**Russian Elevator Week-2019: results of the key event of the lift industry in Russia and EAEU countries**

The key event of the lift industry in Russia and EAEU countries - International Exhibition of Elevators and Elevator Equipment Russian Elevator Week (REW) took place in June 26-28, 2019 in Pavilion 75 at VDNH Expo area. Organizers of the exhibition traditionally are JSC VDNH and National Lift Union.

The event of this year can truly be called special. In 2019 there are two anniversary: 80 years since the foundation of the Exhibition of Achievements of National Economy (VDNH) and 70 years since the birth of the elevator industry in Russia.

In 2019, on the area of ​​over 9000 sq. meters, 174 companies from 19 countries of the world demonstrated their numerous innovative developments in the field of elevator engineering and hoisting-and-transport equipment.

In Russian Elevator Week-2019 took part companies from Bulgaria, Germany, Belarus, Korea, Greece, Russia, Iran, USA, Spain, Turkey, Italy, Ukraine, China, Poland, Czech Republic, Switzerland and Netherlands. For the first time there were participants from Estonia and Luxembourg. Compared with the 2017 exhibition, in 2019 the exposition area increased by 15%, which is a high growth rate in modern economic conditions.

A distinctive feature of Russian Elevator Week-2019 is also the qualitative composition of the audience - more than 6,000 specialists visited the exhibition. During the event, participants concluded dozens of partnership agreements and contracts, one of which exceeds the amount of 150 million rubles.

For the first time in Russian Elevator Week history, the exhibition became the owner of the international mark of the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry UFI.

 **In the official opening ceremony took part:**

* Evgeny MURATOV, Deputy Director of Machine Tool Building and Investment Machine Building Department of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation;
* Oleg BETIN, Deputy Chairman of the Public Council under the Ministry of Construction and Housing and Communal Services of Russian Federation;
* Matteo VOLPE, President of the European association of manufacturers of elevators and elevator components (ELCA);
* Michael Gubisch, Vice-president of VFA-Interlift;
* Zhang Lexiang, General Secretary of China Elevator Association;
* Kim Young-Kee, KoELSA's president & CEO;
* Suren Vardanyan, Vice-president of Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
* Anna Mamonova, Executive Director of Association of regional overhaul operators;
* Victor Tishin, President of National Lift Union;
* Arthur Antonyan, The First Deputy of General Director JSC «VDNH».

and other representatives of government authorities of Russian Federation and key international industry associations and unions.

Evgeny Muratov congratulated all guests on the opening of the International Exhibition of Elevators and Elevator Equipment Russian Elevator Week-2019, noting that the event is the largest platform for business meetings, which provides an opportunity for effective interaction for all participants of industry market.

Oleg Betin greeted all participants and emphasized: “This exhibition is the main event for those who involved in lifting machines and mechanisms. Russian Elevator Week takes place every two years and gathers the best forces and talented people who are working to make elevators comfortable and safe, opening prospects for the future. ”

Viktor Tishin congratulated guests and participants on the opening of the exhibition: “I am especially pleased to greet you this year, the year of the 70th anniversary of the elevator industry. I am sure that Russian Elevator Week will provide an opportunity for Russian specialists to exchange experience with foreign colleagues and thus improve the overall economic level of production of elevators in our country."

Arthur Antonyan in his speech emphasized that despite of difficult political and economic conditions, the exhibition continues to grow and develop. Also, The First Deputy of General Director JSC «VDNH» noted the exceptional status of 2019 event: “This year the exhibition can be called special, as we are celebrating two anniversary dates - the 70th anniversary of the elevator industry and 80 years of the VDNH. I am sure that in the future our exhibition will remain the main industry event!”

The largest foreign companies demonstrated their new products at Russian Elevator Week-2019. Among participants were such industry leaders as Kleemann, OTIS, Fermator, Giovenzana, MOGILEVLIFTMASH, Montanari, Doppler, Orona, Canny, AH&MET Asansor. Among leading Russian companies were Karacharovskiy mechanical plant, Scherbinka elevator plant, Evroliftmash, JSC MEL, JSC Moslift, Chelyabinsky elevator plant “Witchel”, “En-El”, Neiron, Intelcraft, “Transenergo”. Participants from Korea, China, Turkey and Germany presented their national collective expositions.

The key events of the business program were:

* Conference “Renovation of the elevator park of the Russian Federation” dedicated to replacement of old elevators to new modern energy-efficient equipment.
* Seminar “Independent assessment of professional qualification in the elevator industry, lifting facilities and vertical transport sphere, assessment and assignment of professional qualifications to elevator industry workers”.

In the framework of business program also were organized discussions, round tables and presentations dedicated to operations of elevators, import substitution and creation of a barrier-free environment for people with disabilities.

At Russain Elevator Week, prizes for the best achievements and developments in the field of vertical transport received:

* MOGILEVLIFTMASH (Belarus) – “The best elevator”;
* Karacharovskiy mechanical plant (Russia) – “The best elevator of national production for programs of capital repair of housing sector”.
* Neo Park, LLC (Russia) - Innovations in lifting and handling equipment.
* Neiron (Russia) - Innovations in elevator control systems.
* Lift Complex DC (Russia) - Innovations in control systems for elevators operation and dispatcher communicatory.
* JSC Moslift (Russia) - Creation of the barrier free environment in buildings and city constructions.
* European elevator machines, LLC (Russia)- Import substitution of elevator components (for residents of Russian Federation).
* Euroliftmash (Russia) - The best stand at Russian Elevator Week.
* Giovenzana (Italy) - The best foreign exhibit at REW-2019.

We invite all industry professionals whose activities are connected with development of the elevator industry, construction and operation of vertical transport to take part in the next anniversary exhibition, which will traditionally be held in Pavilion 75 of VDNH Expo.

See you at the largest event of elevator industry in Russia and EAEU Countries – Russian Elevator Week-2021!

Official website of exhibition: [www.lift.vdnh.ru](http://www.lift.vdnh.ru)