

## European Innovative Games Award 2009: Jury decides on short list

Eleven games are nominated for the European Innovative Games Award (EIGA) 2009, another eight titles compete for three sponsorship awards, worth 5,000 euro each.

Frankfurt, October 27, 2009 - The 2009 EIGA jury has decided on the short list of candidates for the award: Out of 70 titles submitted, eleven are nominated to receive one of the three prizes, while another eight titles compete for three sponsorship awards representing a value of 5,000 euro each. Hundreds of guests are expected to attend the ceremony on November 6 at the Cinema Metropolis movie house in Frankfurt. Among them are Markus Frank, Deputy Mayor of the City of Frankfurt and Head of the Department of Economics, Human Resources and Sports; Nicola Beer, State Secretary of European Affairs at the Hessen Ministry of Justice, Integration and Europe; Professor Wolfgang Thaenert, Director of the Hessian Regulatory Authority for Commercial Broadcasting and New Media (LPR); Dr. Florian Stadlbauer, board member of gamearea FRM. Laudatory speeches will be delivered by jurors Maruia Gutiérrez Díaz (European Commission), Frank Sliwka (GDC Europe), André Horn (IDG Entertainment Media), Olivier Menne (Eurogamer Network), Simon Little (Interactive Federation of Europe), and Jan Wagner (gamearea FRM). Presenters Viola Tensil and Mola Abedisi will guide through the program, accompanied by Kaye Ree, the band which surprised the audience with its most recent debut album "Endless Melody", presenting soul at its best made in Germany.

Competing for EIGA category "T – Innovative Technology" are "Nintendo DSi" by Nintendo of Europe, "ICON" by KOMPAN, "CryENGINE 3" by Crytek (all: Germany), and "Positive Gaming iDANCE" by Positive Gaming AB from Sweden.

"Maus DS – Der mausgeflippte Denkspaß" by Braingame Publishing and „Imagine Earth – Exploring the Balance" by Serious Brothers, both from Germany, "Greed Corp" by Woedend!Games BV and "Swords & Soldiers" Ronimo Games, both from the Netherlands, and "Max and the Magic Marker" by Press Play from Denmark are the competitors in the category "GD – Innovative Games Design".

"AnimalClass 2: European Map" by GameMiner Ltd from Finland, the Dutch titles "The great Flu" by Ranj Serious Games and "SilverFit" by Silver Fit BV, and, being nominated for the second time, German title "ICON" by KOMPAN, made it to the short list in the category "AME – Innovative Application Methods and Environments."

Mainly contributions from Germany are found in the category sponsorship awards. Here, German titles "Nemesis 2030 (Bigpoint), "Levee Engine" and "White Label Community" (both TGC – The Games Company Worldwide), "Marble Isle Quiz System" (Three D SERVICES, "Backdrop – behind the curtain" (Franz Stadal), "NotPron yet" (Will Weber), and "Phobos" (Mediadesign Hoch-

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schule Wolpertinger Games) are nominated, with the Dutch title "Paccus HAWK hydraulic feedback joystick" by Paccus Interfaces being the only foreign title competing in that category.

### **The European Innovative Games Award:**

EIGA was created in 2008, and honors extraordinary innovations in computer and video games. Organizer of the European wide contest is a support organization, including the City of Frankfurt, the Hessian Ministry of Economics, Transport, Urban and Regional Development in the scope of the program Hessen-IT, the LPR Hessen and the games industry association gamearea FRM. The EIGA contest is realized in cooperation with the European Commission. Event partner of this year's EIGA ceremony is the browsergames forum 2009, which will also take place on November 6 and 7 at the CineStar Metropolis, when winners of this year's EIGA contest are announced at the award ceremony. This year's EIGA sponsors are Brehm & v. Moers, crytek, Dynamedion, GameReport.de, Hassia, metricminds, Namco Bandai Partners Germany, Red Carpet Event, Saalbau and Satis & Fy.

