

# Salvetti Foundation will be present at EuroMaintenance,... of course!

**“To help create a network for young maintenance professionals and to assist them in the start and early development of their careers”. That’s the mission of the Salvetti Foundation. The foundation aims to award excellence in maintenance management and to contribute to bringing young maintenance professionals together in order to retain this group in the professional field and motivate them in their careers in cooperation with EFNMS and relevant European Union-organisations.**

The Salvetti Foundation awards different categories of maintenance every two years. The European Maintenance Manager Award and the Scientific awards.

❖❖❖ **Scientific awards.** The Salvetti Foundation supports the work done on maintenance in the academic world. The objective of the academic awards is to promote, encourage and motivate the theoretical and applied R&D related to maintenance knowledge and practice amongst the students at the European Universities and Research Institutes. A network of 24 professors support the review process. Each of these reports has been reviewed by 2 independent professors. At EuroMaintenance the winning students will also be congratulated.

❖❖❖ **EFNMS European Maintenance Manager Award.** EuroMaintenance welcomes the Salvetti Foundation in April 2023. It is with great pleasure then that, for the sixteenth time, EFNMS and the Salvetti Foundation will be able to award the winner of the EFNMS European Maintenance Manager Award (EMMA). The first time was in 1988 and ever since they presented the award to a worthy winner. This 16th contest, took a rather long period due to Corona issues. President Stefano Salvetti; “We discussed extensively how to organise a formal award ceremony after postponing EuroMaintenance 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic”.

“This time the EMMA Jury consisted of four members; myself, founder of the Salvetti foundation, two representatives of EFNMS and the Salvetti Foundation Secretary. All nominees met the stringent qualification criteria of the national maintenance societies who selected their candidates. After this national qualification the real challenge of the EMMA Jury started. All nominees actually earned at least a runner-up qualification”.

A portrait of Stefano Salvetti, a middle-aged man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is blurred.

*Stefano Salvetti Foto: private collection*

❖ **Congratulations to the winner.** The winner, Mr. Alexis Agustín Lárez Alcázar was nominated by the Spanish maintenance society 'AEM'. The laureate is technical director at Enova Levante, a company specialized in technical services. Salvetti; "Alexis is an experienced leader associated with Asset Management and technical reliability in Spain and countries in Latin America. He has more than 22 years international experience in various types of industry. He is Lead Auditor in Asset Management and quality systems based on ISO 55001 and ISO 9001. Additionally, he is University Lecturer in master and postgraduate programmes". As shown in his cv, he possesses many certificates and skills. Eq, criticality and analysing tools as, RCM, FMECA, RCA, and a strong knowledge of industry processes on strategic, tactical and operational level. He is author of the book Tools of Reliability. "Alexis is respected for his very broad experience and therefore a very welcome and appreciated speaker at international conferences", according to the jury. A number of published and registered papers from him can be found in international magazines. Salvetti mentions as well that Alexis has a PhD Degree in computer technology and environmental engineering. Skills which he practised as leader in the cement industry when he was involved in the implementation of the environmental standard ISO14001. These environment related skills become more and more important as maintaining assets should support new sustainability goals". For these highlights in Alexis carrier the jury unanimous concluded that he should be the winner of the European Maintenance Manager Award 2021.

❖ **Runners-up.** Next to the winner there are two excellent runners up which should be mentioned. On behalf of the Finnish maintenance society, mister Ilkka Palsola was nominated. Ilkka retired in 2015 after a long and very successful carrier in a variety of positions for the global chemical company Kemira. Over the last years of his employment he acted as global expert and engineering team leader in the pulp and paper fabrication. In his last position he acted as global engineering director supporting all production sites. Ilkka is still a very respected and valuable board member of Promaint and member of the EFNMS certification committee.



From the Swedish maintenance society, mister Fredrik Blomkvist was nominated. Fredrik is maintenance manager for the AstraZeneca pharmaceutical packaging factory in Södertälje. His journey to improve a number of maintenance processes started in 2017. Among a number of excellent achievements, it should be especially noted that in 2020 his team reduced downtime with 37% and maintenance cost per dose with 15%. Maintenance staff closed more than 250 competence gaps and safety goals were met: Zero incidents.

Both organisations, EFNMS and the Salvetti Foundation congratulate Alexis, Ilkka and Fredrik and wish him success in their profession. During the next EuroMaintenance event in Rotterdam the formal handover of the award will take place. Salvetti; "I am looking forward to EuroMaintenance at Rotterdam where the NVDO, Ahoy Rotterdam and EFNMS will take care of an excellent conference and Rotterdam will be the Maintenance Capital of Europe. I will be there!"

*'The award is in recognition of extraordinary accomplishment in the field of maintenance'*