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Pierre-Philippe Van Besien (Bridgestone) awarded as Travel Professional of the Year

Brussels, 2 December 2016 - Pierre-Philippe Van Besien, Senior Manager Opex & Services European Procurement at Bridgestone Europe PLC, is voted Travel Professional of the Year 2016 by his fellow professionals. With this award, the Belgian Association of Travel Management (BATM) acknowledges the professionalism, creativity and performance of corporate travel professionals. The award was presented during a festive event in Brussels on Friday, December 2nd.

"It's an honour to receive the Travel Professional of the Year 2016 award," says Pierre-Philippe Van Besien. "It was a busy year for Bridgestone in terms of travel management: we implemented a travel portal and a completely new travel solution. A streamlined travel solution that is accessible to all authorities: from bookings to expense reports. In this way we try to make the life of the business traveller as easy as possible." Lieven Loose, General Manager Indirect Procurement at Bridgestone directed the project and is very pleased with his colleague's success, "Within our company, Pierre-Philippe is a key figure in the field of travel management. He really deserves this award."

The Travel Professional of the Year is chosen based on sector nominations. The winner is then selected according to its initiatives, performance, the evaluation and measurement of those results, achieved cost savings and vendor relationships.

The Belgian Association of Travel Management represents Corporate Travel professionals within the Belgian travel industry through the promotion of best practices, trainings and meetings for networking and knowledge sharing.



From left to right:
Geert Behets – BATM President; Pierre-Philippe Van Besien; Lieven Loose

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