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Triple win for Porto

IAPCO was proud to announce the winner of their 2014 National Supplier Award which was presented to Carlos de Brito, President AMTC (Associação do Museu dos Transportes e Comunicações) on behalf of the Alfandega Porto Congress Centre who won the Award on 9 February. This was the first time that an IAPCO Award, of which over 60 have been presented in the last 20 years, has been presented to a Portuguese winner. The Congress Centre was nominated by AIM Group Liston for their outstanding service, co-operation and flexibility. "It is one of the largest and most versatile congress centres in Portugal" commented Monica Freire, of AIM Lisbon, "with excellent and unique conditions in the local, national and international panorama. It is also located in one of the city's most emblematic and historical buildings which makes it very special. The services provided by the Congress Centre respond to the highest standards, ensuring the most modern equipment and the most effective and competitive solutions. I was proud to nominate them and even more delighted to see them win".



2014 was a triply successful year for the Alfandega Porto Congress Centre, also being awarded with the Best European Congress Centre, by Business Destinations Travel Awards, and the Best Congress, by Publituris, a prestigious national magazine of tourism sector. "I am gratified to present this award to the Alfandega Porto Congress Centre" said Michel Neijmann "and their delight in receiving is proof of the honour we are happy to bestow on them".

Carlos de Brito, Michel Neijmann and Monica Freire of AIM Group Lisbon who put forward the nomination

About IAPCO: Meeting Quality

The International Association of Professional Congress Organisers (IAPCO) was founded in 1968, is registered in Switzerland and represents today more than 120 professional organisers, meeting planners and managers of international and national congresses, conventions and special events from 41 countries. IAPCO members [2014] organise in excess of 7075 meetings annually, totalling some 2.861 million delegates and representing an economic impact in the region of 4.63 billion euros. IAPCO is committed to raising standards of service among its members and other sectors of the meetings industry. Today IAPCO membership offers a unique quality assurance, since entry into membership of IAPCO is by meeting strict criteria and by continuous quality assessment. The high quality standards are secured by means of continuing education and interaction with other professionals. The Annual Seminars, The Meetings MasterClass and the Annual Meeting & General Assembly of its members are the highlight events of IAPCO.

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