



ESTAS 2005 !

Last year saw the birth of the ESTA Awards, the so-called *ESTAS*. Because of its success and the positive reactions the venue will be repeated this year.

During BAUMA 2004 a special event was organised in Munich, Germany, to present the winners of the *Transport and Crane Jobs of the Year Competition* with their awards. In co-operation with *Cranes Today* magazine 3 awards were presented to the winning companies, for both heavy and/or specialised transport jobs and crane jobs.

A professional and independent jury judged the entries based on criteria such as ingenuity in the transport or crane solution, complexity of the project, professionalism shown, safety on the job, etc. etc.

The Transport *ESTAS* were presented to Transports Capelle in France (1st place), Mammoet in the Netherlands (2nd place) and Kübler in Germany (3rd place).

The winners of the Crane *ESTAS* were Mammoet in the Netherlands (1st place), BMS in Denmark (2nd place) and Ainscough in the UK (3rd place).



The Transport ESTAS winner is Mr. Daniel Chapelle.



In order to recognise the achievements of companies in our line of business ESTA management has decided to continue the *ESTAS*' Awards scheme. Especially in order to stimulate participation of smaller companies and to receive job entries with less giant but still complicated loads to move, ESTA introduces new award categories to acknowledge the contribution of those companies to our business too.

Starting this year separate Crane *ESTAS*, place 1 to 3, will be awarded to crane operations both up to and over 100t telescopic or equivalent lattice boom crane(s). A similar method applies to the Transport *ESTAS*. Criteria are either under or over: 120t combined gross weight (CGW), 4.50m wide, 4.40m high and 35m long.

The period covering the 2005 *ESTAS* has been changed slightly. This means job entries covering projects carried out from March 2004 until June 2005 can now be sent to the ESTA office in the Netherlands. Please note to use the special transport or crane form required to take part in the competition. The form is attached to this **ESTA Info**. Additional copies can be obtained from your association or from the ESTA office in the Netherlands.

Entries have to be sent, preferably by email (esta@verticaltransport.nl), to the ESTA office in the Netherlands. Closing date will be 15th September 2005.

Following last year's successful awards ceremony in Munich, this year Amsterdam is the place to be. Parallel to the European Road Transport Show in Amsterdam (14-22 October), 18 October 2005 ESTA will organise a reception & dinner party at a prominent location in the Amsterdam area. We will inform you about the availability of tickets in a later stage.



Mr. P. van Seumeren received the winning Crane ESTAS.



For hotel reservations we suggest following options: www.rai.nl/hotelservice , www.amsterdamtourist.nl , via internet search engines such as www.google.com or your local travel agency.

Best Practice Guideline

As a result of ESTA lobbying the European Commission intends to publish a so-called Best Practice Guideline on abnormal load transports. An expert group with representatives of all member states plans to publish this document within a year. The ESTA representative is co-chairman of the expert group. The Best Practice Guideline consists of a set of recommendations for permit authorities. The best practice has chapters on self-propelled machinery (mobile cranes), private escorts, marking and signalling and so on. Guidelines are given for the difference between long term permits and short term permits. There are chapters on corridors for abnormal load transports and for the SERT form (see below). The guideline also deals with the problem of the long delay in issuing permits. In some countries a permit can be obtained within a couple of days. In Spain for example this process takes sometimes more than two months. For that reason the expert group has done the following proposal for harmonisation.:

Local/regional road authorities to be consulted	Permit granted within:
No consultation	< 5 working days
One other road authority	< 7 working days
Between 2 and 5 road authorities	< 10 working days
More than 5 road authorities	< 15 working days

A best practice document is not the same as a formal, European directive. However, to ESTA and its members the European best practice forms a huge step forward. The best practice document, though not legally binding, is a very good instrument for harmonisation. Member states would need a very good argument if they would want their national permit procedures and conditions to vary from the European best practice.

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Special European Registration for Trucks and Trailers

Many European countries have strict, technical conditions for the admission on the road of vehicle combinations used for abnormal load transport. The German paragraph 70 and the Italian Scheda Technica are just a few examples of complicated forms that a haulier, planning an abnormal loads transport, has to fill in. ESTA aims at harmonisation of the national requirements for technical admission. For that reason ESTA has collaborated with the Dutch RDW. These two parties developed the SERT form and the SERT software. As from the start of 2005 SERT has successfully been introduced in the Netherlands. With the help of the software it is possible to register all types of special trailers. SERT is also suitable for registering a modular trailer concept. Other countries have shown a considerable interest in SERT. Belgium, Germany and France are studying the concept. With the help of national ESTA members SERT could become a huge success in the field of European harmonisation.

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New address ESTA office

The last general meeting of ESTA was held at Manchester, U.K. as a result of the invitation of Ainscough Crane Hire Ltd. Following the earlier decision to continue the ESTA representation by the Dutch associations VVT (cranes) and TLN (transport), it was decided at this meeting that the ESTA office will be located at the office of the VVT in Culemborg, the Netherlands.

Mr. Christian-Jacques Vernazza continues as President of ESTA. Mr. Lion Verhagen will be the Secretary of the crane section. Mr. Verhagen will also be the Secretary-General of ESTA for the next 1½ years. Mr. Carlo Cahn will act as Secretary of the heavy transport section. Mr. Gino Koster will take care of PR, promotion and marketing of ESTA.

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Mr. Lion Verhagen acts as Secretary-General and Secretary of the crane section



Mr. Carlo Cahn (left) at the ESTA event in Munich, Germany acts as Secretary of the heavy transport section.



Mr. Gino Koster takes care of PR, promotion and marketing.