

Europe's best managers in the spotlight at show

Continent's brightest managers recognised at Transports Publics

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► The second day of the Transports Publics show in Paris earlier this month saw the results of the pan-European Talent in Mobility Awards announced, a scheme designed to recognise talented industry managers from across Europe's public transport industry.

Judged by a panel consisting of industry journalists from across Europe, awards are made in four categories, with a fifth winner selected from voting on the Transports Publics website.

Taking away the Best Young Talent Award was David Gerrgott, the deputy managing director of Fer de France, a trade association that brings together all of the

major players in the French rail sector. An associate member of the French Association of Rail Journalists, he created a rail news website a decade ago and in April joined the board of France's National Federation of Transport User Associations, an impressive track record for someone only in

their mid-20s.

The Best Project Manager Award went to Stéphane Goichon, managing director - technical services at Le Grand Dijon in France. Goichon won the award for his work on Dijon's tramway system which entered service in late 2012 seven months

ahead of schedule and on budget. His project management skills helped ensure that despite major construction works on the system's two lines, it entered service smoothly and as planned.

The Best Manager Award went to Enzo Castagna, the managing director of CTM, the public transport operator in Cagliari, Sardinia. Judges were impressed by his skills in turning around the operator from a loss-making position to profitability in just two years.

Meanwhile, Dr Gottfried Greschner, the founder and chief executive officer of German technology firm Init, won The Special Career Service Award. Greschner established the company as a spin-off from the University of Karlsruhe and has led through an IPO in 2001 to a truly global company and a leader in the transport technology field.

Finally, the Internet Users' Award went to Gérard Feldzer, a passionate advocate of public transport in France and a well known TV personality there. ■

