

French days

The French crane and access event JDL - Journées Du Levage was held this year in Marseille at the end of October. In spite of the state of the local economy it was well attended by exhibitors, with a wide selection of cranes, loader cranes, telehandlers and powered access.

The three day show was busy, and more than 1,000 people attended the gala dinner on the evening of the first day. The most significant new product launch came from Manitou which unveiled its new 32 metre 360 degree MRT-3255 - see news section for more details.

Another new product was a little trailer mounted self-erecting tower crane from GP Mat that can be towed behind a pick-up truck. On the boom front both Genie and JLG had

their 180/185 booms on show, with Genie also launching its two new articulated booms. Loader cranes were very well represented with Fassi, Palfinger and Effer all showing big cranes.

Most exhibitors we spoke to were happy with the quality of the visitors, all of whom were serious buyers. The following are just a few photos from the event, check out JDL on www.vetikal.net to see more of them.



First glimpse - ATN with scissors, booms and mast booms and Sennebogen's 70t tele crawler



Ruthman has sold a T720 to local company Nasa



Effer's 1855TM on a very flash looking five axle Scania rig



Fassi's massive F1950 articulated crane



This little ultra compact CoMeT attracted much attention



Grove/Potain and Terex cranes faced each other across the aisle - the 400t Grove GMK400 in Mediacolours



Skyjack breaking into the French market



Haulotte showed its HT23RTJ and highlighted its Activ Shield secondary guarding system



Genie showed its new Z33/18 and Z62/40J articulated booms plus the SX-180



Imer showed a 19m truck mount which it plans to sell in southern Europe



Specialist engineering company Bigore had a photo of one of its latest commissions



The 12m x 12m mini self-erecting tower crane on a two axle trailer



Bronto launched its industrial truck mounts in France with the XR56



Spider lifts were everywhere with Hinowa, Multitel, JLG, Imer, Teupen, CTE, Platform Basket and others on show



Half of the show was under cover



Palfinger platforms demonstrates the P480's platform rotation



Palfinger Cranes has sold its first 200 T/M PK200002 in France, fitted with integrated platform



The new Manitou MRT3255



Comilev showed this utility-digger derrick-vehicle alongside its truck mounted lifts



A surprising exhibit - a Zoomlion RT55CE Rough Terrain crane



At the party a JLG scissor lift made a great stage for the famous DJ from St Tropez



Sarens displayed a model of its SGC120

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