

## Europe's largest Convention for Demolition and Dismantling in Berlin broke all records

**Cologne, 1 April 2014** With more than 700 participants and 80 exhibitors the German Demolition Association (Deutscher Abbruchverband e.V., DA) can announce a record attendance concerning the jubilee of Europe's largest convention for demolition and dismantling. The 20th Convention on Demolition took place on 28 and 29 March 2014 in the Hotel InterContinental, Berlin.

The Demolition Conference has been held in Berlin every March since 1995. Since the German Demolition Association took over this traditional event in 2011, it has become more international thanks to conference interpreting into English and French. The convention is open to anyone interested in the subject of demolition.

Visitors consist of demolition contractors, engineering offices, representatives of public authorities and site managers. This year 18 lectures ensured a quick and varied series of current and interesting topics on the subject of demolition. The speakers reported on the latest developments and innovations in the areas of technology, removal of toxic waste, recycling, health & safety and accident prevention. Information taken from actual practice on important legal changes and interesting reports from demolition sites rounded the program off. The traditional "dialogue evening" provided all participants with an optimal opportunity to consolidate existing contacts and make new ones in an informal atmosphere. On the second day excursions to demolition sites in Berlin and a forum were also offered.

Accompanying the conference over 80 exhibitors presented their products within a trade fair in the congress hotel.

The 21st Convention on Demolition will take place on 6 and 7 March 2015 in Berlin.

## The German Demolition Association

Since 1951, the German Demolition Association (Deutscher Abbruchverband, DA) acts – through participation in numerous committees – as a mouthpiece for the industry. It frequently updates the more than 550 members about technical and legal developments and ensures that practical experiences are included in political and economic decisions. Its main areas of work are

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professional training, occupational health and safety and quality assurance for demolition and dismantling.

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