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## Live demo for harnesses on booms

IPAF took a dramatic version of the Clunk Click message to the CONEXPO show in Las Vegas. The IPAF Safety Zone featured live demonstrations in which a crash dummy fitted to a specially modified Skyjack boom showed the effects of driving over a low-lying obstacle.

The demonstration had a strong impact on those who saw it. At least one operator was reported saying that this was something he would never forget and that he would always wear a harness from now on.

Some 18 machines from member manufacturers were on display at the IPAF Safety Zone. "We thank all our members for their participation," said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman. "We especially thank the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM) and the CONEXPO organisers for their support. The demo was well-received and we had several good and significant meetings."

Half a dozen officials from the US Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) received PAL Card operator training from Skyjack during the show as part of its initiative to offer free training to North American regulatory bodies.

## Sutton Report endorses Click It!

The US magazine *Construction Equipment* gave a strong endorsement of IPAF's Click It! harness campaign to time with CONEXPO. Click It! stickers for boom type platforms were distributed with the magazine, with editor Rod Sutton saying: "This sticker serves a serious purpose: It's designed to save lives. Give it to your operator, or better yet, put it on your access equipment yourself."

*Construction Equipment* joins the

many magazines that have supported the campaign, such as *Cranes & Access*, *Access International*, *American Lift & Handlers* and *Contract Journal*. Click It! is the US version of the Clunk Click campaign for harnesses on booms.

"We have printed enough Click It! stickers for every boom in the US and call on everyone to put these stickers on booms in their fleet," said Tony Groat, AWPT Executive Vice President.

*Don't be a dummy; wear a harness on boom type platforms. Video available at [ipaf.org](http://ipaf.org)*



IPAF's CONEXPO booth was the venue for a range of committee and informal meetings.



# AWPT officially represented on ANSI standards committee

PAF's North American subsidiary, Aerial Work Platform Training (AWPT), has been named as an ANSI A92 main committee member, in addition to its presence on many A92 sub-committees.

The newest representation means that IPAF members now sit on virtually all the ANSI standards committees, e.g. A92.5 Boom-Supported Elevating Work Platforms (Denny Eckstine), A92.6 Self-Propelled Elevating Work Platforms (Denny Eckstine), A92.9 Mast Climbing Work Platforms (Kevin O'Shea), A92.10 Transport Platforms (Kevin O'Shea). Brad Boehler of Skyjack chairs the A92.6 committee and sits on many of the sub-committees.

Individuals from Fraco, Genie, HEK, JLG, Snorkel, Sunbelt and Upright are all represented on A92 committees.

ANSI forms a strong component of the standards making process in the United States, and IPAF's participation is part of its service to members in monitoring and formulating standards. This was summarised at the last IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee meeting held during CONEXPO.

## We are looking for great photos

PAF is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year with a photo contest to promote the safe and effective use of aerial platforms.

The photo contest runs until 30 September 2008. IPAF is looking for dramatic pictures that show mobile elevating work platforms or mast climbing work platforms being used correctly. There are two categories for entries: one for general users of powered access (Public) and one for the media, i.e. journalists and photographers (Press). Prizes will be awarded in each category and include iPhones, Sling Boxes and digital picture frames.

"For 25 years, IPAF has worked with its members to bring the safe and effective use of powered access to the forefront," said Tim Whiteman, IPAF managing director. "Pictures are a marvellous way of showing what these specialised machines can do, and the photo contest is intended to be a celebration of the safe and correct use of aerial platforms."

● Details on the photo contest are at [www.ipaf.org/photo](http://www.ipaf.org/photo).

## Aerial platform safety at SMOPYC

IPAF is taking aerial platform safety to the SMOPYC exhibition (22 to 26 April 2008, Zaragoza, Spain) in a big way. With the support of the organisers, IPAF has a safety zone of 1,000 square metres in the exterior area featuring equipment from IPAF members. The IPAF Safety Zone will feature demonstrations on how to exit the platform in the event of emergency, using one of the largest vehicle-mounted platforms.

The use of harnesses on boom type platforms continues to be a key theme and IPAF will promote the Spanish ¡click-clack! campaign that saves lives by encouraging the use of harnesses on booms. ¡click-clack! is part of a worldwide campaign already



supported by many safety authorities and equipment manufacturers around the world.

"IPAF's activities are on the march in Spain with 15 training centres and we will continue to promote our established platform operator training programme that meets international standards," said Romina Vanzi of IPAF-España.

## Italian In-Formazione now available

PAF has published the inaugural issue of In-Formazione, its Italian annual journal dedicated to powered access, safety and training. Free printed copies can be obtained by e-mailing [italia@ipaf.org](mailto:italia@ipaf.org). An electronic version can be downloaded from [www.ipaf.org/it](http://www.ipaf.org/it).





# Business information for IPAF members

**R**elavant and timely information is vital in order to run a successful business and make sure you stay ahead of your competitors. However, finding information can be time-consuming, frustrating and often costly.

This is where the Institute of Directors' (IoD) Business Information Service for IPAF members can assist you. A team of skilled researchers can help answer your query and provide you with information within 24 hours. IoD researchers are experienced in answering a wide range of enquiries, which include the following:

- How do I find financial information on ABC company?
- Do you have statistics on the number of accidents at work?
- How do I find information on the construction market?
- We are hoping to set up a business in the Ukraine, can you help at all?

- I want a list of companies that produce access platforms in Germany.

All you need to do is to telephone, e-mail or fax the IoD with your enquiry, mentioning your IPAF membership number, from 8:30am to 5:30pm (GMT), Monday to Friday, and the researchers will provide you with an answer within 24 hours, excluding weekends and public holidays. This service is free to IPAF members.

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## Bringing machine safety to SED

IPAF will focus on machine safety and the CAP Card (Competent Assessed Person) programme at the SED show in May.

In the UK, access equipment used to lift people must be thoroughly examined by a competent person every six months. IPAF's CAP Card programme certifies that the holder has been independently assessed as being knowledgeable and able to carry out thorough examinations of platforms in the context of current legislation. The assessments focus on machine safety and are for experienced engineers.

Visit the IPAF stand (800, Avenue L, Cranes & Access Zone) to find out about this and IPAF's established PAL Card (Powered Access Licence) operator training programme.



## Stunning spectacle at IPAF Summit

**T**he IPAF Summit on the theme of thorough examinations was held on 15 April at Whittlebury Hall, about the time this magazine was printed. The annual dinner ended with a stunning spectacle to mark IPAF's 25th anniversary.

## Big turnout at German PDS

**A** total of 71 IPAF-approved instructors took part in the German Professional Development Seminars (PDS) in Zurich and Frankfurt at the end of February.

The new IPAF categories and the new demonstrator course were the main themes. Other themes discussed were new developments in safety regulations, such as the Swiss EKAS checklist and the German Berufsgenossenschaftlicher Grundsatz for the training and authorisation of platform operators.

The participants were in good spirits, recognising that the IPAF training programme offers training centres a meaningful and professional training tool.

"Acceptance of IPAF training in the industry is growing rapidly," said Reinhard Willenbrock of IPAF-Deutschland.

## TABS conference

IPAF is co-organiser of the German platform safety conference TABS (Tag der Arbeitsbühnensicherheit), which will be held on 12 June 2008 at the Daimler plant near Karlsruhe, Germany.

- More details and registration at [www.tagung-tabs.de](http://www.tagung-tabs.de)



*Instructors give a resounding yes for the PAL Card at the German PDS.*

# Europlatform venue announced

The Grand Hotel de l'Empereur in Maastricht, the Netherlands, will host the Europlatform 2008 conference on 16 September. Europlatform is jointly organised by *Access International* and IPAF.



The one-day conference focuses on access rental management and safety issues and is targeted at senior and middle managers of Europlatform rental companies. Don't miss this education and networking event to be held the day before the start of the APEX show.

The Grand Hotel de l'Empereur

is a splendid 4-star hotel with more than 100 years of history. It is directly opposite

the Maastricht railway station and within easy distance of the Maastricht Exhibition and Convention Centre (MECC).

● Full details of the programme and how to book tickets or hotel accommodation can be found at [www.europlatform.info](http://www.europlatform.info)

## PDS for UK instructors

The Professional Development Seminar (PDS) for UK instructors will be held on 24 September 2008 at the Best Western Moat House, Stoke on Trent ST1 5BQ. Quote "IPAF Seminar" for a discounted rate of £99 for a hotel room. Attendees must book four weeks before the seminar to get the discount. Details at [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)

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## New Members

IPAF welcomes the following new members. Full contact details can be found in the Membership Directory at [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org).

**ASSOCIATION/TRAINING**  
SVS Schoonmaakbedrijven en Diensten, Netherlands

**COMPANY ASSOCIATE**  
Henderson Insurance Brokers Ltd, UK

**COMPANY ASSOCIATE (GROUP)**  
Spanset Inc.

**COMPANY ASSOCIATE/SERVICE**  
Processed Signs & Display Co. Inc., USA

**CONTRACTOR**  
TüV Nederland QA BV, Netherlands

**DEALER**  
Bravi UK Ltd

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**DEALER/DISTRIBUTOR/HIRER/MANUFACTURER/RENTAL/TRAINING (GROUP)**  
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Acme Lift Company, USA  
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Berti Piattaforme Aeree Srl, Italy  
Seirok 2000 SL, Spain  
Willenbrock Arbeitsbühnen GmbH & Co. KG, Germany

**HIRER/RENTAL (GROUP)**  
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**HIRER/RENTAL/TRAINING**  
CIEMME Srl, Italy

**INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE**  
X-Consulting, Andrea Boldrini, Italy

**INSTRUCTOR**  
Gordon Flower, UK

**MANUFACTURER**  
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**MANUFACTURER (GROUP)**  
Aichi USA Inc., USA  
Genie Industries, USA

**SERVICE**  
Higher Concept Software, UK  
Wachovia Insurance Services, USA

**TRAINING**  
TDB Training Specialists Ltd, UK

**TRAINING CENTRES**  
Adapt (UK) Training Services, UK  
Koch GmbH, Germany  
Pradel Arbeitsbühnen GmbH, Germany  
SVS, Netherlands

## IPAF Diary 2008

### 15 April

**IPAF Council Meeting (members only)**

9:00, Whittlebury Hall, Northamptonshire, UK  
**IPAF AGM and Access Summit**  
Whittlebury Hall, Northamptonshire, UK

### 16 April

**IPAF MCWP (UK & Ireland) Committee Meeting (members only)**

10:00, Whittlebury Hall, Northamptonshire, UK

### 22 – 26 April

**SMOPYC**

Zaragoza, Spain  
Stand 1-6, Avenue C-D, Exterior Area

### 13 – 15 May

**SED**

Rockingham Motor Speedway,

Northants, UK  
*Cranes & Access Zone, Avenue L, Stand 800*

### 27 – 31 May

**CeMAT**  
Hannover, Germany  
Hall 12

### 3 – 5 June

**IRE**  
Amsterdam RAI Centre, Netherlands  
*IPAF-Benelux will be present with a stand*

### 12 June

**TABS (German conference)**  
10:00 – 17:00, Daimler Werk, Karlsruhe, Germany

### 29 – 30 August

**Platformers' Days**  
Hotelpark, Hohenroda, Germany

### 16 September

**Europlatform**  
Grand Hotel de l'Empereur, Maastricht, Netherlands

### 17 – 19 September

**APEX**  
MECC, Maastricht, Netherlands

### 24 September

**Professional Development Seminar (for UK instructors)**  
Best Western Moat House, Stoke-on-Trent, UK

Did you know? Details on IPAF meetings and events can be found at [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)

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sicuro ed efficace Hubarbeitsbühnen + IPAF geschulte Bediener = sicheres und effektiv  
Piattaforme aeree di lavoro + Operatori formati da IPAF = lavoro in altezza sicuro ed efficace



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