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FIRST EUROPEAN VIDEO FILM FESTIVAL FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY.

Mrs Melina Mercouri, Member of the Greek Parliament and former Minister for Culture, and Mrs Vasso Papandreou, Member of the European Commission responsible for Social Affairs, chaired the International Jury for the European Occupational Health and Safety Video Film Festival which took place in Thessaloniki between 15th and 17th October 1992.

The Jury, composed of 10 prominent figures from the European Institutions, representatives of management and labour, the economic world, the arts, the press and the audio-visual industry, awarded the Festival's Supreme Award, the François Staedelin Prize, to the film "No Going Back" submitted by Gower Publishing Company Ltd.

The Supreme Award commemorates François Staedelin, Chairman of the European Economic and Social Committee, who died on 30th December 1991. He was a well known figure who was well respected by employers and workers alike and who played a major role in the progress made towards a truly social Europe.

Eight other prizes were awarded, a first and second prize in each of the four categories: General Public Awareness, Specific Groups Awareness, Information and Training (see attached list).

Mr Vasco Cal, a Member of the Economic and Social Committee of the European Communities, presented the Award for the Audience Favourite to the film "Dead Serious About Safety", submitted by British Railways.

The Commission of the European Communities, which organized the first Festival as part of the European Year of Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, received a record number of 340 entries, 59 of which were "nominated" by a pre-selection jury. Festival goers were able to see for themselves what a wealth of high-quality productions are available in this field in Europe.

The Festival clearly demonstrated the pre-eminent role which videos play in giving workers insight and training in matters of occupational health and safety. The Commission has chosen to highlight the use of the video in its overall campaign to reduce the social and economic cost of occupational illness and accidents. It is worth remembering that, of the 150 million workers in the Community, almost 10 million are affected every year by incidents, accidents or illness at work.

For more information on the European Year of Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, contact Michael Pillinger at the London office of the European Commission, tel: (+) 44 71 973 1911 (direct line), or Directorate-General for Employment, Industrial Relations and Social Affairs, Health & Safety Directorate, Unit V/E/5 - European Year, Bâtiment Jean Monnet - C5, BP 1907 - L2920, Luxembourg. Tel: (+) 352 43 01 43 34; fax: (+) 352 43 01 49 75.

EUROPEAN YEAR OF SAFETY, HYGIENE & HEALTH PROTECTION AT WORK

Prizes Awarded at the International Video Film Festival

Supreme Award - François Staedelin Prize

"No Going Back" Gower Publishing Company Ltd.

Award for Audience Favourite

"Dead Serious About Safety" British Railways.

General Public Awareness Category

1st Prize

"Accidents Don't Happen in the Office" Training Media Group.

2nd Prize

"Stop au Bruit" Process Image.

Specific Groups Awareness Category

1st Prize

"No Going Back" Gower Publishing Company Ltd.

2nd Prize

"Out-in Control" Douglas Bullock Production Co.

Information Category

1st Prize

"Easy & Isabella" Allcom.

2nd Prize

"Wir arbeiten gut und sicher - eine Unterweisungshilfe für Führungskräfte in Service- und Montagebereichen" Mannesmann Demag Fördertechnik.

Training Category

1st Prize

"Prévention Interim Industrie" Institut National de Recherche et de Sécurité.

2nd Prize

"Segurança no Trabalho Sector das Pescas" Centro Formação Profissional para o Sector das Pescas.