

# Brussels, here we come!

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The European Demolition Association was founded in 1978, when we didn't have Internet. Back then, the only way for a demolition company to share knowledge from one country to another was to participate on EDA.

But since 1978 many things changed.

Just as a short list: the socialist part of Europe changed noticeably, globalization brought to our news what is happening on the other side of the globe, traveling outside of our countries is no longer unusual, we even have the same currency on most of the European countries, Internet access is a common everywhere, Obama is the latest president of the USA,...

As the world around us has changed, the demolition industry has also evolved significantly. The word demolition may be defined on the same way on dictionaries, but our work is done on a completely different way.

The technical part (machines, tools, resources,...) evolved to heights we could not even imagine 30 years ago, but also the paperwork and the surrounding aspects of the jobsite.

Waste is now a major issue, and will be even more on 2011, as most of the countries implement on their national regulations the Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC.

EDA, as the platform that brings together the demolition industry, has also progressed on these years.

The Board of EDA represents this progress, with members from all over Europe, some of them already second generation of demolition companies.

But new is not always young. We've learned with the time that experience is a very valuable knowledge, so EDA is announcing the creation of the "Club of Honor", a group of demolition experts that have being involved into this industry for a long time.

EDA wants to recognize their contribution to the demolition business, while keeping them close to new generations. We believe that experience should travel with innovation, for a better future to everyone.

You are invited to find out more on our Spring Conference that will be held in London, June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>.

For over two decades, the association had its address in The Netherlands, and was managed from that country. Then, the last three years, EDA was managed by a team from the Dansk Biggery, with the leading work of Henriette Thuen, to whom we are very thankful.

Now, we are moving. Actually, we moved already on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. EDA changed its address to the city of Brussels, just across the street of the EU Commission. And the new Secretariat will be the team of Jose Blanco, from Spain.

Brussels is not just a new address, is a way to come back to the origins. EDA did a great job in the past supporting countries that did not have a national association, plus gave interesting contents to international meetings, where the expertise from different demolition companies could be shown.

Brussels is also our way of saying that we want to be closer to the administrative and legislative head of the new Europe. At the same time, we want to support on a better and new way the national associations, helping them with those items that affect all of the members.

These changes reflect the willing of EDA to go with the times, to look for new ways of sharing knowledge and to create networks of companies and professionals.

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