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Disneyland on his honeymoon in 1958, Ricardo went on to become a driving force in the development of Guatemala's tourism industry and a co-founder of the "Institute for Recreation for Private Sector Workers" (IRTRA), of which he has additionally been the President for over 35 years. During the course of his term of service, Castillo has developed two of the country's most innovative amusement parks, the Xetulul Amusement Park and the Xocomil Water Park in Rethalhuleu. The other two Hall of Fame inductees were Frederic W. Thompson (1872 – 1919) and Elmer Dundy (1862 – 1907), founders of the Luna Park on Coney Island.

24,000 guests attended the convention in Las Vegas, only 200 less than in 2008, with the number of potential buyers actually increasing from 12,500 to 14,700. The number of companies seeking to make a purchase also rose from 5,494 to 6,458. The number of companies displaying an exhibit was only down slightly from 1,154 to 1,074.

The exhibitors were accordingly optimistic. One particularly successful example is the Alterface company: During the period from the EAS to the end of the IAAPA Expo, this Belgian company managed to sell five interactive theaters, two in France and one each in Korea, Venezuela and Turkey. Its interactive dark ride, honored with a "Best New Product Award" during the IAAPA show, seems destined to become Alterface's next potential big seller.

Sebastian Gropp (WhiteWater) unter einem Vorführelement des neuen Hochseilparcours „Adrena Line“

Einen der größten Messestände hatte WhiteWater West mit Prime Play.



Einen guten Standplatz am Hauptgang der unteren Messehalle hatte sich unter anderem Vekoma gesichert.

Mack Rides once again enjoyed the special attention of customers from all over the world at the IAAPA show. The new "Twist 'n' Splash" carousel presented by the company had an almost magnetic effect on visitors – this newly developed model was permanently occupied, while new contracts were already drawn up and letters of intent signed during the convention ...

The new seat for loop coasters, presented for the first time in the USA, was one more item that made a major impression, particularly for visitors who had not yet had the opportunity to experience the "Blue Fire" at the Europa-Park.

One focus of development for many companies was products in the style of Disney's Soarin attraction. These innovative new flight simulators appear to have captured the interest of numerous parks.

Swiss Rides is working at present on a diverse variety of attractions for customers throughout the world. Philipp Meili and his team created a sightseeing gondola journey for the Swiss pavilion at the Expo in Shanghai. Up to 1,500 pph could be transported in two adjoined gondolas.



And there's also no reason to complain of a lack of creativity in the Engineering Dept. at S&S Rides. The latest S&S development, the Free Fly Coaster, was honored with "Best New Product Award".

Intamin has seen a renaissance in the water attraction sector and has now listed ten different projects in this product segment, three of which are planned in Europe. In addition, Intamin's Sascha Czibulka happily reports, "Monorails are enjoying a comeback, and we're very proud of the extensive range of experience and great references that we can provide in this particular sector."

Chance Morgan sold three carousels, each with a diameter of eleven meters, to parks in Taiwan, Singapore and India. One "Aviator", known in Europe from Germany's Movie Park, is on its way to Hong Kong's Ocean Park, and

Frauenpower: Sohret Pakis (re.) und Eija Tervo von Polin waren erfreut über den großen Zuspruch, den sie für ihre Rutschen und das neue RTM-Verfahren verzeichnen konnten.



Zwei neue Extreme Slides im Polin-Sortiment

Auf der EAS 2009 in Amsterdam stellte der türkische Rutschenhersteller Polin zwei seiner neuen Rutschenmodelle vor. Bei beiden Modellen handelt es sich um so genannte Extreme Slides. „Dragero“ ist eine vierbahnige Mattenrutsche, die speziell für den Outdoor-Bereich konzipiert ist. Kopfüber können sich vier Badegäste gleichzeitig auf je einer Matte zunächst vom zehn Meter hohen Rutschenturm abwärts in die Tiefe begeben und dabei an Geschwindigkeit zulegen, um dann wiederum einen Rutschenabschnitt bergauf zu rutschen. An dieser Stelle teilen sich die vier Bahnen nach links und rechts in je zwei parallel verlaufende Röhrenrutschenabschnitte, die dann in Auffangbecken enden. Die Bahnlänge der Rutsche beträgt jeweils etwa 81 Meter. „Dragero“ bietet eine Kapazität von 480 Personen pro Stunde.



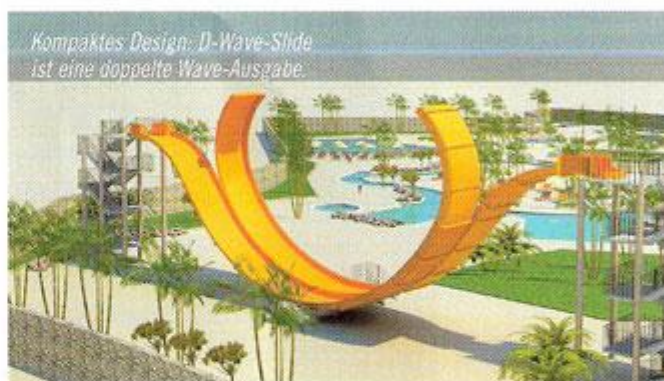
Dragero - eine vierbahnige Mattenrutsche, die zum Wettkampf einlädt.

Die zweite Neuheit trägt den Namen „D-Wave-Slide“, wobei das D für „Double“ steht. Folglich sind es zwei Wave-Rutschen, die quasi parallel, dennoch spiegelverkehrt nebeneinander mit jeweils einem ebenfalls zehn Meter hohen Rutschenturm errichtet sind. Pro Rutsche können je zwei Personen in einem Doppelreifen Platz nehmen. Der steile Startabschnitt sorgt dabei für ein echtes „freefall“-Feeling. Bis zu 240 Personen können die Rutsche pro Stunde nutzen. Durch ihr kompaktes Design ist die „D-Wave“ sowohl für den Außen- als auch für den Innenbereich geeignet.

Polin: Two New Extreme Slides

Turkish slide manufacturer Polin presented two of its new slide models at the EAS 2009 in Amsterdam. Both models fall under the category of so-called "Extreme Slides". "Dragero" is a four-lane mat slide specially designed for outdoor use. Four swimming guests at a time can take off headfirst on one mat each from a ten meter-high slide tower, gaining speed on the way down and then proceeding upwards for the next slide section. Here the four lanes are divided to the left and right side into two parallel enclosed slide sections, ultimately splashing into the landing pool at the bottom. The length of the slide is approximately 81 meters, and "Dragero" can accommodate a capacity of 480 persons per hour.

The second innovation bears the name "D-Wave Slide", with D signifying "Double". It consists of two wave slides, each of



Kompaktes Design: D-Wave-Slide ist eine doppelte Wave-Ausgabe.

which is also constructed with a ten meter slide tower with the slides running parallel in a mirror-image design. Each slide takes two persons at a time on a double-tube, and the steep drop of the start section guarantees a genuine "freefall" feeling. Up to 240 persons per hour can enjoy the slide, and thanks to its compact design, the "D-Wave" is equally suited for both indoor and outdoor use.