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BETTER THAN EXPECTED!



Many exhibitors at Intermat 2018 thought that it might be its last as an international exhibition. However, while many leading manufacturers - mainly in the crane and aerial lift sectors - decided not to attend this year leaving empty spaces both in the halls and outside, the show seemed well attended and had a good vibe.

The cold windy weather on Wednesday the first day, did its best to keep any visitors inside, but things improved dramatically on Thursday and Friday which were busy. Intermat has felt like a show gradually losing its international status since 2015 if not before, while Bauma has continued to grow and dominate and Conexpo managed to regain and stabilise its status.

Figures from the Intermat organisers puts this year's visitor numbers at 127,500, of which 27,000 came from 130 countries outside of France. Although of the 1,000 or so exhibitors over two thirds were from overseas.

It is always a disappointment when a big trade show fails to attract all of the major manufacturers, particularly domestic ones with Manitou, Haulotte and Potain among the local 'no-shows'. Other global aerial lift and telehandler players staying away included JLG, Skyjack, JCB, Snorkel, Dingli and Sinoboom.

Cranes were very notably absent with Manitowoc/Grove/Potain, Tadano, Sennebogen, Klass, Bocker, Kato, Jekko, Unic, Valla, Link-Belt, Palfinger, Hiab, Comansa, Jaso and Wolffkran all absent. When it comes to earthmoving and general construction equipment manufacturers

however it was a different picture with most in attendance. At the same time more local shows, such as JDL in France or Vertikal Days in the UK - both in September this year - will have almost all of the 'missing in action' companies attending.

Having said all this there was still plenty of new and interesting products and exhibits on show. Hopefully the following pictorial overview provides a flavour of the show with more in-depth product by product coverage in features over the next few months.

How would I sum up the show? Certainly, the trend towards low noise and emission equipment and alternative power sources continues to gain momentum. However, most manufacturers talked of improving existing product performance and equipment that offers an alternative solution. The increased use of technology was also very evident this year for every product no matter the sector.

Intermat 2018 was poor, while 2021 was cancelled due to Covid. This year's show may be enough to ensure a decent Intermat 2027, but not on the global level and certainly not as a major crane and access show, where local specialist exhibitions do a better job and are more environmentally friendly...

A busy Merlo stand with the 50.30 S Plus Roto telehandler dominating



Liebherr LTC 1050-3.1E



A packed Herd stand





The Hoefflon stand



The Klubb group stand with a Klubb van mount and a 16m Isoli PT16 - now sold in France under the Klubb brand



LGMG was showing 10 new models including the new 80ft diesel-electric AR24J boom and the SR2024E 65ft RT scissor



EasyLift and Cela platforms on the LVM Nacelles stand



LGMG articulated 3D boom



The 4m Ausa T144H compact telehandler weighs 2.527kg allowing trailer transportation



The Montarent Montalift M21-4WDS



for Williams France stand



Comet truck mounts on the Imer stand, Imer is the Comet distributor for France



Ruthmann truck mount in Mediaco colours



Sany attracted large audiences to watch its dance shows



Scania PHEV 26t Hybrid chassis with a Hiab X-HiDuo 188 loader crane



Faresin 6.26 Full Electric



Fassi France stand with the F185A-1-23



Sunward scissors



Terex cranes on the SNM stand



The Genie stand



The new Liebherr T32.7E 3,200kg - 7m electric telehandler



MST from Turkey showed a new 4,200kg, 7m telehandler the MP7.42-125 and announced the 3,500kg, 7m MH7.35



Alan Hou, marketing director LiuGong with the 66ft LA20JE-Li electric articulated boom lift



A demonstration of Ludwig System's automatic hooks



Faymonville Max 110 trailer



Bobcat TL25-60e prototype



Near the entrance IPAF's stand with (L-R) Faith Cobaine, Peter Douglas, Matteo Malacarne and Mike Ashton



Locatelli Gril 110.100 RT crane



A surprising exhibitor - United Rentals - with a focus on temporary power



Imer's new all electric 19 metre IM R 19 SA Evo Lithium with 230kg capacity and weighing 2,470kg



Part of the Zoomlion stand



Engine compartment of the Zoomlion ZTH2506 telehandler

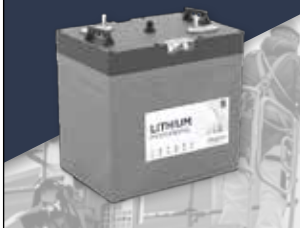


Klac Industries merry go round



The 'see through' LG screen on the Bobcat prototype compact telehandler

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A Merlo eWorker 25-5-90 compact telehandler with access platform attachment in the demonstration area



Bobcat's new TR60-260 Magni built roto telehandler



The Maber stand



Magni elevating cab on the RTH6.31EC



Merlo Panoramic 40.13



Part of the Nootboom trailer stand



The Multitel stand



Sany was showing three telehandlers - the STH1840, the 1440 and the 742



The Altrad stand



Cummins B6-7H Hydrogen engine producing 290hp and zero CO2



The Agco Power 100kWh battery pack e100



The Electroelse stand



A selection of glass lifters from Uplifter



Palazzani's 52m XTJ52+ Bi-Energy with 980kg hydraulic winch



The 25m Cela DT 25 platform can be quickly swapped for a hoist, converting the 25m lift into a light duty crane



The new Marchetti CW25.35HY Sherpina full electric telescopic crawler crane with 90kWh battery and 22kW diesel onboard charger



Turkish manufacturer Ozgul and one of its transport trailers



Zommlion ZCT1000V552.1 100 tonne telescopic crawler crane with a 47m main boom



Platform Basket has added a simpler, lower cost version of its tracked mast boom, the Heron 10 SB without the levelling jacks, or the quick release platform



A new Deutz Power Tree on site power source



Dieci's new Apollo 26.6 electric



California's MEC at its first Intermat in years



Multitel MZ350 Hybrid truck mounted lift



ELS' new RT 12E Lithium battery pack made by one of its subsidiary companies Zass



Comet's new 14m Eurosky 1426 HO jib - also available as a 16m



The Cormidi stand



Hered 6.6m working height HM0608E mast lift



Ganterud Lifting solutions L5Pro lifting chain



LGMG stand with new telehandler



The full electric JMG MC25S has a 2,500kg lift capacity



Kobelco handover ceremony for four G-4 lattice crawlers to Crane Norway



Palazzani TSJ30 .1 Hybrid spider lift with optional lifting hook with 400kg max capacity



A new range from Faresin - the FS 7.40 Excellence



Uplifter SPT299 with a 2,950kg lift capacity



The Sunward stand, complete with new boom lift



Largest telehandler on the Dieci stand was its new 6t-35m Pegasus 60.35 weighing 24t