



Appraisal of the Jury for the UIC Sustainability Awards 2010

The aim of the UIC Sustainability Awards is to give visibility to and reward excellence, ground breaking projects and the big efforts made within the rail sector to continuously improve its sustainability performance.

The Awards was introduced at the 10th anniversary of the UIC Sustainability Conference in September 2008 in London and this is second time the UIC Sustainability Awards will award projects for their contribution towards more sustainable railways. Nearly 30 high-level papers from all over the world have been competing for this second round of the UIC Sustainability Awards, and they have been giving the international independent Jury a hard challenge. Four papers have been awarded with the UIC Sustainability Awards.

The members of the Jury of the UIC Sustainability Awards 2010 have been:
Martina Otto, Head of Policy Unit Energy Branch, United Nations Environment Programme
Peder Jensen, Acting Head of Air and Climate Change Programme Head of Energy and Transport Group, European Environment Agency
Holger Dalkmann, Programme Director Sustainable Transport and Climate Change, Transport Research Laboratory (TRL)

Special Prize of the Jury

About the winner of the first prize the jury says:

The holistic thinking and the multi stakeholder approach behind this initiative to save stork nests deserve special appreciation – and especially in the year of Biodiversity.

The project demonstrates thorough considerations and new ways at looking at things. In stead of removing 54 nests – which would have been so much easier – the project decided to involve and work with other community actors. This cooperation led to an original solution, as well as, pointing forward towards an even better collaboration in the future.

The project clearly demonstrates the importance of cooperation, as well as how media can be used positively to support a good result and strengthen the image of railways.

Congratulations to the Bulgarian National Railway Infrastructure Company (NRIC)!

- and the project “Railway activities on biodiversity conservation and protection of habitats”, represented by Vasil Tomov.