

Why do people travel half way across Europe to go to the SAIE show in Bologna, Italy?

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round seventy companies will be exhibiting cranes and powered access equipment at Italy's annual construction show in Bologna this year. Among them will be lots of the major, international manufacturers and a whole host of small and medium sized Italian companies, some of which you have probably never have heard of. That, in a nutshell, is why a dedicated band of Brits makes the SAIE pilgramage every year.

This year, being even numbered, the tower cranes are back and we can expect to see a forest of towers of all shapes and sizes. Italian engineers are renowned for their ingenuity and those working in the tower crane industry are no exception. Alongside Potain and Liebherr, you can expect to see the likes of Raimondi, FM Gru and Gru Dalbe, all of whom will have new models on display.

There is also a comprehensive turn out of mobile crane manufacturers and this will be the first exhibition to feature Terex and Demag stands since Terex bought Demag. On show will be cranes from Liebherr, Demag, Terex, Tadano Faun, Grove, Marchetti, Rigo, Ormig and Eurogru Amici.

For anybody thinking of buying some loader cranes, SAIE is the holy grail! On show are likely to be more than 150 loader crane booms. Hiab, Palfinger, HMF, Effer, Fassi and PM are just some of the names. Amco Veba, Cormach, Ferrari, RF,

GETTING THERE:

Fly directly to Bologna airport with Go or Alitalia and then take the bus or a taxi for the 30 minute ride to the show. Do not try driving to the show from outside Bologna as you will be stuck for hours on the approach roads! More info from the Events section of www.Vertikal.net Next and Copma are some more. This really is THE show at which to compare and contrast different loader crane products.

But the show doesn't stop there. SAIE is also a major conglomeration of radio remote control companies and is a great place to catch up on the very latest technology from German and Italian manufacturers. Autec, for example has a new proportional radio remote control for hydraulic cranes.

Italian access

In the powered access sector SAIE is also known as the place to find a new company with a new product. Every year, previously unknown manufactur-

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ers surprise with new and different products. It could be the chance to catch a trend before it becomes popular! The established companies are also out in force and Haulotte, JLG, Genie, GSR, Oil & Steel, Wumag, Iteco, Airo, Pagliero, Cela and the UK's own dear Niftylift are just some of the companies you will find.

But, going to SAIE is not only about lifting equipment! It's also about Italian food, the historic town of Bologna (yes, it is the home of Bolognese sauce), Italian driving and the 1000 other companies exhibiting every conceivable type of building and construction equipment. From Ceramics to Cranes and Patios to Platforms – SAIE is a very impressive show.

Companies you might like to visit

Company o	Hall r Area	Stand No.	Company	Hall r Area
Abacus	33	A20-B17	Grove	48
Airo	47	C83-A15	Gru Dalbe	48
Alimak	48	B29	GSR	44
Amco Veba	44	C34	Haulotte	48
Atlas	44	A64	HBC	48
Autec	48	B/14	Radiomatic	
Autogru PM	44	F36-G31	Heila	44
Autogru Rigo	44	A56-B23	Hetronic	48
Basket	49	B38	Steuersysteme	45
Benelligru	44	C42	Hiab HMF	
Bobcat	36	D11		48
Brevini	36	F6	Ikusi	48
Winches				48
<u>Cela</u>	44	F11	Instant Italia	
Cometto	48	E105-F104	Isoli	44
Copma	44	A32-B11	lteco	44
Cormach	44	A32-B11	JLG	47
Cranes	42	20	Jolly Crane Klaas	44
& Access	4.0		Liebherr	
Demag Cranes	48	D31 E113-F112	Locatelli	48 30
Dieci Dinamic Oil	48	E113-F112 F51	Maber	<u> </u>
	29	E31 D78	Marchetti	
Draco Fffer	44			47
	44	D38 D25	Mediapoint Merlo	42
Eurogru Amici Euroscaf	44	B22	Next	40
Euroscar F.lli Ferrari	49	E24	Hydraulics	44
Faber.com	44	A22	Niftylift	
Fassi	44	E11-D13	Oil & Steel	42
Ferrari	44	D23	Op Pagliero	44
International 2	44	023	Ormig	47
FM Gru	48	Z10	Palfinger	44
Genie	44	F28-G23	Paus	44
			Potain	48
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Instant Italia	44	A48-B19
Isoli	44	C18
lteco	44	B32
JLG	47	B73
Jolly Crane	44	A3
Klaas	42	B61-B44
Liebherr	48	F15-H12
Locatelli	30	A22-D26
Maber	42	B49
Marchetti	47	A20
Mediapoint	42	20
Merlo	48	A69-B70
Next Hydraulics	44	C41
Niftylift		
Oil & Steel	42	B73
Op Pagliero	44	E40-F27
Ormig	47	C89
Palfinger	44	F16-G11
Paus	44	F28-G23
Potain	48	C39-D45
Raimondi	48	A97-B98
RAM	47	B75
RF	44	D12
Rossi	36	D17
Tadano Faun	48	D73
Terex	48	F97
Wumag		

Stand No. C38 E41 B16 A55 D22

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A10 127 A78 A21