

Wet and windy Marseille



Last month Marseille hosted the JDL Med event for cranes, telehandlers and access equipment, France's leading specialist lifting exhibition.

Held every two years, the weather this time was not kind and compared dismally with that of 2014, when Marseille was bathed in southern sun. This year the winds reached storm force proportions creating a frightening effect in the gazebo booths. Fortunately, no structural damage was done but dire forecasts and floods certainly deterred visitors, with the show significantly quieter than last time.

The weather did not deter the true professionals and the mood was upbeat with clear signs that the French market is finally picking up. The following photos provide some of the highlights.



Klubb France launched its CMC spider lift distribution and sold its first machine, a CMC25 to CCMB



Belgian used equipment and replacement parts supplier Vertimac had a prime location at the entrance promoting its new parts catalogue



Jekko shared a stand with Fassi, the first sign of its acquisition of a 33 percent share in the business. Highlights included the Jekko SPK 60 mini crawler crane and the Fassi F-1650.



On the Movers stand was the latest version of the Appolo 30 electric powered machinery mover skate which claims the lowest height for a powered skate



The Manitowoc stand featured the Grove GMK4100L taxi crane and Potain Hup 32-27 self-erector from Bauma. Arcomet chief executive Philippe Cohet manned the stand with sister company Matebat, the Potain dealer. Plans are to merge Arcomet and Matebat next year.



Effer launched its new mid-range 175-2 loader crane and larger 855 with jib and the V stab front outriggers



Julien Bourrellis of Klubb (L) and Pascal Barbe of CCMB (R) and the Klubb Spider woman



Guiseppe Gugliemetti has joined JMG after 28 years with Valla



Hinowa unveiled a custom insulated quick attach platform, designed for utility company Enedis on a 14.72111s Lithium



Niftylift looking to expand in France with Frederick Allier leading the charge



Ormig showed a compact 5.5tME



Versalift sent a clear message to French van mounted lift buyers with a large stand, plenty of equipment and its new Versalift France team out in force - joined by a strong delegation from Time International in Denmark.



Largest platform on show was the 60 metre Multitel MJ600 in Loxam colours



Skyjack highlighted its platform attachments



Tadano launched its French direct sales operation with an ATF 130G-5, the company has two technical staff and an office in the Alsace.



Raimondi launched its new elevator for free standing tower cranes



Ruthmann highlighted the Bluelift acquisition with a spider lift and a Ram truck mount. Alongside a 51 metre Ruthmann on a two axle chassis.



Palfinger Platforms showed the ultra-compact P160A on a Mitsubishi chassis, plus its first spider lift the P150AJTK

Next year JDL moves to Beaune in September

25 years of Partnership

The German-based international association of independent rental companies Partner Lift celebrated its 25th anniversary earlier this month in Dresden, with its annual meeting and 'Einkaufsmesse' - or shopping exhibition - where members and suppliers come together to discuss the previous year and next year's equipment requirements.

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Partner Lift began life in March 1991 as Ringlift with Leopold Mayerhoffer at the helm, with co-founders Wolfgang Dahms and Joachim Metzner as shareholders. In 2002 the two shareholders took over the business which was also opened up for members to become shareholders and the name was changed to Partner Lift. After a rocky transition the organisation has grown steadily and now has



150 member locations throughout Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, Switzerland and Poland with a fleet of more than 15,000 machines. And since 2012 it has had a permanent chief executive in the form of Kai Schliephake.

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The conference centre



Presentation detail



The 'Einkaufsmesse' - or shopping exhibition



Founders Wolfgang Dahms (L) and Joachim Metzner run over the history



The 'Jubiläumsnacht'



Laurent Montenay of JLG (centre) presents a commemorative picture montage to Joachim Metzner (L) and Kai Schliephake of Partner Lift