

EXSA Awards evening a resounding success

On Thursday 17 November at Sandton Convention Centre, EXSA's Awards evening began with guests sipping on their welcome drinks, adorned with Country & Western regalia.

A life size statue of a horse quickly put everyone in the mood, as did the bucking bronco, looming in the corner daring all to try their luck. The grand entrance of a group of Indians shouting their war cry was a great indication of how the evening would progress.

The awards ceremony kicked off with Justin Hawes, Chairman of EXSA giving his address, reflecting on what had been happening in the exhibition industry in 2005. He reported EXSA's research figures, undertaken in March 2005, which showed that the exhibition industry had experienced strong growth since 2001. Figures included a 12% increase in the number of shows; a 48% increase in the average net space sold per show; a 56% increase in the average number of exhibitors per show; and a 100% increase in the growth rate of the average number of visitors per show.

After awarding the trophies, Hawes wrapped up the ceremony by extending a huge thank you to the 2005 Executive Committee team.

The awards ceremony ended with Delia Layton leading the Line Dancing and guests moving off to test their skill on the bucking bronco.

Mandy O'Connor, General Manager of EXSA comments, "I'd like to applaud all the outstanding achievements by our members as recognised at the EXSA awards ceremony. Judging by all the dancing, a fantastic time was had by all!"

WINNERS OF THE EXSA 2005 AWARDS

Exhibition of the Year 2005

Trade Category

2001m2 - 4000m2

HRDA - **Specialised Exhibitions**

4001m2 - 8000m2

Securex - **Exhibitions For Africa**

8001m2 and over

SARCD A Christmas - **SARCD A**

Consumer Category

2001m2 - 4000m2

Weddings Expo - **Amanda Cunningham Communications**

4001m2 - 8000m2

Bridal Africa - **NichePro (Pty) Ltd**

8001m2 and over

The Rand Show - **Kagiso Exhibitions**

Trade & Consumer

8001m2 and over

Decorex Cape - **Thebe Exhibitions**

Confex

2000m2 and under

Micro Finance Expo - **NichePro (Pty) Ltd**

4001m2 - 8000m2

18th World Petroleum Congress - **ITE South Africa**

New Exhibition

8001m2 and over

South Africa International Oil and Gas Exhibition - **ITE South Africa**

Outstanding Contributions Award 2005

Jo Melville - Exhibitions For Africa

Chairman's Awards 2005

Jacqui Nel - Exhibition Freight G.S.M

Commends you on your outstanding Achievement 2005

Best Exhibition Venue

Sandton Convention Centre

Best Exhibition Organiser

Exhibitions for Africa

Best Exhibition Supplier

Oasys Innovations

Best Exhibition Venue Employee

Janine Meyer - Sandton Convention Centre

Best Exhibition Organiser Employee

Fran Lurie - Exhibitions For Africa

Best Exhibition Supplier Employee

Brian Prowling - 3D Group

Stand Winners

Custom Category

25m2 and under

Old Mutual Employee Benefits - **IDG Cape Town**
Institute of Retirement

26m2 - 50m2

Southern Sun Hotel - **Set Squared**
Indaba

51m2 - 100m2

Sun International - **Set Squared**
Indaba

101m2 - 200m2 (**tied**)

Konica Minolta - **Dzines**
Futurex

BP - **Progroup**
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201m2 and over

KZN Tourism - **Eclectic Exhibits**
Indaba

System Category

25m2 and under

DataPro - **3D Design**
Indaba

26m2 - 50m2

GHD - **3D Design**
Beauty Africa

51m2 - 100m2

Scan Display Solutions - **Scan Display Solutions**
Markex & World of Events Cape

101m2 - 200m2

Telkom - **3D Design**

Rand Show

201m2 and over

Telkom - **3D Design**

Futurex Gauteng

Portable Category

26m2 - 50m2

Rightstuff - **Scan Display Solutions**

Markex & World of Events

External Design Category

101m2 - 200m2

Saudi Aramco - **Scan Display Solutions**

18th World Petroleum Congress & Southern Africa International Oil & Gas Exhibition

About EXSA - Exhibition Association of Southern Africa

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