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### EUROPEAN FM AWARDS 2009

**Nearly 300 members of the European facility management industry congratulated the winners of the third European FM Awards 2009 last night in Amsterdam's Hotel Okura**

The third European FM Awards 2009 were presented last night at the Gala Dinner of the EFMC2009, the European conference for the Facility Management (FM) sector across Europe. The three categories for students, researchers and FM service providers and their client partners recognises the growth of international co-operation and interaction in the facility management sector across Europe and, increasingly, across the globe.

The European FM Awards are organised by EuroFM, the network of more than 87 organisations in 19 European countries involved in FM practice, education and research. EFMC2009 is its annual conference hosted by a different member organisation each year. This event is supported by the Center for People and Buildings, FMN facility management Nederland, IFMA Holland, Loofd landelijk overleg opleidingen facilitaire dienstverlening, TU Delft and Wageningen University.

EuroFM chairman, Albert Pilger said: "EuroFM started with the European FM Awards in Zurich at EFMC2007, and in the meantime it is a highly recognized mark of designation all over Europe. On behalf of EuroFM, may I say that we are proud to present such recognition to the FM profession."

The Awards were presented as follows:

**European FM Student of the Year** sponsored by New Directions

**Winner: HANNA KOSKISTO** from Finland who has studied at Helsinki University of Technology and is currently studying for a international Masters at Hanken School of Economics.

The judges said: "*During their studies all three candidates undertook international activities such as internships, attending conferences and participating in study field trips abroad. Their academic interests are very broad as can be expected from FM students and concentrate especially on topics such as change management, entrepreneurship and information management. All three students have played leadership roles in their respective student community and are truly ambassadors of their universities. The jury focused on academic achievements, understanding of European FM issues, future aspirations and personality and they decided that the Best European FM student of 2009 is Hanna Koskito from the Helsinki University of Technology.*"

The other finalists were Ronald Balvers of INHolland University, Amsterdam and Fatima Stitou also of INHolland University

**European FM Researcher of the Year** sponsored by Facilitec

**Winner: NILS GERSBERG** from Germany is currently studying at the University of Salford and is a researcher at Helsinki University of Technology. His research also involves collaboration with Stamford University's Centre of Integrated Facilities Management and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim.

The judges said: *"Nils Gersberg's research on the relationship between physical and social workplaces has a clear European perspective with outcomes disseminated to academic and practice audiences. The next stage of his research including virtual workplaces, shows a potential for innovation and highly relevant to the advancement of knowledge in modern workplaces."*

The other finalists were Ruud de Haas of Wageningen University, Netherlands, and Jessica Niemi of Helsinki University of Technology, Finland.

**Partners Across Borders** sponsored by EuroFM

**Winner: EUREST SERVICES with SHELL INTERNATIONAL**

Eurest Services delivers integrated FM Services to 70 of Shell's offices, refineries, remote gas plants and offshore platforms in the UK, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Poland and the North Sea in a five-year contract.

The judges said: *"The Eurest/Shell partnership has transformed FM at Shell from a traditional base to a highly successful and fully fledged European Partnership across borders. They have come a long way in a short space of time showing significant improvement in results and FM delivery. They have also achieved a high degree of integration and a successful alignment. It is clear the core business recognises the value creation and positive contribution to Shell this excellent partnership brings."*

The other finalists were Johnson Controls with Cisco, and Sodexo with Merck Sharp & Dohme

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