



## *Interforst 2010 took place in Munich from July 14 to 18*

Interforst is always a big event. Once again it drew over 50,000 visitors to the Munich Trade Fair Centre over the course of five days. Coming from 80 countries, they made it a truly international gathering. They came to see 410 exhibitors, 128 of which came from 24 countries outside Germany.

As forestry shows go, Interforst is slightly unusual in that it takes place in a city – not a forest in sight. However, it does allow show-goers access to the many delights that Munich has to offer, in addition to the event itself. All this at the height of summer, when temperatures at times exceeded 30°C.

There is more to Interforst than the exhibitors themselves. There was a whole host of forums, well attended, covering topics as diverse as *Forestry Technology—Quo Vadis?* or *Stress in the Forest – How to recognise and cope with it*. Then there was *The exciting history of plastic ropes*.

Also there was the New Products Competition. 90 innovations vied for prizes, and a number of the winners are featured in the following pages.

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### **Gentle Giant**

In one corner of the open air display lurked the Elliator. With a ground pressure of just 190 g/cm<sup>2</sup> despite its 24 tonnes, this machine is designed to traverse moors and bogs, both harvesting and forwarding timber.

The machine was originally conceived just last December, but the prototype has already been tried and tested in the woods, and will go into service later this year. The superstructure is taken from a Kobelco excavator, and this is mounted on tracks that are assembled by EMB Baumaschinen, a Bavarian company.

A quick-change system allows the grapple to be replaced by a harvester head with the minimum of fuss, and the machine comes with a clambunk. It is also fitted with a remote control winch, with an 8.2 tonne pull and 90 metres of rope, which is mounted high on the machine to make it easier to pull in the timber.

The E 135B SR machine at the show is not the biggest in the range. There are five models ranging from 8 to 36 tonnes in weight.

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