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## Fritz Institute / CILT (UK) Certification in Humanitarian Logistics wins European Supply Chain Excellence Award

**LONDON** — On November 1<sup>st</sup> in London, the Fritz Institute / CILT (UK) Certification in Humanitarian

Logistics (CHL) was awarded the European Supply Chain Excellence Award for Training and Professional Development. The award was presented to the Fritz Institute in partnership with the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK) and the Logistics Learning Alliance. Also short-listed for the award, which was sponsored by BiS Henderson, were BAE Systems, DHL Supply Chain, and Gist.



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In making the selection of CHL as the winner, the judges looked for evidence of significant developments in supply chain professional development programs within an organization or their field as well as strategic use of training programs for the logistics and supply chain functions.

About receiving the award, Lynn Fritz said, "Selection of CHL as the winner is a testament to the professional quality of the program and its achievements to-date. In the end, the program has and will continue to have a profound effect on professionalization in the Sector, which indeed was the original goal."

CHL represents sustained collaboration among the primary actors in humanitarian logistics. The content was developed by a team of experts from ICRC, the International Rescue Committee, Medecins Sans Frontiers (Holland), Oxfam (GB), Save the Children (US), UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP, under the expert guidance and coordination of supply chain improvement specialists, the People Development Group. Delivery of CHL is through a multi-national partnership: the course is managed and sponsored by the Fritz Institute, CILT (UK) is the awarding organization for the qualification, and Logistics Learning Alliance is the administrating and coaching agency.

Since its launch in 2006, over a thousand students have enrolled in the course, coming from over 200 agencies across the humanitarian sector. Graduates report increased understanding, confidence and improved skills on the job gained as a result of taking the courses, as well as increased employment opportunities and promotions coming about from their Fritz Institute/CILT (UK) certification. Effectiveness of the courses continues to be validated by supporting organizations such as ICRC, who has recently made

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completion of MedLog and either CHL or CLH a requirement to be considered for promotion to Logistics Coordinator.

More information about the Fritz Institute and the Certification in Humanitarian Logistics is available on the Fritz Institute website ([www.fritzinstitute.org](http://www.fritzinstitute.org)).

***About the European Supply Chain Excellence Awards:***

The European Supply Chain Excellence Awards were launched in 1997 as an initiative to recognise and reward organisations in Europe that demonstrate excellence in their supply chain operations. They are renowned for the rigour of the judging process which also provides valuable feedback for entrants.

The objectives of the Awards are:

- To recognise achievement in supply chain management across Europe
- To reward those companies who have attained highest standards
- To highlight the importance of, and the opportunities offered by, excellent supply chain management
- To celebrate as an industry the successes of the past year
- To provide a Networking opportunity for Europe's Senior Supply Chain Professionals

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