

Valletta, Malta wins Best International Mediterranean Port Award

The **Port of Valletta, Malta** has won the *Best International Mediterranean Port Award 2009*. This was announced at the third edition of 'Premios Excellence En El Sector Cruceros', taking place in Malaga, Spain earlier this month. The event was hosted by **Cruises News Media Group**.

Winners in different categories have been chosen by more than 5,000 passengers in a survey through the website www.cruisesnews.es and cruise users' forum www.forodecruceros.com. These are the only international awards for the cruise industry in Spain, which annually recognise the work of the companies, ports and destinations through the cruise customer opinion.

Dr. **Anton Micallef**, Chairman of VASET Malta plc, operators of the Valletta Waterfront and the Sea Passenger Terminals commented, *"This Prize is a call sign for achievement as it is a wake-up call for constant vigilance. It is a milestone on the road to setting standards at the Valletta Port. We need to achieve business growth steadily and prudently as not to be misled into replacing our relentlessness with complacency"*.

Valletta was declared co-winner along with Venice, both Ports obtaining the same number of points.

Whilst in Malaga, representatives from VASET Malta plc attended a cruise forum organised by Cruises News Media Group. Attendees to the event included management from cruise line companies, travel agencies and tour operators, European ports, as well as Spanish tourism organizations and authorities.
