



EUROMAINTENANCE AWARD 2000

At the occasion of the 10th anniversary of EFNMS, in 1979, immediate past-president Dr. Stefano Salvetti took the initiative to create a bi-annual award for a person or an institution in "recognition of outstanding service to the art and science of maintenance in Europe".

The award will consist of a certificate and a money prize of € 1.000,=. It shall be presented at the occasion of the bi-annual EUROMAINTENANCE conference and exhibition.

Each Member Society of EFNMS shall be invited to nominate a person or institution that they deem eligible for the award.

A jury shall be formed consisting of the initiator, dr. Salvetti, the EFNMS chairman and a member of the Executive Committee, selected from a country that has not presented a nomination. The first time the award was presented was in 1990, during the conference in Wiesbaden.

So it was done in 1999:

All Member Societies were invited and a number of them responded by nominating a person and an institution.

The EXCOMM member of the jury was dr. Adriano Monteiro Leite of Portugal.

As usual it took some time to have all relevant information available, but early this year the jury could meet, although this was a meeting completely by mail, and this resulted in a unanimous decision.

From amongst those nominated, the jury has decided that the EUROMAINTENANCE AWARD 2000 shall be presented to

Dr. Ivo Cala

nominated by the Croatian Maintenance Society HDO.

Dr. Cala has been active in the field of maintenance since 1965 when he sailed the open seas as a machine assistant in the merchant navy. Without knowing much detail one can imagine what it means to a young man to realize that not only your life but that of all aboard the vessel depends on your skill to maintain the ships engines and, with that, energy systems.

After this experience he enrolled in the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture in the University of Zagreb. In 1977 he wrote his master's thesis, and though you might not immediately expect, that was in the faculty of Economics! The logic is in the subject:

"Model of planning and monitoring the production in a process industry with the possibility of using computers".

He then started a teaching career at the University of Zagreb, coping with numerous topics in the fields of maintenance, planning, and production. Presently he is dean of the Mechanical Department at Technic Polytechnic in Zagreb.

His involvement with maintenance is shown by the fact that he was one of three enthusiasts who, in 1977, took the initiative to form the Croatian Maintenance Society, HDO, presently a valued member of EFNMS. He served the Society in a number of functions, up to the Chair, and presently he is chairing its Education Committee. He was also member of YUMO, the Yugoslav Maintenance Organization and in fact was their last Chairman during 1990/1991. In YUMO he was participating in the working group for systematisation and standardisation of spare parts for industry. He is also a member of the Society for fuels and lubricants.

In order to promote HDO and the art and science of maintenance he initiated the publication of the HDO magazine "Maintenance and Exploitation", where presently he is chief-editor. Next to that magazine he is also involved in the publications by the Faculty of Machine Engineering and Shipbuilding.

He also wrote articles, books, mimeographs and lecture notes. That list covers 5 pages single spaced typing, I will not even try to deal with that on this occasion.

On a number of occasions he has been, and in effect still is, active in the preparation and execution of technical and scientific conferences, national and international, ever since the late 70's.

Two scientific projects from the late 70's, but still relevant, are worth to be mentioned. They deal with the organization of the maintenance department and the preparation of job descriptions for the department.

The last item that is of importance to us here in this conference is his doctoral dissertation:

"Contribution to the investigation of the elements of the organizational structure of mechanical equipment maintenance"
written in 1998 at the University of Zagreb.

Looking through the long and impressive list of his publications, his contributions to conferences, his teaching activities, and his involvement in the Croatian Maintenance Society, the jury came to the conclusion that Ivo Cala has been instrumental in placing maintenance on the agenda in Croatia and in former Yugoslavia, and that he has played an important role in giving HDO its present position in Europe.

He therefore is a worthy recipient of the EUROMAINTENANCE AWARD for the year 2000.