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Scania's top service technician teams to meet in world final in Sweden

On the weekend of 14-16 October, some 50 of the world's best service technicians for heavy vehicles will gather in Södertälje, Sweden, to compete for the Top Team title. Top Team is a competition and training event arranged by Scania. This year, more than 6,000 service technicians in 46 countries all over the world have participated.

In addition to promoting the vehicle service technician profession, Scania Top Team is a competition with the goal of developing best practices for working on Scania vehicles.

"Ultimately our customers benefit the most from the Scania Top Team competition," says Christian Levin, Executive Vice President, Head of Sales and Services Management.

"We know that a better trained service staff solves complex problems quicker. As a consequence, truck owners and logistics companies will get even higher uptime for their vehicles and hence increase their productivity."

Scania Top Team is also used as a tool to improve the working conditions in Scania's workshops. Good working conditions result in a more motivated staff that rotates less, which leads to a more professional and skilled workforce. Consequently, this workforce increases the quality of the work performed at workshops all over the world.

The first Scania Top Team competition was arranged in Sweden in 1989. Since then, Top Team has grown, with participants from workshops all over the world. The 2011 edition is the eighth Top Team event held. The finalists come from Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom.

The Scania Top Team competition final takes place in Södertälje, Sweden, 14-16 October 2011. Follow the final on www.scanianewsroom.com

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Scania is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks and buses for heavy transport applications, and of industrial and marine engines. A growing proportion of the company's operations consists of products and services in the financial and service sectors, assuring Scania customers of cost-effective transport solutions and maximum uptime. Employing some 32,000 people, Scania operates in about 100 countries. Research and development activities are concentrated in Sweden, while production takes place in Europe and South America, with facilities for global interchange of both components and complete vehicles. In 2009, net sales totalled SEK 62 billion and net income amounted to SEK 1.1 billion.

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