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Great success for the 4th edition of GIS which confirmed to be the main Italian event for the users of cranes, access platforms, industrial and harbour handling and specialized transport equipment

With over 3,200 visitors (with an increase of 46 % compared to the previous edition of 2011) , **GIS 2013** closed its doors on Saturday, September 28th.

This figure is particularly significant bearing in mind that all visitors to the **GIS** were highly qualified, a requirement which is considered of primary importance by about 80 exhibitors that, despite the still difficult economic situation of the internal market , wanted to attend **GIS** also in order to consolidate an event which is so much different than the existing Italian general trade shows.

The quality of the **GIS** visitor - besides being noticed by all the exhibitors - was also confirmed by the contracts some of them signed during the fair, a fact which is now very rare and not only for the current Italian economic conditions.

The support of more than 30 Italian Associations (whose members are regular users of cranes, aerial platforms including hoists for moving, overhead travelling cranes , forklift trucks also for container handling, truck loader cranes and special vehicles for heavy transport) certainly contributed to the success of **GIS 2013**.

Some of these Associations such as **ASSOLOGISTICA** (the Italian Association of Logistics Entreprises, General Stores and Refrigerators, Port Terminal Operators, Interportual and airport Operators), **AISEM** (the Italian Association of Lifting, Elevation and Handling Systems Manufacturers) and **ASSITERMINAL** (the Italian Association of Terminal Operators) organized **for the first time** at **GIS** conferences with high-level keynote speakers, and that was much appreciated by all the attendees.

Several were also the attendees to the conferences organized by the "historical" **GIS** sponsor associations, that's to say **IPAF - International Powered Access Federation** which brings together the main users of aerial work platforms , and **AITE**, which is the primary **Italian Association of Heavy Transport Companies**.

The **AITE** meeting was attended by over 300 people representing the most important specialized transport companies and the Italian institutions. Among the political personalities present at the conference were Hon. Roberta Oliaro and Hon. Vincenzo Garofalo (members of the Chamber's Transportation Committee) , the former Secretary of Transportation and now Advisor to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Bartolomeo Giachino , the Mayor of Verona Flavio Tosi and - Skype connected - the President of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Hon. Debora Serracchiani, who has hypothesized the creation of a single regional help desk for granting specialized transport permits, a desk which can facilitate entrepreneurs in carrying out this type of activity , as already happens in other European Countries.

Among the events related to **GIS 2013** , the 4th edition of "**THE CRANE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR 2013**" which - organized by **FORMEDIL** in partnership with **FEDERCOSTRUZIONI** , **ANIMA** and **FM GRU**, an Italian tower crane manufacturer - brought to Piacenza a hundred competitors who had to face a series of challenging tests of skill in the use of tower cranes.

Another event alongside **GIS 2013** was the delivery of the first **ILTA – Italian Lifting & Transportation Awards**, which took place in Piacenza in the evening of Friday, September 27th at the beautiful Palazzo Farnese. More than 160 operators representing the main Italian lifting and specialized transport companies and the institutions attended the awards ceremony during which 16 awards were given to those companies and those personalities of the abovesaid sectors for their job achievements in the last 18 months.

The complete list of finalists and winners in the different categories is as follows:

Lifting With Truck Loader Crane:

Finalists: Car Service , Cristelli .

Joint winners : Car Service and Cristelli

Lifting With Telescopic Boom Crane:

Finalists : Calabrese, La Molisana ADP , Piano Lago Calcestruzzi , Vernazza.

Winner: Vernazza Autogru

Lifting With Lattice Boom Crane (Truck-Mounted) :

Winner: Merli Autotrasporti

Lifting With Lattice Boom Crane (Crawler-Mounted) :

Finalists : Fagioli, Midolini .

Winner : Fagioli

Specialized transport with trailer / semi-trailer / combined (total weight up to 120 tons) :

Finalists : Fagioli , Trasporti Pesanti Storti .

Winner : Fagioli

Specialized transport with trailer / semi-trailer / combined (total weight over 120 tons) :

Finalists : Fagioli, La Molisana, T.T.S. .

Winner: La Molisana

SPMT - Self-Propelled Modular Transporter:

Finalists : Aliani Project, Fagioli, Mammoet Italy, Marraffa .

Winner: Mammoet Italy

Transport and / or lifting using combined techniques:

Finalists: Autovictor , Fagioli .

Winner: Autovictor

Innovation in the operational field and for the safety of users :

Finalists : ARS , Fagioli .

Ex-aequo winners : ARS and Fagioli

Career Awards :

Francesco Merli (for the lifting contractor sector)

Antonio Catiello (for the third party specialized transport)

Carlo Lenzi (for its own specialized transport)

Giuseppe De Lucia (for his skill in selling lifting equipment)

Giovanni Tomatis (for his skill in selling specialized transport equipment)

Although most visitors to the **GIS** Show were Italians, also many foreign operators attended the exhibition in Piacenza. All of them were very pleased with the show organizer for putting on display such a wide choice of lifting and specialized transport equipment in an exhibition center entirely dedicated to them, where every single exhibitor could pay attention to the visitors without being interrupted by those who - just to personal curiosity - often crowds the traditional fairs attracted by big machines and equipment that are shown.

Also the **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS** exhibited at **GIS 2013** with a rare firetruck, a still fully functional **MAGIRUS** dated 1928, which aroused great interest among the visitors of the Piacenza Show.

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