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IPAF Safety Zone at bauma

The IPAF Safety Zone at bauma (Outdoor Area F10, Stand N1014/9) is one of the largest displays at the show and will focus on how to choose the right equipment and how to use harnesses correctly.

The more than 1,700 square metre IPAF Safety Zone features 25 pieces of equipment from leading international manufacturers. Trained and qualified personnel will demonstrate emergency escape from one of the largest vehicle-mounted platforms through abseiling. There will also be live demonstrations of the dangerous effect of soft ground conditions on outriggers.

"The abseiling is very dramatic and illustrates important safety principles," said Reinhard Willenbrock of IPAF-Deutschland. "Always do a job-specific risk assessment prior to commencing any work at height. Select the appropriate equipment and ensure that all operators are properly trained."

Bauma will also see the launch of a worldwide campaign, Clunk Click, to encourage all users of boom type platforms to wear a full body harness with a short restraint lanyard attached to a suitable anchor point. The campaign started as a grassroots initiative by the UK Powered Access Interest Group (PAIG), a joint committee of the Construction Plant-hire Association and IPAF. Thousands of Clunk Click posters and

stickers have been printed to spread the message.

"The major rental companies took the initiative because fatal accidents were happening as a result of users being catapulted out of boom platforms because they were not wearing harnesses when they should have been," said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman. "Boom users should follow the simple advice outlined in IPAF's technical guidance note H1 and save lives."

Different versions of Clunk Click will be launched, including the German "Click Clack", the Italian "Clic Clac" and the North American "Click It".

During bauma, IPAF is hosting a series of short workshops on three topics: correct use of harnesses, training and typical accidents. The workshops will be given in English and German. Vouchers entitling platform operators to reduced price courses at participating training centres in Germany will be distributed at the IPAF stand. Visitors to the IPAF stand who show a PAL Card will be rewarded with a goody bag filled with varying items including clothing and gifts from IPAF members.



Timetable of IPAF events at bauma 2007 Outdoor Area F10, Stand No. N1014/9

DEMONSTRATIONS

ABSEILING Mon 23 April – Sat 28 April: 10.00, 12.00, 14.00, 16.00
Sun 28 April: 10.00, 12.00, 14.00

OUTRIGGERS Mon 23 April – Sat 28 April: 10.30, 12.30, 14.30, 16.30
Sun 28 April: 10.30, 12.30, 14.30

WORKSHOPS

ACCIDENTS Mon 23 April – Sat 28 April: 11.00

HARNESSES Mon 23 April – Sat 28 April: 13.00

TRAINING Mon 23 April – Sat 28 April: 15.00

MEETINGS

MCWP Int. Committee Wednesday 25 April: 10.30 – 13.00

Manufacturer's Technical Committee Wednesday 25 April: 14.00 – 17.00

Telehandler Committee Thursday 26 April: 9.30 – 13.00

IPAF SAFETY PARTY Wednesday 25 April: 18.00 – 21.00



New ANSI standard

AWPT, IPAF's North American subsidiary, has analysed the new standard ANSI/SIA A92.6 – 2006 Self-Propelled Elevating Work Platforms, which applies to scissor lifts. The standard will go into force later this year.

"The A92.6-2006 standard contains numerous changes, but it is essentially an effort to make it consistent with the current versions of A92.3 and A92.5-2006," said Dennis Eckstine, AWPT Vice-President. A92.3 is the standard for manually propelled elevating work platforms while A92.5 applies to boom-supported elevating work platforms.

Some of the changes are:

- Changes in definitions for familiarisation, guard rail system, manual of responsibilities and others;
- Changes in responsibilities of manufacturers;
- Changes to language for fall protection and anchorage(s);
- Changes to language concerning inspection and record retention.

Copies of the standard can be obtained from the Scaffold Industry Association (www.scaffold.org or +1 602 257 1144).

IPAF-Journal now available

The German language edition of IPAF's annual review, the IPAF-Journal, is out this month. In this issue are: a roundtable discussion between regulators, hirers and users on safety issues, practical tips on how to use outriggers and stabilisers correctly, plus a full training centre directory. Free copies can be obtained by e-mailing basel@ipaf.org or can be downloaded from www.ipaf.org



Members reap benefits of insurance service

IPAF members have, in many cases, reduced insurance costs and improved their cover, after taking advice provided by Henderson Insurance Brokers (HIBL) to assist in their commercial insurance requirements.



Euro Towers in Leicester is one member who has profited from the service. Managing director Roger Verallo said, "Henderson's listened to what I had to say, then provided me with improved cover and a more cost effective option than my existing arrangements."

Tim Whiteman, managing director of IPAF, said, "The negotiation of this facility demonstrated our continued commitment to bring key membership benefits to our members. Insurance has been a major issue for the access platform industry for some time and we believe this is a major step in the right direction. Henderson's came highly recommended by several key industry figures, hence our association with them."

The arrangement provides IPAF members with market leading cover at reduced premiums, backed with a service team that understands the platform industry and the associated risks.

IPAF members have access to a growing range of services such as:

- Legal advice on platform use and accident procedures;
- The broader-based Business Information Service from the Institute of Directors in London;
- An online risk management system called ClaimControl;
- Discounts on inspHire rental management software and training;
- Preferential rates on translations from ToLocalise;
- Special prices on construction machinery valuation guides from Lectura.

More information at www.ipaf.org

Working with the ERA

IPAF hosted a meeting of the European Rental Association (ERA) Statistics Committee in mid March at its Swiss office. The Statistics Committee is charged with the task of establishing the size of the market for rental equipment. It is chaired by IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman.

As a founding member, IPAF is participating in the ERA Convention from 5 to 6 June 2007 in Berlin. IPAF has representatives on four other ERA Committees and Sub-Groups: Norms & Safety (Gil Male), Promotion (Gerhard Hillebrand), General Rental Conditions (Giles Councill) and Training (Rupert Douglas-Jones). This active involvement is part of IPAF's aim to ensure that the voice of the access industry is heard.

TABS: Platform safety day

The German-speaking access industry will gather on 28 June 2006 at Frankfurt Airport for Tag der Arbeitsbühnensicherheit (TABS), jointly organised by the Vertikal Press and IPAF-Deutschland. Speakers include Kai Schliephake from JLG Germany and Lennard Jacoby from the association of the German Berufsgenossenschaften. More details at www.tagung-tabs.de or www.ipaf.org/de



SAF-T Conference

Tony Groat, AWPT membership development director, will speak on the responsibilities and expectations for access equipment training as outlined by the ANSI standards at the first annual Safe Access, Fall Protection & Training (SAF-T) Conference. The one-day SAF-T Conference is scheduled immediately after the SIA's Annual Conference and Exposition on 20 July 2007 at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach, California. More details from SAF-T@maxcapmedia.com

Training the trainer

Professional development seminars (PDS) for German and Spanish language instructors were held in January and March in Zurich, Frankfurt and Madrid. At these annual seminars, yearly updates to the IPAF training programme are presented and new training material is distributed. The seminars serve as a forum of guidance and open discussion for instructors. Upcoming PDS events are 5 June in Bologna for Italian language instructors and 19 September at the Haydock Racecourse for UK instructors.



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In his address at the AGM, IPAF President Andrew Reid (pictured above) noted that while IPAF's UK membership has increased by 8%, European membership has increased by 60%. "You, the members, own this federation," said Reid. "Put effort into it to make the most of the opportunities."

The President also underscored IPAF's policy to get tough in the name of safety and service.



The access industry gathered to learn more on management of MEWPs.

"Standards and ethics are at the core of IPAF membership," said Reid. "We will not tolerate cowboys and corner-cutting. Naming and shaming will continue."

In his report, IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman gave an optimistic forecast of the federation's future. IPAF manufacturers build about 80% of platforms on the market and own about one-third of the worldwide rental fleet. In the UK, IPAF members own about 90% of the rental fleet. In Germany, the figure is about 50%.

Full story and Summit presentations can be found at www.ipaf.org/summit.htm

The next AGM and Summit will be held on 15 April 2008 at Whittlebury Hall in the UK.

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Europlatform

Access International and IPAF have teamed up to hold a one-day pan-European conference on 11 September 2007 in Basel, Switzerland, aimed at managers and owners of access rental companies.

Topics include:

- Responsible financial models for access rental, presented by the Lavendon Group;
- Can Europe's rental companies learn from the US? Presented by Steve Shaughnessy of A-Plant;
- Prospects for the European access market: Self-propelled, mast climbers/hoists, truck-mounted, presented by Frank Klessons of Alimak Hek, Esa Peltola of Bronto Skylift and Darren Kell and Richard Tindale of UpRight;
- Clunk Click: The campaign for harnesses, presented by Tim Whiteman of IPAF;
- Competing against rental giants (speaker to be announced);
- Safety is a management issue (speaker to be announced).

The conference will be held at the Ramada Plaza Basel. For full programme and events details, see www.europlatform.info

IPAF Diary 2006

23-29 April

bauma, Munich, Germany
Outdoor Area F10, Stand N1014/9

24 April

FEM MEWP Product Group Meeting, Munich, Germany
10.00-14.00 (Members only)

25 April

IPAF MCWP (International) Committee Meeting
10.30, IPAF Stand (Open meeting)
IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee Meeting
14.00, IPAF Stand (Members only)
IPAF Safety Party
18.00-21.00, IPAF Stand

26 April

IPAF Telehandler Committee Meeting
9.30, IPAF Stand (Members only)

9-12 May

Movint-Expologistica, Bologna, Italy

22-24 May

SED, Rockingham Motor Speedway, Northants, UK

Did you know? Details on IPAF meetings and events can be found at www.ipaf.org/events.htm

23 May

Access Industry Forum Conference, as part of the Safety & Health Expo, NEC Birmingham, UK

5 June

Professional Development Seminar, ICE Training Centre, Bologna, Italy

6-8 June

Ambiente Lavoro, Bologna, Italy

28 June

TABS, Conference Centre, Frankfurt Airport, Germany

24-25 August

Platformers' Days, Hohenroda, Germany

10 September

IPAF Council Meeting, Basel, Switzerland

11 September

Europlatform, Basel, Switzerland

18-21 September

A+A, Düsseldorf, Germany

19 September

Professional Development Seminar, Haydock Racecourse, UK

17-19 September 2008

APEX, MECC, Maastricht, Netherlands

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