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EURONAVAL 2016 TROPHY AWARDS

**ECA, VOITH TURBO and SBS INTERACTIVE,
winners of the 5th EURONAVAL Trophies**

This morning, the 3 winners of the 5th Euronaval Trophies have received their award from Jean-Yves Le Drian, French Minister of Defence, during the ceremony held for the official opening of the EURONAVAL show, this Tuesday October 18th, 2016.



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From left to right: Patrick BOISSIER, President of Euronaval, Guénaél GUILLERME, General Director of ECA Group, Jean-Yves LE DRIAN, Minister of Defence, Simon DUBOIS, Director of SBS Interactive, Christophe BRUON, Regional Manager Marine EMEA at VOITH TURBO.

Attentive to all the latest technological developments, each year EURONAVAL is boosted by technological innovations that are building the future of the global naval industry.

The vocation of the **three Euronaval Trophies** is to promote innovative products and services presented by exhibitors, and to help put the spotlight on the most innovative companies in the world.

This year the Trophies have been divided into 3 categories:

A - Two Euronaval awards open to the 34 exhibiting nations on the following themes:

DRONES - ROBOTICS - AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS
CONCEPTSHIPS - VESSEL OF THE FUTURE

B - a GICAN award specifically for French businesses on the following themes:

DIGITAL - VIRTUAL AND AUGMENTED REALITY SIMULATION

Among the large number of high quality entries, the jury, made up of journalists and professionals, chose 3 winners representing the industrial vitality of the international naval sector:

The EURONAVAL Trophy for “DRONES - ROBOTICS - AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS” is awarded to the company ECA for the development of STERNA®: providing a competitive alternative to a fixed or portable naval magnetic ranging system, allowing the vessel in operation to have near real-time protective action in terms of risk of magnetic sensors. The ECA group is recognised for its expertise in robotics, automated systems, simulation and industrial processes. Since 1936 the company has been developing innovative and comprehensive technological solutions for complex missions. Their offer is geared to an international client base with rigorous demands in terms of security and efficiency.

The EURONAVAL Trophy for “CONCEPTSHIPS - VESSEL OF THE FUTURE” is awarded to the company VOITH TURBO, for the VOITH LINEAR JET. The objective is to improve the capacities of multi-mission ships by developing a new propulsion system that provides optimum performance on the ship’s entire speed range. Voith Turbo is present in sectors covering hydroelectrics, power transmission for rail and road and maritime propulsion. The group represents 20,000 collaborators across the globe. Voith Turbo’s best-known product is the Voith Schneider, a unique propulsion system with a vertical rotation axis, where the majority of propulsion systems have a horizontal rotation axis.

The GICAN Trophy for “DIGITAL - VIRTUAL AND AUGMENTED REALITY SIMULATION IMULATION” is awarded to the company SBS Interactive. The GICAN Trophy 2016 has been given to VIS-On: the innovative solution software for enriched reality virtualization making it possible to visualise every single detail of a vessel in record time. It requires just one week aboard to photograph a frigate or submarine in its entirety. About one month later, the client can visit their virtual ship, take measurements, add maintenance tasks and documentation. SBS specialises in the development of innovative software solutions using 360° 3D photos and videos. It is a French SME, developing and marketing the VIS-On software to create a hyperrealistic virtual vessel using 360° photos.

Illustrations can be obtained on request from the official exhibition photographer:

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