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SISCOG nominated for 2006 Computerworld Honors Laureates



THE COMPUTERWORLD HONORS PROGRAM

CREWS product, developed by SISCOG and used by many European railway companies, is once again internationally recognized for its quality and innovation, allowing SISCOG to receive the Laureate Medal by the *"Computerworld Honors Program"*.

Established in 1988, The Computerworld Honors Program brings together the principals of the world's foremost information technology companies to recognize and document the achievements of the men, women, organizations and institutions around the world, whose visionary applications of information technology promote positive social, economic and educational change.

Each year, members of the Computerworld Honors Chairmen's Committee, a group of 100 Chairmen/CEOs from leading global IT companies, submit nominations for organizations they feel demonstrated extraordinary use of information technology in 10 distinct categories of industry-related endeavor. The categories are: Business & Related Services; Education & Academia; Environment; Energy & Agriculture; Finance; Insurance & Real Estate; Government & Non-Profit Organizations; Manufacturing; Media, Arts & Entertainment; Medicine; Science and Transportation.

Nominees are then asked to contribute a Case Study for submission to the Computerworld Honors Program Global Archives.

Once their documentation has been reviewed and accepted, the nominees become Program Laureates, and their Case Studies become part of the Program's Global Archives. The information becomes available to researchers, students and scholars and through digital

records housed in national archives in over 100 universities, museums and research institutions throughout the world.

Laureates' achievements are recognized in June, during the Laureate Medal Ceremony, and Case Studies are formally inducted into the Program's International Archives, and honorees are presented with a medallion inscribed with the Program's mission, "*A Search for New Heroes.*"

Together with SISCOG, and among others, the following companies were nominated in 2006: AOL, AT&T Messaging, BellSouth Corporation, Chicago Stock Exchange, Discovery Communications Inc., Hitachi Consulting, JP Morgan Chase, Manpower Inc., National Cancer Institute (NCI), Nationwide Insurance, NBC Universal, New York City Police Department, RTL Netherlands, Siemens Business Services, Sun Microsystems, Sybase, The Bank of New York, The National Geographic Society, The Weather Channel Interactive, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Postal Service, UCLA's Laboratory of Neuro Imaging, University of California at Berkeley, Vodafone, and Volvo Cars Belgium.

The Laureate Medal Ceremony takes place in Washington on the 5th of June, a date that coincides with the 20th anniversary of SISCOG. SISCOG is devoted to the development of IT solutions to plan and manage personnel duties and rosters in companies and organizations offering public services with extended timetables.

Among its customers are almost all Scandinavian railways, the Dutch Railways, the Finnish Railways, the Portuguese Railways, the London Underground, and BRISA (the National Lease for Motorway Concession in Portugal).

SISCOG stands as a product development company that makes the customization work to the different realities of each customer. With its foundation it was decided that SISCOG would create its own intellectual capital, and that this would be expressed as a set of products based on the developed applications. These products are used today to plan and manage the daily work of tens of thousands of people in several European countries.

The internationalization project of SISCOG took also place with company's foundation. SISCOG was the first Portuguese company to export software. In the last few years, the sales percentage to the international market was above 90% of total sales, which totalizes around three million euros.

The success of the company is based on Innovation, a fact that has been recognized several times by international organizations of great prestige. SISCOG was awarded in 1997 and 2003 with the "*Innovative Application Award*", given by the "*American Association for Artificial Intelligence*", the most prestigious scientific organization in the Artificial Intelligence domain at worldwide level, and it was awarded now by the "*Computerworld Honors Program*".