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Platformers' Days 2018

This year's Platformers' Days was its 19th anniversary and the largest so far in terms of the sheer volume of equipment on display and the range of different lifting related products. The first event held in 1999 was an informal get together of six manufacturers or their local dealers, with the idea to hold a joint 'open day' saving money compared to each organising his own event and saving the buyers time by being able to see all of the equipment in one place at one time.

The concept - which included catering and a very basic approach with no fancy pavilions permitted - took off and apart from one or two tricky years - and skipping when coinciding with Bauma - it has gone from strength to strength. This year looked set to be the best year with a fantastic day on Friday, a record number of visitors and a highly positive atmosphere, topped at the end of the day by an evening party and dinner which was bursting at the seams.

Sadly, shortly after opening on Saturday morning, two men took the prototype CTE MP32:19 truck mounted platform out to its maximum reach, which should not have been possible with two large people. The boom bent and the two were thrown from the platform as it came to rest against a spider lift. Thankfully they were not seriously injured and were released from

hospital within 24 hours. However, the resulting sirens and helicopter air lift, combined with uncertainty over how badly hurt the two were had its effect on the rest of the day as a gloomy atmosphere settled over the site. The emergency services recommended that the event remain open, but it never managed to regain its early positivity.

Having said all that there was much to see with the main theme to take away from the event being the coming of the age of hybrid truck mounted lift. Palfinger, Ruthmann, Klubb, Versalift, Multitel, France Elevateur and others all showed new products in this range. The following are a few of the highlights, but a full and extensive photo tour can be found online at <https://www.vertikal.net/en/news/story/31344/>. The next Platformers Days event is scheduled for September 2020, next year being a Bauma year.



The incident involving the CTE platform on Saturday



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The weather was good this year and there was plenty of equipment



A 31m Comet 3117 on a two axle chassis with one axle 'trailer' can be driven on a 3.5 tonne licence



Almac launched its all new Bibbi 1250 Evo tracked boom with dynamic on the move levelling



Bronto's all-new 35 metre S35EM on a short 4x4 Scania chassis



A Comet EuroSky big platform truck mount



ELS showed the prototype of a new 13m mast-type lift



The new Sogage E-20T telescopic boom with 13.9m outreach and 300kg platform capacity

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GMG launched the new 4069RT Rough Terrain scissor lift



The new 16 metre Multitel MT16Z Hybrid



Haulotte demonstrated its new hybrid Pulseo boom lift



The new 18m Ruthmann Ecoline 180 Hybrid with battery or diesel power for the superstructure



The levelling MultiLoader 2.5 tracked transporter with Airo scissor lift on board



The new 23m Dino 230 VT truck mounted lift



The Versalift VTL 145F Hybrid van mounted lift



Korea's Horyong making its debut with its electric carrydeck crane



Palfinger's 37m all electric/hybrid truck mount, the P370 KS E



The new updated 52ft Manitou 180ATJ articulated boom



The Skyjack stand



In addition to its telehandlers, Magni showed a number of Magni-badged Dingli platforms including its new Euro type boom lift



The new Niftylift HR12L with lithium ion batteries attracted much attention



The Omme Germany stand with Omme trailers and spider lifts, alongside Airo and Almac scissors and booms which it also distributes



A Power Towers JLG Nano SP on the move