, pitch competitions, presentations by broadcasters from around the world, screenings, and special events, all in picturesque La Rochelle. The students were able to participate in the multi-step process of pitching your film ideas to raise funds. This will now set our students a step above their peers when they complete their educations and venture out into the workforce.

Illinois Public Media is working with other international public media companies on the development of several documentaries, and IPM President and CEO Moss Bresnahan saw this as an opportunity to provide Illinois College of Media students with invaluable real-world experience. “This is exactly why we love working with students in our building. After interning with John Lindsay and our documentary department,