

Show time for Doncaster

Logistics Link North heads for Doncaster on 14th-15th October, promising the opportunity to see the latest developments in technology and systems.

The North's top logistics show is moving into a £34 million state-of-the-art exhibition hall at Doncaster to provide the ideal showcase for exhibiting the latest products in the industry.

Logistics Link North is now in its fifth year and promises big name exhibitors, industry players, popular visitor attractions and an in-depth educational Free Seminar Programme.

Following the success of Logistics Link Live in May, two of Europe's leading materials handling integrators are to exhibit at Logistics Link North. Dematic and SSI Schaefer will take a presence at the show.

Belgravium will launch a handheld computer which it describes as the "toughest ever". The Boston "8500" Series handheld is constructed with an internal dual magnesium alloy chassis.

The inner strength of the Boston "8500" extends the life by more than ten times that of the traditional handheld PDA. Environmentally sealed to IP65 specifications, the Boston is designed to withstand rigorous use in the most extreme environments.

Seafield Logistics will be exhibiting its logistics, warehousing, distribution and contract packing services. Seafield's head office is in Worksop, Nottinghamshire and it has 18 distribution centres across the UK. Specialist sectors

include bulk powder, chemicals (non hazardous), FMCG, glass, packaging, retail, sand and clay, and steel.

Visitors will see the latest addition to the Flexi range of articulated trucks from Narrow Aisle. The Flexi Euro is a compact four wheel articulated forklift truck, designed for low bay warehouses, where high lift performance is not required but where space is at a premium.

The Flexi Euro has a compact chassis and narrow front axle making it suitable for stacking narrower continental Euro pallets. It is capable of working in aisles as narrow as 1,642mm wide (with a Euro pallet) or 1,762mm wide (with an ISO pallet). It can lift 1,500kg loads to heights of over seven metres.

Aisle-Master will be exhibiting its AC articulated forklift. AC offers enhanced performance levels, and the truck shares the space-saving and versatile qualities of its predecessor.

"This technology has been trialled on models over the last couple of years," says company MD Gerry McHugh; "and trucks have undergone rigorous testing at customers' premises, with very positive feedback. We are now fitting AC as standard on all our electric models."

Proteus Software, the WMS supplier, recently released version two of its real-time graphical Warehouse Dashboard, an activity monitoring tool for warehouse operation managers. It gives the manager a picture of the operation at a glance, as it comprises of different dials and gauges that

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represent the different areas of activity in the warehouse. Dashboard users are also able to view historical statistical timing data. This data can be viewed for the entire warehouse by specific year, month and day, or for a specific operator.

Minster Logistics will be exhibiting the latest version of the application incorporating a fully end-to-end voice enabled warehouse management system. The latest release of the application addresses all aspects of the warehousing operation including: goods receipts, put-away, replenishment, picking, cross-docking, marshalling, loading, full stock takes and perpetual inventory.

Central to the system is the voice management console which allows all warehousing activity to be monitored, controlled and progressed. The latest version also includes modules for: procurement including purchase order

processing and forecasting as well as debt management ledgers, in-cab integration and full sales order processing.

Ro-dor will have three different door types a demonstrations will take place throughout the day. Dyna

one of the doors, has a knockout facility with automatic re-insertion saving downtime and engineer call outs.

Also on display is a Ro-dor which updates traditional door systems with the use of modern materials and a design which will meet requirements for a low maintenance, high performance draught-free door. It also offers high acoustic and insulation properties. As a Hörmann partner it will be displaying sectional door as well.

Nigel Morton, food industry specialist at Ro-Dor, has recently been working with Peter Dawkins, the south east regional engineer for TDG, to supply and install seven doors for the loading bays of two of the company's cold stores at Skimpot Road depot in Luton.

Bpi.films, which makes pallet stretch films, will showcase two new products. Wrapsmartultra, is a stretch film that offers the performance of a 14-micron film but is only seven microns thick. As a result, less film by volume is required wrap a load and less waste is created. Wrapsmartultra

thinner profile also means users get more film, and the ability to wrap more pallets, with every reel.

The second featured product is Zerol hand roll stretch film with no cardboard tube at its core. This again reduces weight and associated disposal costs.

ID Systems, which specialises in wireless vehicle management solutions will demonstrate the PowerKey PL at the show. Benefits of the system include; streamlined productivity, enhanced safety and security with vehicle access control, mandatory OSHA checklists, impact sensors and reports and analysis.

Eldred Group will use the event to launch its e-commerce web site. Visitors will be able to see how they can use this website to perhaps promote stock lines, discontinued lines, outdated stock or even warehouse and transport facilities.

Psion Teklogix will use Logistics Link North to demonstrate its range of data capture and voice pick solutions. Visitors will be able to see a demonstration of voice picking equipment during two seminar sessions. Amongst products on show, will be the iKon – Psion Teklogix's recent

launched rugged PDA.

Ranpak is developing ways to use plain paper for packaging and has come up with systems to convert paper in such a way that fragile chinaware endures heavy drop tests. The one-ply or multi-ply paper systems form and crumple the paper in such a way that a protective cushioning pad is created.

By wrapping the products with those pads, the products are captured in a paper buffering system that can absorb large shocks, before the shocks reach the products.

Other big names exhibiting at the show include Aetna, Belgravium, Crown, Narrow Aisle, Proteus Software, and Yale, with many of the exhibitors providing on stand demonstrations of their products and services.

The latest warehouse software systems, in the box packaging and even Ro-Dor's range of automatic doors will be on display to visitors from all areas of the Logistics sector.

The opportunity to see live product demonstrations has made the Live Demo Arena hugely popular with visitors. Once again it will feature leading suppliers providing round the clock product demonstrations. Psion Teklogix, Translift Bendi, and Shrinkfast are just a few of the names signed up.

The free seminar programme will again be a melting pot of new ideas and techniques for visitors to brush up on best industry practice.

The programme, now officially confirmed, will feature big industry names like inotec & Belgravium, Dematic, and Wire 3 Technologies presenting case studies on topics ranging from RFID, distribution planning and order fulfilment for the modern warehouse.

WHERE AND WHEN

❖ **Tuesday 14th October 2008**

9.30 am – 4 pm

Wednesday 15th October 2008

9.30 am – 3.30 pm

❖ **Doncaster Racecourse, Leger Way, Doncaster, DN2 6BB.**

❖ **Doncaster Racecourse is located in the heart of the UK, within easy reach of the new Robin Hood Airport, and with excellent road and rail links, Doncaster Racecourse is ideally placed for both national and international visitors.**

❖ **Further information is available from the web site: www.logisticslink.co.uk**