

Second Annual World FM Day Highlights Facilities Management's Contributions to the Workplace

BRUSSELS, Belgium — (9 July 2010) — Facilities management associations and professionalson five different continents celebrated the contributions facilities management makes tointernational business and the global built environment last month during the second annual WorldFM Day, held on 24 June 2010.

Global Facilities Management Association (Global FM) member organisations and others heldpublic events around the world to recognize the important role facilities management plays inbusiness strategy, organisational development and environmental sustainability.Global FM's Chairman Steve Gladwin stated that "no matter how you celebrated World FM Daythis year, I was very pleased to see that individual Facility Managers, FM teams and FMCompanies successfully used World FM Day as a way of promoting the strategic value that FMbrings to many organizations".

International associations including the Associação Brasileira de Facilities (ABRAFAC), theAssociation des Directeurs et Responsables de Services Généraux (ARSEG), British Institute ofFacilities Management (BIFM), the Facility Management Association of Australia (FMA Australia),FM-ARENA (der Schweizer Facility Management Verein), the Hungarian Facility ManagementSociety (HFMS), the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) and the South AfricanFacilities Management Association (SAFMA) held public events in Australia, Brazil, South Africa,the U.S. and in countries throughout Europe in celebration of World FM Day.

World FM Day activities around the globe included networking events, conferences, paneldiscussions, meetings, award presentations, luncheons, social networking events, videopresentations, site visits, happy hour celebrations and more — each raising the profile of thefacilities management profession in its own unique way.

Additionally, World FM Day 2010 saw the announcement of the winners of the first ever Global FMAwards for Excellence in Facilities Management.

These awards recognize efforts by individuals or teams in the FM industry who have made a positive contribution to the knowledge, application andcommunication of strategies to promote sustainability and improve the work environment.

Taking home the Silver Award for Excellence in FM was thecentre:mk, a regional shopping centerin the heart of Milton Keynes, U.K., long regarded for its customer service and sustainability initiatives.

The Gold Award for Excellence in FM went to Cisco France, which is putting employeemobility first, in spite of undergoing massive growth and expansion.

This year's Platinum Award forExcellence in FM went to the Department for Children, Schools

and Families and EC Harris, a former department of the U.K. government that took substantial steps toward reducing its carbon footprint and improving energy efficiency. For a complete list of details regarding the Global FM Awards for Excellence in Facilities Management, visit www.globalfm.org/GlobalFMAward.asp

Global FM is an international not-for-profit organization based in Brussels, Belgium. It represents a worldwide community of organizations that provide leadership in facilities management. Global FM's vision is to achieve Global recognition of facilities management profession and its mission is to promote the strategic value and progress of facilities management.

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