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Greetings from Sopot, Poland!

Cartoon Forum Polska is almost over and it's safe to say the general consensus among the 700 attendees is that we really like this charming, seaside city. Highlights have included Tuesday night's moonlit welcome dinner on Sopot's pier and standout presenter of 2011 - Robin Lyons of Cardiff, Wales-based Calon who emerged from underneath the front table clad in a white one-piece bunny suit to present his classic, 2D-style series, *Lettice*, about a little rabbit.

The luck of the Irish swept this year's Cartoon Tributes winners, which included RTE for broadcaster of the year, Paris-based AWOL, helmed by Ireland's own Julie Fox, for distributor of the year, and Dublin-based Monster Animation & Design for producer of the year. And just announced today (the worst kept secret at Cartoon Forum), next year's host city, Toulouse, France.

According to the official stats released this week, among the 66 projects from 19 countries, at least 30% are co-productions with two or more European countries. France has the biggest presence on stage this year, with participation in 22 of the projects, followed by the UK with 14, Spain with 11 and host-country Poland, with 5. The average budget across projects comes in at 7,670 Euros per minute.

See you at MIPCOM!

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