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BUDAPEST ARENA INSTALLS JBL

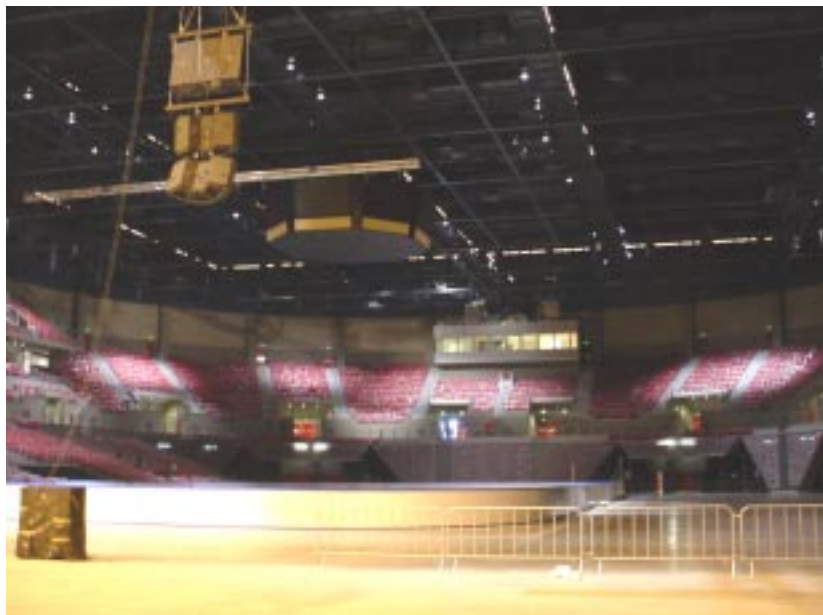
IEC Completes Major Sound System Installation in Budapest

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – APRIL 22, 2003 – The Budapest Arena recently received a complete sound reinforcement system featuring JBL Venue and Sound Power Series speakers. The largest venue of its kind in Hungary, Budapest Arena has capacity for up to 12,500 people.

The Hungarian architectural company, Kötzi designed the arena for multipurpose usage. Hence the seating can be reconfigured for various sporting events, e.g. tennis, football, basketball and boxing. It can also be configured into an ice rink. For cultural functions the space can be used as a concert hall, conference space, theatre and exhibition hall.

The acoustician Mr. Kotschy, sound contractor IEC, and supplier Audiopole were requested to provide two system solutions: one solution for a distributed system with zoning capabilities for sport and exhibition use, and a second solution for a mobile system.

The distributed system consists of a total of 28 zones with 50 speakers: 24 custom JBL Venue Series VS3215/6P three-way systems and 26 JBL 2447/2352 horn-compression driver assemblies.



**Indoor View of
Budapest Arena**

The mobile system is a four-way design, not intended for extreme sound pressure levels, but for small concerts and conferences. With the arena in this configuration, a stage is installed between the east side and the center of the arena. All suspension hardware for the mobile system must allow the suspension of the system from an overhead structural grid that covers the entire arena at a height of 21 meters. The components in the system are identical to those in the distributed system in order to maintain sonic consistency and ease of service. Six VS2210-6, four VS125HS, and two SP128S rigs are suspended in each of the left/right configurations.

Bruno Bertrand, Managing Director for Audiopole commented, “Large systems are always a challenge and considering the specific nature of this project, everyone is extremely pleased with the results.”



Mobile System Speaker Cluster Consisting of Venue Series and Sound Power

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