



The INCM sponsors the 2011 APCADEC Awards

A presentation ceremony was held for the 2011 APCADEC Awards on the 6th of April. This initiative is promoted by APCADEC - the Portuguese Purchasing and Provisioning Association and by the International Federation of Purchasing and Supply Management (IFPSM), with sponsorship from the Portuguese Mint and Official Printing Office (INCM), and was run this year with a theme entitled "The Importance of Purchasing to the Competitiveness of Organisations and of the Country".

The event was attended by the Deputy Secretary of State for Industry and Development, Fernando Medina, who emphasised the importance of these types of initiatives, particularly their contribution to providing clarifications and to supporting the development of competitiveness in Portuguese industry.

The president of the Portuguese Public Procurement Agency (ANCP), Paulo Magina, who shared with the attendees his thoughts on Competitiveness and on the Portuguese Public Procurement System, disclosed the balance sheet for the activities of the ANCP and made a presentation on future perspective and trends, specifically those regarding the growing challenge of competitiveness in public procurement.

A highlight of the event was the IFPSM *Award – Purchasing Professional* prize being awarded for the first time to a Portuguese manager who, according to the event organisers, has made Portugal "a state of the art country in the world of procurement and supply management". Another highlight was the award of the APCADEC Universities prizes for the areas of Stock Management and Procurement Management, which were presented for two Master's theses written by students at the University of Aveiro.

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