

The 26th edition is on its way

In May 2010, the leading manufacturers and suppliers of the Machine-Tool Industry have a new engagement: the 26th Edition of the BIEMH.

At the BIEMH, jointly organised by BILBAO EXHIBITION CENTRE (BEC) and AFM (Machine-Tool Manufacturers' Association of Spain), visitors from around the world will be able to enjoy the highest technological showcase and the ideal framework to foster business relationships.

Considered as the sector's third most important fair in Europe, Bienal de Máquina-Herramienta (BIEMH) presents the latest developments, technologies and services from the leading firms in every field.

Just a year after its 25th anniversary, the new edition kicks off with more energy than ever.

26th INTERNATIONAL MACHINE TOOL EXHIBITION

31 May - 5 June 2010



The Silver Anniversary - a roaring success

Last March, BIEMH celebrated its 25th Anniversary breaking every record with an unprecedented 50,712 visitors. The profile of the exhibition was enhanced by a 7% increase in national visitors and 10.4 % of foreign visitors representing 66 countries, including but not limited to Portugal, France, Germany, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, China, Switzerland, United Kingdom or Turkey. This figure represents an "excellent" result, against the current backdrop of macro-economic and financial slowdown.

Equally, the number of participating companies launching their latest innovations and developments in machine-tool and technology also increased.

During this special anniversary edition, Bilbao Exhibition Centre wanted to reward the companies who had supported the BIEMH from its outset for their loyalty and commitment. Also, as in previous editions, the exhibition hosted the award ceremony of the National Machine-Tool Design Awards. All the abovementioned attracted extensive institutional presence with more than 80 representatives of the National and Autonomous Governments as well as industrial, economic, national and international trade, and education professional associations.

All in all, the 25th edition of the BIEMH provided the machine-tool sector with a forum of high professional quality and quantity, not only meeting but even exceeding all expectations.



Exceeding Expectations

The 25th edition of BIEMH was attended by 1,761 companies from 36 countries, distributed over 788 stands, who presented their latest innovations and developments in machinery and technology.

In the same vein, the Machine-Tool Manufacturers' Association of Spain (AFM) stated - "from the association's point of view, the balance of the 25th edition of BIEMH is very positive, having not only met but exceeded prior expectations which had forecast an already great trade fair. Technologically speaking, this edition was very interesting, focusing specially on the applications, the customer and their processes. Also, the networking opportunities have secured a great number of good quality contacts which will grant a full workload thanks to orders placed over the coming months".

For AFM, "the sector outlook is fairly optimistic as interest from investors has been detected both at domestic and international levels in the main customer segments. Due to this factor linked to the significant order book amassed by the sector and to the reasonably good start to the year, we can assume that the sector will continue to thrive throughout 2008".

Machine-Tool Design Award

The exhibition also hosted the ninth edition of the National Machine-Tool Design Award 2008, organised by BAI (Bizkaia Innovation Agency) in association with the Machine-Tool Manufacturers' Association of Spain (AFM) and Bilbao Exhibition Centre (BEC).

This year the jury awarded the following companies:

- In the Metal Cutting sector: ONA Electro Erosión for the AF-25 high-speed wire cutting EMD machine. Honorary mentions went to Ibarria Innovatek and Danobat for their projects of Multifunction Machining Centre ZVH55/L3000 and Horizontal Band Saw CP521 AF, respectively.
- In the Large Machinery category: Nicolás Correa Manufacturing, for the LANZA machine.
- In the Forming category: no prize was awarded. Macsa ID for the Laser Marking System K-1000, and Axial Maquinaria for the Folding Press Syncro 143 received special mentions.

Companies awarded the Loyalty Prize at the 25th edition of the BIEMH

BLM SPA
MUPEM, S.A.
COUTH, S.L.
CRUCELEGUI HERMANOS, S.A.
ECHAZARRA EMIX, S.A.
ETXE-TAR, S.A.
DANOBAT, S. COOP./GRUPO DANOBAT
FAGOR ARRASATE
FAT, S.A.
GLOBAL MACHINERY

HIWIN TECHNOLOGIES CORP.
JUARISTI TS COMERCIAL, S.L.
KONDIA M.E. TALDEA, S.L.U.
LAGUN
MORI SEIKI CO. LTD. (LM MACHINERY, S.L.)
MAHENOR, S.L.
MOTOFIL ROBOTICS, S.A.
ONA ELECTRO EROSIÓN, S.A.
ORPI S.L.
TRUMPF MAQUINARIA, S.A.

BIEMH 2008 data

DIRECT EXHIBITORS	EXHIBITORS
Cutting Machine-Tool	155
Forming Machine-Tool	122
Handling & Robotics	42
Tooling for Machine-Tool	114
Welding & Oxy-cutting	23
Other machines and equipment	26
Metrology & Quality Control	39
CAD/CAM/CAE	31
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	42
Hydraulic & Pneumatic Equipment	35
Accessories for machine-tools	107
Services for Factory/workshop &to businesses	52
TOTAL STANDS	788

TOTAL EXHIBITORS	1,761
TOTAL AREA	57,322 m2
TOTAL VISITORS	50,712