



### ***March 2014 News Release***

## ***Top Speakers at the FEM Congress organised by BMHF (British Materials Handling Federation) – spaces filling up fast!***

FEM is the European manufacturers' association for materials handling, lifting and storage equipment, representing the technical, economic and political interests of one of the largest industrial sectors of the European mechanical engineering industry.

***The 35<sup>th</sup> FEM Congress is to be held on 18th-19th September 2014 at the Royal York Hotel in York (United Kingdom). The event is organised by FEM's British National Committee, BMHF (British Materials Handling Federation).***

The FEM Conference programme includes talks by Olivier Janin, FEM Secretary General, who will give an update on market surveillance. Cosette Dussaughey, Chair FEM TF EU Directives, will cover updates on EU regulatory developments.

Best practices for internal company schemes to ensure regulatory compliance will be presented by sponsor company GE Capital.

Megatrends in logistics and distribution will also be included. Paul Brooks Unipart Consulting will address the trends in the automotive sector. Vincent Maurice, Vice-President Operations, Danone will discuss the food industry.

Other subjects to be covered during the conference will be e-commerce followed by a panel discussion moderated by Peter MacLeod, editor of SHD Logistics

Delegates and partners will also be invited to attend a Cocktail reception and Dinner at the National Railway Museum on the evening of day one of the event and on day two a Cocktail reception and Dinner at Castle Howard.

With at least 120 delegates expected at the meetings and conference, and up to 160 people at the dinners, the FEM Congress 2014 is an unrivalled networking opportunity to reach European and global manufacturers. **Early booking is advised to avoid disappointment. Registration fees for delegates are as follows:**

- **Until 21st March** – £500 Early Bird Discount ends this coming Friday.
- **From 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April** – £540
- **From 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014** – £590
- **Partners of delegates are also invited and offered a separate programme - £300.00**

The 2014 FEM Congress coincides with the Alliance of Industrial Truck Organisation meetings to be held 18-20 September at the same venue. Delegates are invited to attend a selection of the scheduled sessions of the Congress and the Alliance meeting including the social events.

**For the full programme of events for delegates click here**

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### **Editors Notes:**

FEM membership currently consists of 15 National Committees from the main member states of the EU, as well as Russia, Switzerland and Turkey. They are the driving force in promoting a common vision for FEM industries and in maintaining the European materials handling, lifting and storage industry's position as leader of the world market.

The European industry has an aggregated annual turnover of around €50bn (2011). In total, FEM represents more than 1,000 companies with about 160,000 employees, covering around 80% of all eligible European companies. It thus accounts for more than half of the world's total production of materials handling, lifting and storage equipment.

The British Materials Handling Federation constitutes the British National Committee of FEM and one function is to facilitate a route to European representation for its member associations and their manufacturing members.

Membership of the British Materials Handling Federation is open to British trade associations whose member companies engage in the design, manufacture or supply of materials handling, lifting or storage equipment.

As such, BMHF collectively represents over 400 companies with in excess of 25,000 employees, operating in a UK industry with a total turnover exceeding £3.5 billion.

The main aims of the Federation are to encourage the extension of the use of materials handling equipment in all industries and to foster, by all practical means, the development of the materials handling industry in the interests of users and the national economy.