

# Wet, cold and muddy but a great success



A wet Omme lift stand

**Platformers Days - the German powered access show - returned to Hohenroda in mid-September only to be faced with torrential rain during build up resulting in a waterlogged show ground, making it impossible for some exhibitors to get their equipment onto their stands. However some hasty reorganisation - squeezing non rough terrain equipment onto hard standing areas around the site - managed to place all of the equipment within the time schedule.**

**The opening day remained wet and unseasonably cold, however this did not stop a record number of visitors not only attending, but also spending time on the outdoor stands, some of which were unbelievably boggy. The atmosphere was extremely positive in spite of the weather, with most exhibitors delighted with the number of visitors in a buying mood. Day two was forecast to be more of the same, but remained dry and was noticeably warmer.**

In spite of the show coming only two months after Apex there were new product launches, with Ruthmann unveiling a new 28 metre

TU280 truck mounted lift destined for self-drive urban applications. Palfinger launched its new 16 metre P160 as well as showing its 26 metre 3.5 tonne telescopic - the PT260B. New self-propelled models were limited to niche suppliers, including the Almac Bibi 630 tracked scissor lift, with the ability to level on sloping ground and Hemetec's new 15 metre Helix 1508 mast boom, which is an update of the Lehmann Emu with eight metres of outreach. IPS used the show to launch its new German parts operation and finally the Bezeukom group unveiled a road rail version of the Manitou 160AJ articulated boom lift. So far the company has

obtained rail approvals for the UK and Germany and already has a substantial order book. The ART17T utilises a standard Manitou boom with hydraulic rail units back and front. Platform capacity is 400kg unrestricted while maximum drive speed using a dedicated pump and drive system is 18kph, although

regulations limit this to 12kph in the UK.

The following is a photographic overview of the event, for those wishing to see and read more check out the online review on [Vertikal.net](http://Vertikal.net) or see the review in sister magazine *Kran & Bühne*.



Skyjack, Genie, Snorkel and others were happy to be on the hard standing this year



The new Palfinger PT260B



The Vertikal stand



The IPS stand



First appearance of Magni at Platformers Days - next to Platform Basket spider lifts





Genie's two new articulated boom lifts



Omme-Germany now distributes Airo - the manufacturer's best export market



IPS launched its new German parts operation



Ruthmann's new TU 285



Across the mud to the Haulotte stand



Bezeukom unveiled a road rail version The Manitou 160AJ



The low level Hybrid Custom lifts close to the Holland Lift Giants - obliged to move due to a waterlogged stand



The Hematec Helix 1508 mast boom offers a 14.8 metre working height and eight metres of outreach



Dino and Hematic donated a trailer lift to the charity auction Wilhelm Buchtmann paid €22,500 for it. (L-R) Petri Paavolainen of Dinolift with Andreas Hänel of Hematic, Karin Nars of Dinolift with Wilhelm Buchtmann and son Maik



The Socage A314 on the Wienold stand



The inside area



The 36 metre GSR360PXJ on a 4x4 chassis struggled to cope with the mud



The Almac Bibi tracked scissors



The new 28 metre Ruthmann City Steiger TU285



Bored? Try the JLG basketball challenge



The new Palfinger P160TX



ATN Rough Terrain lifts on the swampy demo area



Blumenbecker showed a large scale model of the Genie SX-180



One of the boggiest stands was Manitou