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**Awards for innovation in logistics
Humans at the heart of logistics performance**

Axégaz, Néopost Shipping, Barjane, FM Logistic and Shippéo are the 5 winners of the Innovation Awards 2016. A list completed by Wetruck, a special jury prize

By focussing on the human aspects, security and capabilities of the transport-logistics industry to take up digital and environmental challenges, the 2016 Logistics innovation Awards recognise entrepreneurial spirit and new initiatives for improved performance.

With 58 entries and over 300 well-argued pages, it was particularly difficult to finalise decisions on the 2016 edition of the Awards

“All the entries were strong and of high quality, featuring new innovations. In general this year the jury were more sensitive to innovations that placed human and environmental challenges at the heart of the logistics process. Safety and the integration of the solutions within a connected environment also guided their selection” confided Alain Bagnaud, director of the Reed Exhibitions Transport & Logistics business area and President of the jury.

The jury- made up of 15 high level executives working in transport and logistics- rewarded 5 companies, each in its area of relevance plus a special jury prize.



Best innovation in Transport Equipment - Axégaz Solutions Transport

In order to preserve air quality in towns and cities and to significantly reduce road pollution, natural gas is a low carbon energy solution uniting road transporters. The rise of this technology impacts particularly on where there is an absence of a distribution network.

Winner of the Best Innovation in Transport Equipment Axégaz unlocks the problem with the LNG Box solution. Operational in only three months, this LNG distribution service station enables access to this alternative fuel at an extremely competitive investment rate. Compact and mobile, the LNG Box turnkey delivered with a storage capacity of 20 m³ follows French regulations and is fully MID accredited.

Gael Prigent, Group Supply Chain Director at Logista France says, “ The *LNG Box* from Axégaz is a real logistics innovation responding to the demands of road transport companies. It provides a real solution to the following problem: road hauliers are not buying LNG vehicles because there are no LNG stations since the distributors of LNG do not invest in stations unless there is a critical mass of users per site. Requiring a low investment, the LNG Box resolves this question”

Best Intralogistics innovation - Neopost Shipping

Testifying to the increased volumes of robotisation in logistics, the award for best innovation in Intralogistics is given to Neopost Shipping for its automated CVP-500 system. Aimed at e-commerce businesses, it allows the creation of a made to measure package that optimises volumes, use of materials and storage space.

“Useful and efficient, this innovation attracted the jury since every logistician who sends out disparate packages in B2B or B2C have to deal with problems of package sizes, delivery timing, materials and rates” declares Gabriel Schumacher, Logistics Director at BSH Electroménager

An all in one concept that measures in 3D, weighs, packs, labels, the CVP-500 solution is capable of inserting an invoice or brochure and avoids the need to use wedges within the package. *“The three letters can be summed up as follows: **“C” as fast and optimised packaging. “P” for productivity which is 10 times greater than manual operations and “V” as perfectly adjusted volume with a reduction of 50% of waste space and an economy of 20% in use of cardboard**”* adds Schumacher.

Best Innovation Infrastructure or Logistics Site - Barjane

Auchan's Ile-de-France Est distribution centre developed by Barjane at Serris, Val d'Europe Marne-la-Vallée was recognised with the award for Best Innovation Infrastructure or Logistics Site.

Putting workforce welfare and safety at the heart of the design which is certified ISO 14 001, Excellent HQETM NF and BREEAM Good, this 52 000 m² hub marks a leap forward in the industrial property offering. Adapted to the requirements of leading retailer Auchan, it includes unique safety equipment and many special personnel benefits including a company restaurant, shared car pool, dedicated bus service, leisure area, orchard...

“The winner of the Best Innovation Infrastructure or Logistics Site illustrates the themes that guided jury choice in 2016. The project by Barjane for Auchan is an exemplary implementation conceived around welfare and comfort of personnel, respect for the environment, land protection and safety requirements at work” points out Yann de Feraudy, Deputy Managing Director Operations & Information Systems - Groupe Yves Rocher.

Best Innovation Transport and Logistics Services - FM Logistic

Conceived by FM Logistic' automation service with the support of Axys Robotique, the MDC 400 module for cutting cardboard demonstrates the ability of a service provider to be engaged in the process of robotisation in order to optimise service quality and productivity.

Recognised by the jury with the Award for Best Innovation Transport and Logistics Services, this investment employs several pioneering technologies that allow it to identify operational requirements and to transform them in terms of technical and functional needs.

"The MDC 400 module unites safety, ergonomics, simplicity and productivity. Able to cut a container to different heights without any risk to the contents while removing dust, it eliminates the risk of breaks and RSI. Thanks to improved ergonomics at the workstation, the operators reduce the number of tedious tasks such as the carrying of heavy loads" states Bertrand Regnault, Industrial Supply Chain Director. Groupement des Mousquetaires.

Best Innovation Technologies and Information Systems- Shippéo

Hotly contested as always with over fifteen candidates entered, the Award for Best Innovation Technologies and Information Systems went to Shippéo.

This new company, that has already established partnerships with leading actors in the world of digital publishing, shippers and transporters, has developed the first collaborative tracking solution for buyers that enables them to follow the activity of their transporters through the means of a web platform and a free smartphone application.

From the creation of the order to delivery with proof of receipt, the Shippéo solution stands out by its ability to centralise tracking data from hundreds of transporters using different information systems.

For Eric Ballot, professor at the Ecole des Mines, *"the transportation of goods depends on actors of widely different sizes and capabilities including many small and very small enterprises. Tracking deliveries becomes a headache for shippers given the vast number of information systems used. Shippéo connects everybody very simply. The platform gives new visibility to operations, improving their quality and opening up new functionalities"*.

Special Jury Award - Wetruck

Have you heard of truck sharing? Inspired by car-pooling but in trucks, this is the unique offering developed by the PGS Group with its website Wetruck. This simple idea has been awarded a special jury prize and is the fruit of research work done with the expertises of the Novalog logistics competitiveness hub and IDIT to ensure legal feasibility.

Successfully completing this stage, Wetruck linked private individuals searching for the cheapest possible option of travel and the road hauliers wanting to maximise the return out of available seats on their trucks. A means for the general public to find out more about the world of goods transport by road and for this industry to improve its image.

Jean Mazeran, Global Supply Chain Manager at Saint-Gobain Activité Gypse, sums up this innovation that reconciles road haulage and the general public: *"starting with a simple idea, WETRUCK created "truck sharing". This system aims to make the role of commercial vehicle driver better known. By addressing the public, it gives a better image of the profession and creates a link between the driver and passenger. The haulier also gains extra revenue while reducing the number of vehicles on the road, leaving it to the professionals, who are nice people!"*