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## The IPAF Safety Experience comes to bauma

If you are visiting bauma, don't miss the IPAF Safety Experience at stand N1115 in the outdoor area, featuring a walk-through learning experience on how to use powered access equipment safely and effectively. The IPAF Safety Experience will highlight the German launch of IPAF's MEWPs for Managers training course, share results and findings from the accident reporting database, and provide a meeting point for members to network and discuss issues in a relaxed setting.



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### BE AHEAD WITH JOB ACCESS



## IPAF is 30!

IPAF is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, starting with festivities at the IPAF Summit and International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) at the end of March in Miami, Florida, USA. More news on the access event of the year is at [www.iapa-summit.info](http://www.iapa-summit.info)



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**The Job Access project for young people: Just one of the highlights at IPAF's bauma stand**

"The IPAF Safety Experience at bauma is all about showing people what powered access equipment is, what it can do and how to use it safely for the best results," said IPAF CEO Tim Whiteman. "When people work at height, they still tend to turn to traditional methods without first thinking if mobile elevating work platforms or mast climbing work platforms might make the job safer and more productive. Falls from height are still the single largest killer in the workplace – powered access is a good way of solving this problem."

As part of IPAF's ongoing Job Access project to attract young people to the powered access industry, visitors to the stand will be invited to take a short interactive quiz. This quiz uses eye-catching graphics and snappy phrases to take the audience on a learning tour of safety themes to consider when using powered access equipment.

### IPAF events at bauma:

All at stand **N1115** in the outdoor area

WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL

- 9:00 IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee Meeting (members only)
- 16:00 IPAF Press Conference (for journalists)
- 17:00 IPAF Stand Reception

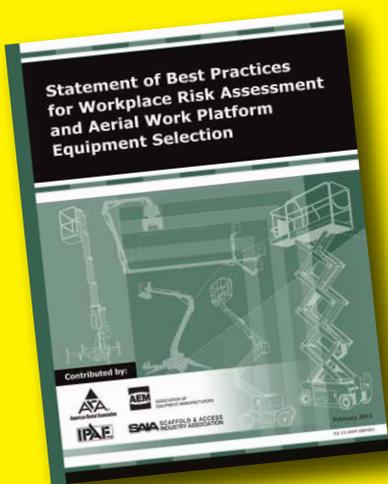
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# New US guidance on risk assessment

IPAF welcomes the *Statement of Best Practices for Workplace Risk Assessment and Aerial Work Platform Equipment Selection*, which was recently released by the industry organisations ARA (American Rental Association), AEM (Association of Equipment Manufacturers), SAIA (Scaffold & Access Industry Association), and IPAF.

The new guidance highlights best practices regarding workplace risk assessment and selecting the most appropriate AWP equipment for the job at hand. It was developed for use in the US and is based on ANSI standards.

The risk assessment guidance document is available for free download at the Publications sections of [www.awpt.org](http://www.awpt.org) and [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)



## Work groups created in Brazil to meet members' needs

The IPAF Brazilian Country Council has created two work groups in order to improve follow-up of specific technical and communication matters. This was decided at a recent meeting of the Brazilian Country Council by its eight members comprising medium and large rental companies and manufacturers.

"These work groups were created to have specialised groups of people dedicated to special issues," said Romina Vanzi, coordinator of IPAF's operations in Latin America, Spain and Portugal. "In this way, the Brazilian Country Council can cover more tasks and target its work in the region."

Both work groups will be composed of two members of the country council and two

member companies who wish to participate.

The technical work group will be in charge of all technical matters relating to the operation and safe use of aerial work platforms (AWPs) (including protection devices to prevent crushing/trapping), establishing guidelines for AWP annual inspection, and drafting a best practice handbook, among other issues.

The communication work group will focus on improving communication among Brazilian members, assist in developing a specific newsletter for Brazil and in developing a promotion strategy for PAL Cards in large companies/industries. It will also support IPAF's accident reporting project, organise seminars, trade shows and conferences, and improve the content of the Portuguese language website.

## IPAF instructor officer Margaret Caton retires

Margaret Caton, IPAF instructor administration officer, retired at the end of March 2013 after more than 15 years of dedicated service to IPAF.

Margaret Caton started working for IPAF in July 1997. There were just four employees then: Paul Adorian (former managing director of IPAF), Jean Harrison (IPAF membership officer and event/committee coordinator), Sue Heath (accounts and invoicing, who retired in June 2009) and Margaret.

At that time, the IPAF training programme was just starting and in 1997, 3,266 cards were issued. There were 14 training centres and about 15 to 20 instructors, all based in the UK. The

introduction of the plastic yellow PAL Card (Powered Access Licence) saw the programme take off in 1998, with 5,636 cards issued that year.

"Our greatest asset was the ability to turn cards around within 24 hours," said Margaret. "People were happy that they got their cards almost immediately and the training programme became very popular. IPAF has grown beyond belief over the years."

Margaret has taken great satisfaction in providing assistance to IPAF instructors over the years – signing them up, giving them guidance, and ensuring that their paperwork and documents are in order.

"They are a great bunch of guys," said Margaret. "Without them, the IPAF training programme wouldn't be the success that it is. I'll miss working with the instructors."

IPAF CEO Tim Whiteman said, "Thank you, Margaret, for all your enthusiasm and effort during those years. You opted to work beyond what was then the official retirement date and gave us support throughout those additional years. I think everybody will agree that you have made a very important contribution to the success of today's IPAF and will want to join me in wishing you a very happy and enjoyable retirement."

Margaret Caton has provided guidance and support to many IPAF instructors during her years of service to the Federation.

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# Valuable statistics on the rental market

How big is the powered access rental market? What is the industry investing in and where are the new growth sectors? Give your business strategy and decisions a push with the latest *IPAF Powered Access Rental Market Reports 2013* for Europe and the US.



- The worldwide MEWP rental fleet size is estimated at **877,000**.
  - North America, the single largest market for powered access, accounts for more than half of the worldwide MEWP rental fleet: **58%**.
  - The EAME region makes up about a third of the worldwide MEWP rental fleet: **33%**.
  - This is followed by Latin America: **6%**, and Asia: **3%**.
- A more detailed breakdown by machine type can be found in the *IPAF Powered Access Rental Market Reports*, which can be purchased at [www.ipaf.org/reports](http://www.ipaf.org/reports) or to get the first copies visit IPAF at Bauma - Stand N1115.

# eLearning module for aerial work platforms

IPAF has successfully tested a new eLearning module as part of its established AWPT training programme for US operators of aerial work platforms (AWPs). We take a look at what eLearning brings to operator training.

## Will eLearning become the way forward for the IPAF training programme?

The eLearning module is only available in the US and Canada to trainees who take the AWPT operator course, which is managed by American Work Platform Training, IPAF's US subsidiary.

## Why has IPAF adopted eLearning?

IPAF believes that eLearning can provide an alternative to traditional instructor-led learning in certain situations and might be more beneficial for some trades and professions. In the US market in particular, eLearning provides more flexibility and will allow AWPT training centres to reach out to a wider public.

## IPAF has always emphasised practical training. Where does



eLearning offers a viable alternative to classroom sessions but will not replace practical training for AWP operators in the US.

## eLearning fit?

The eLearning module can be used as an alternative to the classroom theory session. Trainees are still required to pass a written theory test at an AWPT-approved training centre before taking the half-day practical training and testing.

Theory and practical tests must be passed before a PAL

Card is issued as proof of having successfully completed training to operate AWPs. This means that the PAL Card is proof of the same high quality training, regardless of whether the theory part is completed online or in the classroom.

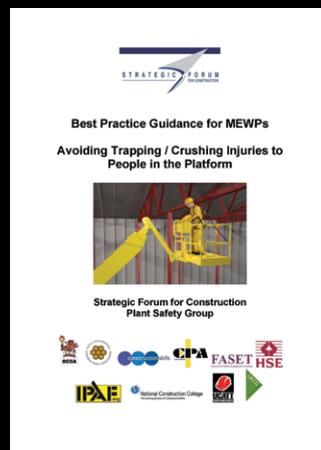
More details are at [www.awpt.org/eLearning](http://www.awpt.org/eLearning) or [www.ipaf.org/eLearning](http://www.ipaf.org/eLearning)

# Industry working to address entrapment risks

The issue of operator entrapment is still current and IPAF wishes to remind the industry of existing guidance and initiatives. The UK Health & Safety Executive (HSE) recently published two reports focusing on MEWPs: *RR961 Mobile elevated work platform (MEWP) incident analysis* and *RR960 Mobile elevated work platforms - Phase 3*. The reports examine known fatal and serious accidents reported from across the globe, in an attempt to identify actions that need to be taken to address the potential for sustained involuntary operation of controls and

entrapment/crushing.

IPAF welcomes the reports and notes that industry is also examining causation factors. Following the Strategic Forum's *Best Practice Guidance for MEWPs: Avoiding Trapping/ Crushing Injuries to People in the Platform*, IPAF has produced and distributed guidance on the selection of anti-entrapment devices for MEWPs. IPAF's accident reporting database, updates to the IPAF MEWPs for Managers course, the launch of the PAL+ advanced operator course for those working in challenging environments, and research being undertaken by the



IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee into the functionality of MEWP controls are all measures being taken to address the risk of entrapment. See the full news stories at [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)



# SAVE THE DATES

## Special events that IPAF has created with its partners:

### TABS

German language platform safety conference  
13 June at the Liebherr plant in Ehingen, Germany  
[www.tagung-tabs.eu](http://www.tagung-tabs.eu)



### Europlatform

European access rental conference  
3 October in Istanbul, Turkey  
[www.europlatform.info](http://www.europlatform.info)



### IPAF US Convention

21 and 22 October in Chicago, Illinois, USA  
[www.ipaf.org/usconvention](http://www.ipaf.org/usconvention)

## IPAF Asia Conference

The second IPAF Asia Conference will be held during the inaugural Asia Platform Showcase running from 31 July to 2 August 2013.

Organised by IPAF, the showcase brings together all MEWP industry stakeholders for the first time in Asia. The showcase will show the safe and effective use of MEWPs: how MEWPs can be utilised to raise the productivity of work, and how users and managers can increase the safety of personnel working at height. The Asia Platform Showcase coincides with BuildTechAsia.

At the IPAF Asia Conference being held on the morning of 2 August, key industry speakers will present on the following topics:

- The issues, problems and experiences of introducing MEWPs into a new market/country
- How MEWPs can assist in increasing productivity
- MEWPs reduce the risk of falls from height: Hear the evidence

In addition, there will be a "show and tell" demonstration of MEWPs.

[www.ipaf.org/asiaconference](http://www.ipaf.org/asiaconference)

## IPAF Diary 2013

**15 – 21 April**

Bauma, Munich, Germany

**16 – 17 April**

Michigan Safety Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, USA

**17 April**

IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee Meeting (members only), at bauma, Munich, Germany

IPAF Press Conference at bauma

IPAF Stand Reception at bauma

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

**17 – 19 April**

Prevensul, Porto Alegre, Brazil

**7 – 11 May**

Segurex, Lisbon, Portugal

**9 May**

IPAF Italian Country Council and Training Working Group Meeting (members only), Rivoli Veronese (VR), Italy

West Midlands Regional Meeting, UK

**21 May**

IPAF UK Country Council Meeting (members only), UK

**6 June**

IPAF International Training Advisory Group Meeting (members only), Frankfurt, Germany

**12 June**

IPAF Training Committee Meeting (Training Committee only), UK

**13 June**

TABS, Ehingen, Germany

**18 – 21 June**

Suisse Public, Bern, Switzerland

**20 June**

IPAF Swiss Country Council Meeting (members only), Bern, Switzerland

**25 June**

IPAF Council Meeting (members only), Manchester Airport, UK

**26 – 27 June**

Vertikal Days, Merseyside, UK

## 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).

### DEALER

Guangzhou Leader Equipment Ltd, China

### DEALER/DISTRIBUTOR

Penay Spoerer y Cia SA, Chile

### HIRER

Eleva Brasil soluções em elevação SA

### HIRER/RENTAL

Doornbos Equipment BV, Netherlands

### HIRER/SERVICE

Imboden Baumaschinen AG, Switzerland

### MANUFACTURER

TCA Lift A/S, Denmark

### SERVICE

Latchways PLC, UK

### TRAINING

SVBL Schweizerische Vereinigng für die Berufsbildung in der Logistik, Switzerland

### TRAINING CENTRES

Arbeitsbühnenverleih Vogel, Germany

Doornbos Equipment BV, Netherlands

Möller Manlift GmbH, Germany

Rent-it AG, Switzerland

Transgrua SA, Portugal

Valcourt Exterior Building Services, USA

### TRAINING CENTRES (SATELLITES)

Ashtead Plant Hire, Glasgow, Scotland

Ashtead Plant Hire, Norwich, UK

Nationwide Platforms, Broxburn, Scotland

Nationwide Platforms, Luton, UK

Smart Platform Rental Ltd, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, UK  
(change of address)

Aerial platforms + IPAF trained operators = Safe effective work at height Platforma aerea + Hubarbeitsbühnen + IPAF geschulte Bediener = sicheres und effektives Arbeiten  
Piattaforme aeree di lavoro + Operatori formati da IPAF = lavoro in altezza sicuro ed efficace



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