

INNOVATION CHALLENGE “LUCIO MASTROBERARDINO”: THE COMMITTEE HAS SELECTED 23 innovative companies

The prize-giving ceremony on 12 November, on the occasion of the official opening of SIMEI-ENOVITIS

Milan, September 2013 – Among the companies standing as candidates in the Innovation Challenge “Lucio Mastroberardino” 23 have been selected by the Technical-Scientific Committee that will award them during the official opening of the exhibitions SIMEI-ENOVITIS, giving a special award to 3 of them.

The Innovation Challenge was created with the purpose of rewarding and highlighting the companies of the winemaking sector that are investing directly in innovation, thus offering a substantial contribution to the development of the whole sector. **Therefore, the most innovative projects have been selected among the works presented by the exhibiting companies of SIMEI-ENOVITIS, the exhibition organized and promoted by Unione Italiana Vini scheduled from 12 to 16 November 2013 in Milan.**

The concerned sectors are those included in the vineyard-winery and beverage supply chain: agriculture, vine-growing, enology, agricultural mechanics and bottling/packaging of wine, water and beverages.

This second edition is dedicated to **Lucio Mastroberardino, President of UIV, who died prematurely some months ago:** he was the person who wanted and supported the creation of the Contest to stimulate and reward the commitment and excellence in this sector. It is indeed in this spirit that **over thirty companies** presented their projects **for the edition 2013**, proving that the sector is alive and future-oriented.

The innovations presented have been evaluated by a Technical-Scientific Committee composed of authoritative representatives from the world of viticulture and enology, from the scientific community and from the wineries that are members of UIV.

Among the Italian members, twelve researchers from two CRA Centres and from eight universities and as many directors of some among the most important wineries in our country.

There were also many foreign members, among whom **Sakkie Pretorius, Macquarie University of Sydney, Fernando Chivite Lopez, Spanish researcher, Cristopher Savage, E.&J. Gallo Winery (USA).**

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The prize-giving ceremony will take place during the official opening of the exhibitions, on 12 November 2013 at 10.00 a.m., with conferral of the awards “New Technology SIMEI-ENOVITIS 2013” and “Technological Innovation Award SIMEI-ENOVITIS 2013” given to the projects deserving a special mention.

The mission of Unione Italiana Vini has always been to promote the Italian companies of the winemaking field, by contributing to the development of the sector in different ways.

The Innovation Challenge of SIMEI-ENOVITIS is one of the means used with the purpose of emphasizing the commitment of technologies and services manufactures, by highlighting the projects with recognized innovative content, which will then be the object of special interest for the visitors of the exhibitions.

Unione Italiana Vini is the most ancient and representative Association of companies belonging to the winemaking sector. Founded in 1985, today it has about 500 member companies that cover 70% of the Italian export value of the sector.

Hereafter are the winning companies and their awarded works.

Company	Machine/Product	Award
AEB spa	Wifi-Cork	New Technology
Amcor Flexibles La Défense	Stelvin® Inside	New Technology
Amorin Cork Italia spa	Tappo Helix	New Technology
Astro srl	Venus Tamper Evident	New Technology
Bucher Vaslin sa	Delta Rflow	New Technology
Consortium spa	“Lore” Hook	New Technology
Diemme Enologia spa	Software Intelliflex	New Technology
Enomeccanica Bosio srl	FTC-F Filter for the treatment of lees	New Technology
FT System srl	L. Sensor O2	Technological Innovation Award

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Gai Macchine Imbottigliatrici spa	Electro-pneumatic filling valve	New Technology
Garbellotto spa	Precision casks	Technological Innovation Award
Gruppo Bertolaso spa	Integrated bottle management system	Technological Innovation Award
Innotec Tecnologie Innovative srl	Integrated fermentation and monitoring of processes	New Technology
Lasi srl	Mythos Method	New Technology
Martignani srl	Electrostatic Atomizer DUO-WING-JET	New Technology
Mas Pack spa	Campana rotativa Rotary bank	New Technology
Mollificio Bortolussi srl	Basilia by Vignetinox	New Technology
Nomacorc sa	Select Bio	New Technology
Nortan srl	Vine-tying machine	New Technology
Oenobrand s as	Yeasts Activation	New Technology
Parsec srl	EVO Dispenser	New Technology
Siprem International srl	Vacuum System, Hybrid Project	New Technology
Sodisac sas	Vine and trees protector	New Technology

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