

## DREMA 2004

### A trade fair full of emotion

**Valuable prizes, the cheers of the audience, and a big rush of adrenaline - this is what awaits all those ready to take part in the competitions organised by the Inwestor publishing house and the Poznań International Fair during the Drema fair. Attractions will surely not be lacking.**

Most exciting will be the 3rd Polish Nail Driving Championships. You can already let your imagination be fired by the prizes, such as the SC/4W circular sawing machine from SCM, with saw blade tilting, worth more than 30,000 PLN. This year, the competition will for the first time be divided into two "champion leagues". One of them will be open only to subscribers of the "Gazeta Przemysłu Drzewnego" and "Meblarstwo" magazines. The task looks deceptively easy. Contestants will have to choose five nails and drive them into a piece of squared timber in as few hits as possible. Each successful hit may get you closer to the prize of 5,000 PLN worth of Metabo electric tools. For the less successful hammerers, the organisers will have cheques for tools worth 2,000 PLN for the 2nd place, and 1,000 PLN for the 3rd. The competition will continue over the four days of trading at DREMA and MEBLE. On the last day, the most valuable prize - the SC/4W sawing machine - will go to the best contestant over the whole duration of the competition.

The 3rd Polish Nail Driving Championships will also include a separate league for the exhibitors. They will also be given the opportunity of trying their hand at nail driving. The winner will receive an advertising campaign for their company, worth 25,000 PLN, in the "Gazeta Przemysłu Drzewnego" and "Meblarstwo" magazines, as well as a 10-per cent rebate for exhibition space at next year's DREMA.

In addition to the Championships, a rich programme of exhibitions and shows organised by the Inwestor publishing house and the Poznań International Fair will await the visitors. Last year, the exhibition of old carpenters' machines and tools proved popular. This year, too, it will present old woodworking tools. Many of them have their unique histories. Last year, carpenters recognised among the machines and tools shown some devices that were similar to those used by their grandfathers. Some said that they still had similar machines and tools in their own workshops. Many people not only admired the exhibits but also photographed them. We hope that this year there will be many companies ready to show their keepsake machines and tools, or even equipment they still use today.

Another treat for fans of wood will be the stamp collecting exhibition "Wood on the postage stamp". The collection will cover a very wide range of topics, including, for example, forests, forest care, logging, woodworking machines and tools, wood architecture, wood products, as well as philatelic curiosities. Not only on postage stamps but also seals, occasional date stamps, postcards and envelopes will be on show. A furniture renovation show will surely prove interesting not only for professionals but also antique lovers. For the whole duration of the fair, experts in antique furniture renovation will be renovating an exhibit from the collection of the National Museum in Poznań, in front of the very eyes of the visitors. All those preferring to give the nail driving thing a miss, there will be a chair building

competition. Each participant will be handed the same number of elements and will be required to use them all to build a chair in the shortest time possible, strong enough to support the weight of the contestant. Each participant to beat three competitors in a row will receive a 1,000 PLN cheque for Metabo electric tools. To be eligible for the competition, you need to be a subscriber of the "Gazeta Przemysłu Drzewnego" or "Meblarstwo" magazines.

The last point on the programme of Drema's accompanying events will be the second edition of the "Conjured from wood" competition. The invitation to participate in this edition is extended only to schools of all levels providing training for wood industry professionals. The idea of the competition will be the same as last year - the winner will have to present an amazing object made of wood - with their own hands, of course. The winning student's school will receive a prize of 4,000 PLN worth of Metabo electric tools. The winner's whole class will be invited to DREMA to share their success. Works should be sent to the Inwestor publishing house before 15 April 2004.