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8-10 July 2014, ELEVCON Paris, FRANCE - The most exclusive convention of The Elevator Industry worldwide, since the première in 1986 - Nice, France - has been a successful event in which OTIS, the official sponsor explained their new WW organization for UTC Building & Industrial Systems and arranged an evening event for its business partners who attended the congress and exhibition. The guests have enjoyed various social events and we thank you all for your very positive feedbacks.

The importance of the Elevcon will continue to grow. The recent developments will definitely have a certain effect on the elevator trade industry in Spain, as IAEE representatives announce the Thyssenkrupp's sponsorship of the ELEVCON 2015 in Madrid, Spain.

We see improvement that can only make us happy in the amounts of exhibits and highly qualified professional visitors (60% of them are decision-makers), in addition to top marks in the assessments of the exhibitors. 95% of the Elevcon Congress participants have declared that Elevcon 2014 met their expectations professionally.

We thank you very much for contributing to the success of ELEVCON 2014 and thus helping us improve the quality of the professional technical papers. According to you, our participants, product presentations without technical/scientific gain should be declined and we'll do our best to promote each of the exhibitors' work & products by all means available. We can not give access to download the presentations from Elevcon website, since they are all included in the official book of proceedings. We'll do our best to increase participation of Universities or tech centres and bring hot topics today as energy efficiency, environmental impact, condition monitoring that perhaps have not received the proper attention along with subjects on technology and scientific content vs market solutions.

High figures for the quantity of exhibitors and the amount of exhibition area booked - 22 exhibitors from 10 countries and 95% of them are foreign exhibitors - let us believe in a coagulated business community interested in the knowledge exchange and disclosure of new technologies sector for the vertical transportation.

The "Elevatori HighTech Award" was born at the Elevcon Luzern, in 2010. It was created by Elevatori in cooperation with the IAEE, in order to award the best paper of the congress. A difficult task, as the quality of the papers presented is always high. Four years ago in Luzern, the winner was Adrian Godwin (Lerch Bates) with his futuristic project "Skytrak": a circular transportation system, able to offer architects a new "degree of freedom" for building shapes and configurations.

In 2012, at the Miami Elevcon, the winner was Karl Weinberger (Schindler): he proposed an integrated lift brake system located beneath the car, which combines the functionality of the safety gear and the machine brake.

This year in Paris, the jury was called to make the difficult choice and to select the 2014 winner was composed by five persons: Richard Pulling (representing the Elevcon 2014 Organising Committee), John Inglis and Albert T.P. So (respectively IAEE president and scientific advisor), Matteo Volpe and Fabio Liberali, representing Elevatori.

The jury first selected a number of papers out of the 38 total works. In a final meeting, a short list of six presentations was selected:

- Energy storage and recovery system for lifts – S.Acquaviva (Encosys, Italy)
- Adjustable double-deck: the efficient traffic solution – E.Cortona & F.Schmid (Schindler Elevators, Switzerland);
- Advantages of implementing M2M e cloud services in retrofitted elevators – G.Gotlieb (Escalade Innovative Solutions, Israel);
- Rigid chain technology for elevators – S.Lounis, I. Forbester, B.Koons & E.Michaut (Serapid Group, France)
- Usage of voice recognition inside an elevator and its benefits – E.Parageorgiuo, N.Stratigakis & L.Asvestopoulos (Entranet & Kleeman, Greece);
- Sharing elevator capacity: exploring the unused potential of stacked mixed-use high-rise buildings – J.Wit (Deerns, The Netherlands).

The award ceremony was held during the gala dinner, sponsored by Otis Elevator Company, that took place in the beautiful Chalet des Iles, in the Bois de Boulogne. The jury awarded Jochem Wit with the “Elevatori High Tech Award 2014”.

The choice to award his paper (the award consisted in a parchment and a last generation tablet) was explained by Matteo Volpe: *“In 2010 we wanted to start a tradition. We wanted to establish a long lasting tradition. Elevatori is very proud to be IAEE partner in this award, but most of all we are very proud to contribute to the diffusion and spread of scientific knowledge in the vertical transportation industry. For first, I would like to specially thank the member of the jury Richard Pulling John Inglis, Albert T.P. So and Fabio Liberali: they had such a difficult task. Then I would also like to warmly thank the IAEE for their support to our idea. A final special thank you is for Jochem Wit. With his innovative perspective Jochem perfectly represented the spirit Elevatori wanted to acknowledge with the High Tech Award”.*

At the same time we would like to announce a change in the IAEE's management - Mr. John Inglis retired from the position of President and he has been replaced by Mr. Ami Lustig, ESL – Eng. S. Lustig – Consulting Engineers Ltd., Israel. Mr. Inglis received a honorary plaque for his entire activity and we are very grateful for the time, effort and dedication invested in the association's activities.

Looking forward to seeing you all at future ELEVCON events,

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