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**VICTAM International 2026 brings 7,038 industry professionals to the Netherlands and strengthens its position as global event for feed, grain and processing industries**

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*The international event connected technology suppliers, producers, researchers and decision-makers through trade, innovation, knowledge sharing and new market development*

**Utrecht, The Netherlands - 10 June 2026**

From 2 to 4 June 2026, VICTAM International and GRAPAS Europe returned to Jaarbeurs Utrecht, the Netherlands, bringing together 7,038 industry professionals from 127 countries for three days of trade, technology launches, knowledge exchange and international business meetings across the feed, grain handling, flour milling, pet food, aquafeed and related processing industries. More than 200 exhibitors presented machinery, technologies, ingredients, services and expertise to a strong international audience.

The event connected technology suppliers, producers, millers, processors, nutrition specialists, ingredient companies, associations, researchers and decision-makers from across the animal feed and grain processing value chain. Across the exhibition floor and conference programme, visitors explored new solutions and industry developments, while exhibitors reported valuable conversations, concrete business leads and strong follow-up opportunities.

Despite the difficult and disruptive situation in the Middle East, VICTAM was pleased to welcome a broad international audience to Utrecht. A notable development this year was the growth in visitors from Eastern Europe, representing 10% of total visitor attendance. This underlines the increasing relevance of VICTAM International for both established and developing markets across the European animal feed and grain industries.

<b>7,038</b>	<b>200+</b>	<b>127</b>
Attendees	Exhibitors	Countries

**A sector-focused platform for trade and investment**

VICTAM International and GRAPAS Europe served professionals across the full feed, grain and processing value chain. The exhibition floor brought together companies active in feed production, grain handling and storage, flour and rice milling, pet food production, aquafeed, nutrition, ingredients, biomass, automation, packaging, process control and related technologies.

The strong atmosphere on the exhibition floor reflected the purpose of the event: enabling companies to present solutions, meet qualified buyers, exchange technical knowledge and build new partnerships. Active stands, live demonstrations, international meetings and sector-specific conversations showed that the industry came to Utrecht not only to network, but also to move business forward.

For visitors, the event offered a clear overview of the latest technologies and solutions across multiple connected industries. At the same time, exhibitors were able to strengthen existing relationships, meet new prospects and leave the event with concrete follow-up opportunities for future projects and partnerships.



### **A strong programme connecting science and industry**

One of the key highlights of VICTAM International 2026 was the conference and seminar programme, which connected scientific insights with practical industry knowledge. The programme addressed relevant themes such as feed technology, process optimisation, sustainability, feed safety, circular raw materials, automation and future production methods.

A central part of the programme was the 3rd International Feed Technology Congress, IFTC 2026, organised by the VICTAM Foundation and Wageningen University & Research. Under the theme Animal Feed Technology: Science meets Industry, the congress brought together scientists, technologists and industry professionals to discuss the interaction between feed materials and process technology.

The sessions gave participants practical insights into how research, data, new ingredients and processing technologies can be applied in daily production. By bringing science and industry together, the programme helped translate current challenges into concrete ideas for more efficient, safe and sustainable feed and grain processing.

### **Technical tour: from exhibition floor to feed production in practice**

As part of VICTAM International 2026, a technical tour was organised to give participants a closer look at feed production and innovation in practice. The tour included visits to Feed Design Lab in Wanssum and the Fransen Gerrits feed production facilities.

At Feed Design Lab, participants were introduced to practical research, training and trial feed production in the animal feed sector. The visit showed how new feed concepts, technologies and raw materials can be tested before being applied on a larger scale.

The tour also included a visit to Fransen Gerrits, where participants were able to see how a modern feed mill operates in practice. As a result, the technical tour helped connect the innovations presented on the exhibition floor with real-life production environments, giving participants a clearer understanding of how new technologies can be used in practice.

### **Innovation at the heart of the exhibition floor**

Innovation was at the heart of VICTAM International 2026. Exhibitors presented a wide range of new equipment, technologies and services, with several companies using the event as the stage for product launches and industry announcements.

This strong focus on innovation was also reflected in the AFTaN Feed Technology Awards and the GRAPAS Innovation Awards, organised by Perendale Publishers Ltd. In total, 24 applications were submitted, underlining the level of development across the feed, grain, flour milling and related processing industries.

The winners were announced during the Exhibitor Cocktail on 2 June. The AFTaN Feed Technology Award was awarded to Tietjen Verfahrenstechnik GmbH for the Large Hammer Mill FD 32 Pro. The GRAPAS Innovation Award was awarded to STIF for the Compact Flameless Device VIGIFLAM VI.

The AFTaN runner-up awards were presented to Ottevanger for the Progress Monoroll Pellet Mill and ZCME for the SZLH1208 Ring-Die Pellet Mill. Highly commended recognition in the AFTaN category was given to Sustell by dsm-firmenich and the FAMSUN Unattended Pellet Mill Control System by FAMSUN.

In the GRAPAS category, the runner-up award was presented to Koch & Brook for the 3DPro2300. Highly commended recognition was given to the Bühler Nutrex 7 Series by Bühler and LibriXer Comminution Technology for Whole Grain Flour Processing by LibriXer.



The full shortlist further demonstrated the broad scope of innovation presented at the event. In the GRAPAS category, shortlisted entries included Anton Paar Brabender with the ExtensoGraph [modular], Maxi-Lift with the Plastic Elevator Bucket and TAPCO with the Tapco CCHD-LP Low Profile Elevator Bucket. In the AFTaN category, additional shortlisted entries included Aerox with Gas Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS), AMABOX B.V. with The AMABOX System, Andritz with ECS V2.0, Expansion Control System, Dedoussis Engineering Limited with e-batch DE, Dr Eckel with Anta®Sync, FEEDTECH with IsDeCa Mixing Principle Technology, Lvlogics with SiloSpi™ and PLP Systems with Vertical MicroBlend.

Together, the winners, runners-up, highly commended entries, shortlisted companies and product launches gave the industry a clear view of where technology is heading: towards safer processes, greater efficiency, more automation, digitalisation and smarter production. For many companies, VICTAM International created a platform not only to present innovation, but to start conversations about implementation, investment and future projects.

### **VICTAM Africa officially launched**

A special moment during VICTAM International 2026 was the official launch of VICTAM Africa, introducing the next step in VICTAM's international event portfolio. The new event will take place from 13 to 15 June 2028 in Cape Town, South Africa, and is being developed in cooperation with AFMA and PFI.

During the launch session, Sebas van den Ende, General Manager of VICTAM, shared the vision behind the new event and highlighted the growth potential of the African feed, grain, flour milling and processing industries. The session also featured Corné de Louw of Rabobank, who provided insights into the investment potential of the African market.

The launch gave companies and industry partners a first opportunity to learn more about the new platform and its regional ambitions. It also opened the conversation with suppliers, producers and associations interested in becoming part of the development of VICTAM Africa in the coming years.

### **Looking ahead to VICTAM International 2029**

Following the successful 2026 edition in Utrecht, VICTAM is already looking ahead to the next European flagship edition.

### **VICTAM International 2029 will take place from 12 to 14 June 2029 in Amsterdam**

The move to Amsterdam marks the next step for the event in Europe. With its international airport, strong transport connections and global appeal, Amsterdam makes the event even more accessible for visitors, exhibitors and industry professionals from across Europe and beyond.

By moving to Amsterdam, VICTAM aims to further strengthen the international character of the event and make it easier for the global industry to connect, do business and experience the innovations shaping the future of feed, grain, milling and processing.

### **Looking back on a successful edition**

With 7,038 industry professionals, a strong international audience, a sector-focused conference programme, visible innovation and concrete business activity, VICTAM International 2026 strengthened its position as a global event for the feed, grain and processing industries.



Exhibitor feedback confirmed the value of the event as both a business platform and an industry meeting point. Ottevanger described the edition as 'a busy stand, many visitors, familiar faces, valuable conversations, a special gathering for guests and a great evening with customers, partners and colleagues.' Morillon Systems also looked back on 'an edition rich in meetings, discussions, and promising projects.'

VICTAM Corporation would like to thank all exhibitors, visitors, speakers, partners, sponsors and media representatives for their contribution to this edition. Their participation, knowledge and commitment made VICTAM International 2026 a valuable meeting point for the entire industry.

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### **About VICTAM**

The VICTAM events, held in Amsterdam, Bangkok, Sao Paulo and now Cape Town, are among the world's leading international exhibitions and conferences for the animal feed, pet food and aquafeed industries. VICTAM is also home to GRAPAS, the dedicated event for grain, rice and flour milling technology.

The VICTAM events are owned by the VICTAM Foundation, a Dutch not-for-profit organisation dating back to 1964. The Foundation supports innovative projects from non-profit applicants, including institutes, universities and colleges, and also provides individual scholarships. Its objective is to contribute to the technological development of industrial sectors involved in the grinding of grains and other raw materials, and in the production of animal feed and foodstuffs for humans.

In 1965, the first VICTAM exhibition was organised in Utrecht, the Netherlands. Today, VICTAM continues to connect technology suppliers, producers, researchers and decision-makers through its international events and industry network.

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