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# Belgian risk manager honoured in Excellence in Risk Management Awards

Michaël Dehert, Risk Manager, Brussels Airport Company, has been honoured for the Innovative Insurance Programme of the Year in the first Excellence in Risk Management Awards. The awards, organised by the Federation of European Risk Management Associations (FERMA) and the publication *Commercial Risk Europe*, recognise outstanding individuals for their achievement in the profession.

The President of FERMA Jo Willaert presented the award to M Dehert, a member of the Belgian risk management association BELRIM, at a gala dinner in Brussels last night. Three additional European risk managers also received Excellence in Risk Management awards. They are:

Risk Manager of the Year

Heljo Laukkala, Vice President, Corporate Risk Management, Metso Corporation, Finland (FinnRima)

**Risk Manager Lifetime Achievement** 

Jana Bicanová, risk manager, founder and President of the Czech risk management association, ASPAR CZ

**Rising Star of the Year** 

Pauline Davoust, Risk Manager, Gate Group, Switzerland (SIRM)

The President of FERMA Jo Willaert congratulated the Excellence in Risk Management winners, saying, "These awards showcase the role and expertise of risk managers. Putting a face on the profession gives it greater visibility and acknowledges the varied skills and experience of the individuals. In addition, these awards identify potential role models, encouraging a new generation of risk managers."

Prizes were also presented for Excellence in Customer Service for service suppliers. Jo Willaert told the seven category winners of these awards: "We have a close relationship with our risk partners in the insurance industry and beyond. By rewarding those organisations that give excellent service and innovate, we encourage others to emulate them in the spirit of healthy competition. We look forward to continuing to work with them."

# **Biographical note**

Michaël Dehert, Risk Manager, The Brussels Airport Company, is a qualified lawyer with additional degrees in business law and finance. In his current role at Brussels Airport Company, he combines roles in risk, insurance and business process management. He is a member of the Belgian risk management association, BELRIM.

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