



European Travel Buyer Awards 2012 and Dutch 'National Travel Buyer of the Year Award' Open for entries and nominations!

New Awards for Business Travel Buyers & Managers

The organisers of the prestigious European Travel Buyer Awards (ETBA), Centaur Travel Group, together with NATM and Business Travel Club are launching a new award for travel managers & buyers based in The Netherlands 'The Travel Buyer of the Year'.

The new award, which will be presented at the Business Travel Club Xmas Party, Amsterdam 10th December 2011, is designed to formally recognise corporate travel buyers within the Netherlands who are pioneers in their field, and who have devised and implemented progressive and innovative travel and meeting programmes which save their company's time and money.

David Chapple, Award Director commented "Travel buyer's work is incredibly important - they keep their travelling colleagues safe, their companies prudent and they finely balance the needs of efficiency with sustainability. It's an equation that is only achieved through relentless hard work and dedication and this Award is designed to make sure that these individuals acknowledged."

"The Business Travel Club Netherlands (BTCNL) is delighted to be hosting the first 'Travel Buyer of the Year award", added **Huub Smeets, Founder of BTCNL and Managing Partner of Partnership Travel Consulting International**. "We aim to take our Dutch winners to the podium at The European Travel Buyer Awards ceremony in London which celebrates the very best and most accomplished travel managers across Europe".



“Dutch Travel Managers are innovative, resilient and creative. This new award will celebrate our profession and recognised those buyers who are undertaking some exceptional work with their travel programmes,” said **Herman Huijjer, NATM Chairman**.

The Winner of the ‘Travel Buyer of the Year’ award will automatically be shortlisted for the European Travel Buyer Awards which takes place on the 6th February in London. The winners and entrants are also be given the option of being hosted to Ceremony and the Business Travel Show, Europe’s leading event for business travel buyers taking place on the following two days 7th & 8th February, London.

Entry is restricted to individuals who manage, buy or book travel on behalf of their company. Suppliers, intermediaries and other third parties can nominate travel managers and buyers. Those entering the new award can also enter any of the 9 categories of the European Travel Buyer Awards. Full entry details are available at www.etbawards.com/NL email awardteam@etbawards.com or call +44 (0)20 7970 4943 for further details. **Entry Deadline - 21st October**

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About The Business Travel Show

The Business Travel Show is Europe’s largest and longest-established dedicated event for business travel professionals It’s the only chance each year for corporate buyers to find the information, innovation, introductions and inspiration they need to make more confident and informed buying decisions; to increase efficiency, reduce costs, enhance performance and boost their business network. The 18th Business Travel Show takes place 7-8 February 2012 at Earls Court 2 in London. For more information and free registration please visit www.businesstravelshow.com

About European Travel Buyer Awards

The European Travel Buyer Awards is the only pan-European awards to recognise and reward corporate travel managers who are leading the way in their field and have devised and managed progressives and innovative travel and meeting programmes that save their company money and their travellers’ time. The 2012 event will take place on 6 February 2012 on the eve of Business Travel Show (Europe’s largest event for the corporate travel market in London 7-8 February). www.etbawards.com

About Business Travel Club Netherlands

The Business Travel Club is a regular social and networking event open to anyone involved in the business travel industry. The club meets six times a year in cities across the Netherlands. www.thebusinesstravelclub.com