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This year's big international construction equipment show is Intermat, which will be held in late April in Paris. While Intermat is run as part of the three year cycle with Bauma and Conexpo, the show has struggled to keep up with the other two since a disastrous event in 2003 when the public transport employees called a general strike.

**Comparisons with Bauma are** of course pointless for any exhibition, however while Intermat has lost some ground against Conexpo in terms of prestige, it is a considerably bigger show, at least in terms of visitor numbers and increasingly attracts a broader international mix of visitors, as a popular destination for buyers from the **Middle East and even South** America. It also has strong pulling power for North Africans and Southern Europeans of course, not to mention the substantial local market.

This year sees further changes in terms of exhibitors with some significant manufacturers - such as CAT and JCB - not taking stands. Manitou however is returning after missing the past three shows, while a number of significant new exhibitors will be making their debuts. In terms of cranes, access and telehandler exhibitors there will be plenty to see and several companies are planning global new product launches, including JLG, Manitou and Haulotte.

Our main show preview will be in next month's issue of the magazine and as in previous years we will be publishing the Vertikal Intermat guide, this time in two languages - English and French - rather than three, which will be available digitally before the show with printed copies handed out at the entrances to crane and access areas at the show. As usual, it features easy to follow tours for all major product types, listing all the 'must-see' products in each equipment category. However the following is a brief 'show taster' along with some planning information to help you decide whether to attend or



not. More details on this in next month's main preview.

#### When: 20-25th April 2015 Hours: 9:00 - 18:00

Where: Paris-Nord Villepinte Exhibition Centre

**Getting there**: Paris Charles De Gaulle is close by and served by most airlines included budget lines such as Easy Jet. A TGV high speed train station is also close by, while the RER - regional railway/metro extension - has a station within the exhibition centre.

#### Website:

www.intermatconstruction.com

Hotel reservations: Check the website, but there are dozens of hotels of various cost levels in the immediate area and the airport while hotels in Gare du Nord/Chatelet area are on the direct RER line to the show.

Why should you go? Well, Paris is not an unattractive destination in the spring, the Euro is currently weak so if you are coming from outside the Euro zone, you will find its delights are a lot less expensive than in the past. And lest we forget there will JLG will expand its diesel/electric range of articulated booms up to 66ft



be a good number of interesting new products and ideas to see.

Here are just a few examples: On home soil, Haulotte and Manitou are promising major innovations in their new product launches. Haulotte will show all-new Star 8 and Star 10 mast booms, a 20 metre articulated boom, essentially a larger version of its new HA16RTJ Pro with new basket. And finally new Tier IV Kohler - non DPF engine versions of its telehandlers.

Manitou is set to unveil what it



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describes as a radical new 'gamechanging' access product in the 12 to 14 metre range, so that may be worth the trip on its own. It will also be showing its new 32 metre 360 degree telehandler the MRT 3255 and a new simpler, compact MT625 Easy telehandler, aimed at rental companies and construction.

JLG will have a number of new models on show, including new hybrid-power articulated boom lifts, an all-new Rough Terrain scissor lift, new mid-range boom lifts and a new 26 metre X26J Plus - with 230kg unrestricted platform capacity and lithium ion battery pack. The company is giving little information away on the launches, but it is thought the new hybrid booms will use the same diesel/electric concept as the current H340AJ with four AC electric wheel motors extending the range from 34 to 66ft. Substantial updates to its ES slab scissor range will include a new steel deck, new steel covers, an increased overall width from 30 to 32 inches and new controller to meet the latest European standards.



Winner of an Intermat Gold Award, the Liebherr LiUP self-contained tower crane elevator can be fitted on new or old towers. The 200kg capacity, 25m/min two man elevator rides on the inside of larger towers and on the outside of smaller ones using a double rack and pinion drive with dual rails, which can be left permanently installed. It is completely self-contained and fully autonomous, driven by a lithium ion battery mounted at the base. When



the elevator descends it re-charges the battery via a regeneration system. As it does not require any supply cables, ropes or drag cables it can be installed and removed quickly and easily.

German crane company Sennebogen will show two new machines - the 120 tonne telescopic crawler crane with 40 metre full power boom, and the 40 tonne 640E duty cycle crawler crane. Dieci will have two new telehandlers - the four tonne, 29.9 metre 360 degree Pegasus 40.30 and the heavy duty, 19 tonne capacity Hercules 190.10 which is aimed at guarries, mines and ports.

Loader crane manufacturer Atlas will demonstrate the new Atlas/ Ahmeko stability control system which uses sensors to monitor the upward movement of the chassis axles. Meeting the new loader crane machine regulations the system fits to almost all two, three and four axle chassis. Those looking for personal site safety products SwissTip will demonstrate the production

version of its dual warning system for construction workers. Using a vibrating wrist watch or bracelet which is programmed to activate when the wearer is at risk, the system overcomes the problems of a noisy, busy environment giving an adequate warning and time to avoid the potential incident such as a reversing truck or falling crane boom.

The 120t capacity

Sennebogen 6113E

Many engine manufacturers including Cummins, Deutz, FPT, Kohler/Lombardini will have engines and developments aimed at complying with the latest regulations. Cummins will also show a replica of the famous 1930s race car - the Cummins Napier Railton - powered by a 6.7 litre Cummins diesel with power boosted to 500hp. Looks like a show not to miss and the Vertikal Press will be there of course, reporting on developments and meeting readers and sponsors. Find us between outside areas Ext 5 & Ext 6.



Engine manufacturers including FPT will show off their latest developments

