

Press release

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13 - 15 June 2006, 2nd European mobility exhibition

The 4 winners of the first Public Transport Innovation Awards

For the first time, the European mobility exhibition will be featuring the Public Transport Innovation Awards for the most outstanding innovations by European industries and service companies working in this sector.

The Public Transport Innovation Awards have been created under the auspices of the French transport ministry, with two aims in mind:

- demonstrating that innovation serving mass passenger transit is an important factor in enhancing transport performance: improved comfort, speed, safety, accessibility, cost economies, environmentally-friendly systems, etc,
- raising the profile of the most dynamic companies in this sector.

The official award ceremony will take place at 5pm on Wednesday 14 June 2006, led by Dominique Perben, the French Minister for Transport, Highways, Tourism, and the Sea, at the GIE Objectif transport public stand (A1).

Chosen by a panel of experts, made up of representatives of the Ademe (Agency for the Environment et Energy Saving), the DRAST-Predit (Research and science and technology department of the ministry of transport), the DGMT (Sea and Transport Department), the FNAUT (National federation of public transport users associations), the Lausanne Polytechnic School, and the Inrets (National Research Institute for Transport and Safety), the award winners are:

- in the accessibility / facilities / comfort category: **MATIS, SNEF group**
- in the energy / environment category: **ALSTOM Transport** joint equal with **IRISBUS- IVECO**
- in the intelligent transport systems category: **MOVIKEN**
- in the safety category: no award given.

Energy / environment:

- **ALSTOM Transport**, supplying products and providing services and rail systems entered a **ground-based power supply system (APS) for trams**, enabling them to move without wires on routes of any length. This innovation, exclusively developed and marketed by ALSTOM, meets three essential criteria: complete safety for pedestrians and road users, identical performance to a traditional tram and perfect integration into the architecture and environment of the city. The Bordeaux Urban District was the first to adopt this technological innovation in 2000. Since then Reims, Angers, Orléans, Kyoto and Singapore have shown an interest in this new power supply system.
- **IRISBUS-IVECO**, coach, bus and commercial vehicle builders entered a **system for post-treatment of exhaust gases from diesel engines**, using the combined action of a CRT (Continuous regeneration trap) particle filter and a Denox SCR catalyst (Selective catalytic reactor). Using this system it is possible to reach the European standard EEV (or "enhanced environmentally-friendly vehicles") emission level, which aims to encourage the reduction of air pollution in towns and cities, which is presently only possible with gas-powered vehicles, and lower nitrogen oxide and particle emissions to well below the regulatory threshold. Running and fuel costs are also greatly reduced.

Accessibility / facilities / comfort:

- **MATIS (groupe SNEF)**, traffic and traffic management specialists entered **TEMPO, an interactive information and guide terminal**. At bus stops, passengers will be able to obtain information on their journeys using this new colour display board, visible both during the day and at night. Services on offer include: finding out where you are on a local map and identifying connecting lines, consulting waiting times for buses in real time, locating where you are on the line you want to take, consulting timetables and traffic conditions. Development: July 2006.

Intelligent transport systems:

- **MOVIKEN**, leader in digital maps, entered **www.itransports.fr, the first passenger map website for public transport** in Europe. On this site you will find interactive maps of all the French public transport networks: TGV high speed trains, ordinary trains, metros and trams. In 2007, buses and coaches will also be included. Anywhere in France, passengers will be able to see lines, stations and stops on 10 different scales (from street or neighbourhood levels to national overviews). Other services available include a map of neighbouring streets and the town for each station, and maps of the county and region, as well as the nearest railway station and main information about the lines serving each town or district in this locality, and more.

For full details of exhibition news: www.transportspublics-expo.com

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