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press release**TRAKO 2017 | 12th International Railway Fair**www.trakotargi.pl**TRAKO IS A RECORD BREAKER!**

16,500 trade visitors from 48 countries, 30,000 m² of exhibition space, 1,000 m of exhibition track to showcase rolling stock, on-track machines and equipment, 700 exhibitors from 25 countries: TRAKO 2017, the 12th International Railway Fair, drew to a close on 29 September. Its 12th edition confirmed TRAKO to be Poland's largest and most prestigious meeting of the rail transport industry and Europe's second-biggest railway show in terms of size and importance.

THE NUMBERS ARE IMPRESSIVE

TRAKO brought together a record-breaking number of 700 exhibitors from 25 countries. TRAKO participants are both multinationals and the leading Polish rail and tram companies, including private and local government operators, suppliers of rail technology and rolling stock. This year, we had national pavilions from Austria, Czech Republic, UK, the German federal states of Berlin and Brandenburg, Saxony, Baden-Württemberg, alongside trade missions from Brussels and Wallonia, with a footfall of 16,500 and 30 countries represented!

EXHIBITS FROM POLAND'S AND EUROPE'S LARGEST ROLLING STOCK MANUFACTURERS

This year's exhibition reflected the industry's current state-of-play, especially in terms of the latest, innovative technological solutions. NEWAG Nowy Sącz presented two vehicles: Impuls II and the Griffin locomotive. Pesa Bydgoszcz showcased the electric-powered GAMA Marathon with a last-mile diesel engine, along with Elf II. Stadler Polska presented the FLIRT vehicle and—together with Solaris—the TRAMINO tram for Leipzig. Several upgraded PKP Intercity cars and the new Link diesel train purchased by POLREGIO were on display. There was a presentation of the new 207E electric-powered locomotive from Rail Polska Sp. z o.o. and the Vectron MS locomotive from Siemens.



Track Tec presented its SMART TURNOUT, with induction-heated plates and radiators, a control system with a weather station, Alstom HyDrive, SKLTT12 fastening system and friction plates with a roller system. Track Tec's induction-based heating system is a completely new solution on a global scale. Its innovation is about heat generation only in the turnout locations which should be heated, which makes it stand out against other constructions of this type.

40 SIDE EVENTS

TRAKO is an excellent platform for discussion, exchange of experience and a search for innovative solutions in infrastructure, the transport management system and rolling stock equipment technology. At more than 40 events with international attendees—debates, seminars, conferences and presentations—the industry's most current priority subjects were addressed, including:

- **technical conference: Tram Transport into the Future—Needs and Considerations**—organised by the IGKM Polish Chamber of Urban Transport;
- **seminar: Conditions for placing upgraded and new rolling stock in service**—organised by the SIRTIS Polish Association for Rail Transport Interoperability and Development;
- **debate: Creating a Regulatory Framework for the Sustainable Development of Transport in the EU**—organised by GRUPA PKP;
- **conference: Infrastructure Manager—Contractor and Producer—Notified Body. How the relations among these parties influence the pace and cost of execution, effectiveness and quality, as well as innovation of projects. What has been achieved? What lies ahead?**—organised by: PKP PLK SA; Polish Chamber of Land Transport (IGTL); Railway Research Institute (IK);
- 4th edition of the Rail22 International Conference: **What's impeding the rail freight market?**—organised by the PRO Kolej Foundation;
- **debate: Cooperation of assessment bodies with the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) in the light of changes to European law**—organised by the SIRTIS Polish Association for Rail Transport Interoperability and Development.



CAREER DAY

CAREER DAY featured at TRAKO for the first time. Its participants joined in the agenda designed by the TRAKO Programme Council and took a tour of the exhibition. A lot of interest was generated by debates: Trade curricula in secondary schools; Is the rail transport industry an attractive employer for college graduates; by a CV writing workshop, and more. There were also one-on-one meetings with employers, the TRAKO exhibitors who presented job, internship and traineeship opportunities. Career Day enjoyed great interest among college students.

RAILWAY IN MINIATURE

Sixteen modellers and rail transport fans presented their work at The World of Small Railway. The exhibition was brought to you in partnership with the Sopot Railway Modellers Club. The display included four railway mock-ups (with a Kashubia Region railway station), an interesting collection of photographs and rolling stock prepared by the Pomeranian Railroad Fans Association (PTMKŻ) and a locomotive simulator made by modellers from Oświęcim, Poland. In a public vote, the title of the most eye-catching railway mock-up and the MTG SA President's Cup went to Paweł Koob.

TRAKO LENDS A HAND

For many years, the TRAKO FOR KIDS Charity Fundraiser has been organised by the TRAKO Exhibitors and Organisers. This year, the proceeds went to the patients in the care of the Dr Clown Foundation, which runs the Laughter Therapy programme in Polish children's hospitals, special facilities, welfare centres, social therapy centres, children's homes and everywhere else where there are sick, disabled children. TRAKO FOR KIDS included a railway-themed art competition for children and young people entitled *My Friend on a Train Journey*. The competition's finale was an auction of the works by the talented young artists—the winners—at the TRAKO GALA evening. All proceeds from the fundraiser were donated to the Dr Clown Foundation.



TRAKO HONOURS THE BEST

TRAKO was accompanied by seven prestigious competitions in which awards were presented to the best TRAKO products and technologies:

The Ernest Malinowski Award

The Ernest Malinowski Award, Category: Rolling Stock, Separate Assemblies and Subassemblies

Solaris Bus & Coach SA for the Solaris Tramino Leipzig

honourable mention

Pojazdy Szynowe (Rail Vehicles) PESA Bydgoszcz SA for the ELF2 EMU-TYPE 21 WEa

The Ernest Malinowski Award, Category: Technical Innovations Applied in Rolling Stock

ŁKA Łódź Commuter Rail Sp. z o.o. for the Innovative Rolling Stock Management System, Including Dispatch, Technical Maintenance and Cost Control

honourable mention

ENTE Sp. z o.o. for the AWIA Dynamic Passenger Information System

The Józef Nowkuński Award

The Józef Nowkuński Award, Category: Completed Line Projects and Enclosed Buildings Implemented in Poland

TRACK TEC SA for the Innovative Induction-Based TRACK TEC SA Turnout Heating System

honourable mention

Trakcja PRkil SA for the TRAKCJA-SAT HUSAR Passenger Information System

The Józef Nowkuński Award, Category: Infrastructure Innovations

Rail-Mil Computers Sp. z o.o. Sp. k. for the Balise Life Check

ELESTER-PPK for the ISKRA Computer-Based Rail Traffic Control System

The Prof. Jan Podoski Award

The Prof. Jan Podoski Award, Category: Rolling Stock

MODERTRANS Poznań Sp. z o.o. for the Moderus Gamma LF 01 AC Tram



honourable mention

SOLARIS BUS & COACH SA for the Solaris Tramino Leipzig Tram

The Prof. Jan Podoski Award, Category: Rolling Stock Parts, Components and Equipment

ENIKA Industrial Electronics Sp. z o.o. for the ENI-PT600/24/AC/25 Static Converter with SiC Transistors, for Trams

honourable mention

MEDCOM Sp. z o.o. for the FT-160-600/PSM-42 Highly Efficient Integrated Propulsion Inverter and Auxiliary Converter for Electric Buses based on Full-SiC Technology

honourable mention, Track Infrastructure Category

M&MR TRADING Polska Sp. z o.o. / TRANSCOMFORT for the RCS Smart Track Insulation and Rail Foundation System

honourable mention, Supply and Power Infrastructure Category

TRAKCJA PRKiL SA for the Modular Dynamic Load Control System for Traction Substations, with Charging Point Option

The SITK RP Prof. Czesław Jaworski Award

SITK RP Prof. Czesław Jaworski Grand Prize, Vehicle Category

for outstanding achievements in the application of new technologies and equipment in electric traction

PESA BYDGOSZCZ SA for the ELF 2 Electric Multiple Unit

honourable mention

ENIKA Sp. z o.o. for the Drive and Power Supply System with SiC Transistors and a Liquid-Based Cooling System for Low-Floor Tramway Units

SITK RP Prof. Czesław Jaworski Grand Prize, Infrastructure Category

for outstanding achievements in the application of new technologies and equipment in electric traction

ELESTER-PKP Sp. z o.o. for the CZAT 7 PLC



honourable mention

KUCA Sp. z o.o. for the Overhead Wire Crossing—Tram Contact System Fittings

TRAKO Best Company Stand Design Award

stands up to 30 m²

KOLTECH Sp. z o.o., Racibórz, Poland

PRVNÍ SIGNÁLNÍ a. s., Ostrava, Czech Republic

ELESTER-PKP, Łódź, Poland

stands above 31 m²

POLREGIO Przewozy Regionalne Sp. z o.o., Warsaw, Poland

ASTE Sp. z o.o., Gdańsk, Poland

CENZIN, Warsaw, Poland

Socially Responsible Railway Company Award

KD LOWER SILESIA RAILWAYS for its multiple, diverse and quality actions for the local community

DB CARGO POLSKA SA for employee engagement in community activities and exemplary communication

ŁKA ŁÓDŹ COMMUTER RAILWAY for the unique accessibility of its transport services to people with various types of disabilities and for excellent public communication

SEP (Association of Polish Electrical Engineers) President's Medal

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PRKil SA Railway and Engineering Company for the Modular Dynamic Load Control System for Traction Substations, with Charging Point Option

MEDCOM Sp. z o.o. for the FT-160-600/PSM-42 Highly Efficient Integrated Propulsion Inverter and Auxiliary Converter for Electric Buses based on Full-SiC Technology



The Golden Chariot Award

MEDCOM Sp. z o.o. (Poland)

The most innovative company in the sustainable transport engineering sector

KNORR-BREMSE SYSTEMY KOLEJOWE POLSKA Sp. z o.o.

for its excellence in manufacturing and servicing latest generation rolling stock

VIKTAR KASHANAU Chairman, Commission on Passenger Traffic, Organisation for Co-operation between Railways (OSJD), Belarus, for his achievements in consolidating international relations in the transport sector

Polish Association for the Support of National Security—Patriot Ring Award

Archbishop Sławoj Leszek Głódź, Metropolitan of Gdańsk

Krzysztof Mamiński, President of the Management Board, PKP SA

The event's agenda is set by the TRAKO Programme Council, which includes: Pro Kolej Foundation, Commercial Chamber of Land Transport (IGTL), Polish Association of Engineers and Technicians of Transportation (SITK RP), Association of Polish Electrical Engineers (SEP), Polish Chamber of Urban Transport (IGKM), Polish International Freight Forwarders Association (PISIL/PIFFA), Railway Business Forum (RBF), Polish Association for Rail Transport Interoperability and Development (SIRTS), Association of Railway Sector Experts and Managers.

TRAKO is organised by the MTG SA Gdańsk International Fair Co. and Grupa PKP. TRAKO Partners are: Bombardier, Knorr-Bremse, Medcom, Pojazdy Szynowe PESA Bydgoszcz SA, TINES and TRACK TEC.

Poland's Minister of Infrastructure and Construction held honorary auspices over the event.

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