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## JLG president calls for use of smart technology

Imagine a work environment where smart vests can communicate with mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) to warn operators that their harness lanyards are not connected to the anchor points. Or picture a world where smart machines equipped with sensors can contribute to collision avoidance and detection.

The 250-strong audience at the IPAF Summit on 26 March 2015 in Washington, DC, USA, got a glimpse of how the technology explosion can be used to enhance safety. Keynote speaker Frank Nerenhausen, president of JLG, showed how wearables, augmented reality and remote operation could be harnessed in a powerful system of prevention and control.

At the same time, Nerenhausen underlined the value of human education and intervention: "Training must continue to



JLG president Frank Nerenhausen speaking on smart technology at the IPAF Summit

play a prominent role as our industry advances," he said.

During the discussion following Nerenhausen's presentation, IPAF CEO Tim Whiteman revealed that prompted by discussions with JLG, a new category for Innovative Technology would be introduced at the next International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs), to be held with the IPAF Summit on 17 March 2016 in Madrid, Spain. Watch for event details at [www.iapa-summit.info](http://www.iapa-summit.info)

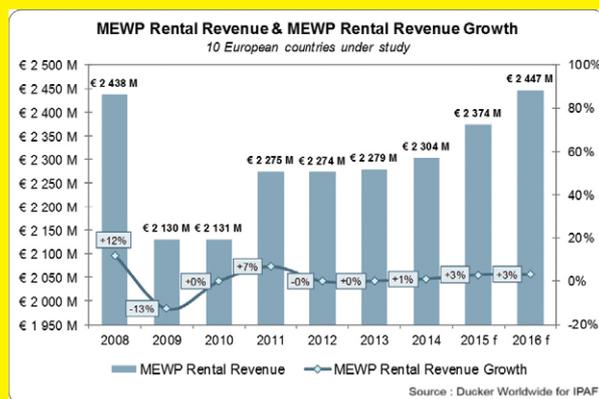
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## More than 1.1 million MEWPs in worldwide rental fleet

The worldwide MEWP rental fleet has grown to 1,120,000 units, an increase of 8% over the previous year. This and other vital facts and figures are featured in the 2015 IPAF Powered Access Rental Market Reports for Europe and the US. Get your copies now at [www.ipaf.org/reports](http://www.ipaf.org/reports).

- The US MEWP rental market chalked up high growth in 2014 (10%).
- The US MEWP rental fleet kept expanding (5 to 10%) in 2014.
- The European MEWP rental market registered slight improvement in 2014, after a few years of remaining flat.





NES Rentals' Teresa Kee receives the IPAF President's Award from outgoing IPAF president Steve Couling.

## President's Award for Teresa Kee

This year's IPAF President's Award goes to Teresa Kee, Director, Environmental, Health & Safety at NES Rentals. This was announced at the IPAF annual general meeting held on 26 March 2015 in Washington, DC, USA.

The IPAF President's Award honours and recognises the commitment of individuals in furthering the aims and objectives of the Federation.

Presenting the award, outgoing IPAF president Steve Couling said: "Teresa has helped develop and promote online learning, and chairs the IPAF North American Regional Council. She has spoken at events promoting the safe and effective use of powered access, and has made a valued contribution in the US and Europe."

At the International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) held later that day, Teresa Kee received special recognition for her contribution to safe working at height. See the full list of IAPA winners at [www.iapa-summit.info](http://www.iapa-summit.info)

## Save the date: UK member event

The IPAF UK member event will be held on 15 October 2015. Don't miss this event which combines discussions on safety and good practice with networking in a relaxed setting. Details at [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)

# Operator training becomes legal requirement in Italy

Training is now compulsory for operators of mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) in Italy, following the 12 March 2015 deadline for the adoption of and compliance to regulations on the safe use of work equipment passed by the regional authorities on 22 February 2012.

The agreement of the regional authorities dated 22 February 2012 on the safe use of work equipment went into force on 12 March 2013. This introduced specific rules for training on the safe use of machines considered by the authorities as potentially dangerous. The list includes MEWPs, tower cranes, mobile cranes, truck cranes, forklifts, agricultural and forestry tractors,

and heavy and concrete pumps.

The regulations specify the level and content of the training, the procedures for delivering that training, and the qualifications of individuals who may provide such training. The industry was given a two-year period to adapt to the new rules and this deadline passed on 12 March 2015.

IPAF has worked with its

members, training centres and partner associations in Italy to ensure that the IPAF MEWP operator training programme complies with the new regulations of the regional authorities. Now that these regulations are in full force, the industry can benefit from the positive effects in preventing accidents and promoting safety in the workplace.

# Andy Studdert of NES Rentals elected IPAF president; AGM results point to steady growth

Andy Studdert, chairman & CEO of US-based NES Rentals, was elected as the new president of IPAF at the Federation's annual general meeting (AGM) on 26 March 2015 in Washington, DC. He succeeds Steve Couling, managing director of the IAPS Group.

Nick Selley, group business development of AFI-Uplift, was elected deputy president, and Brad Boehler, president of Skyjack, was elected vice president of IPAF.

The strength and stability of the Federation was highlighted in its annual results presented at the AGM by outgoing IPAF president Steve Couling and IPAF CEO Tim Whiteman.

IPAF achieved a 9.4% increase in turnover, reaching £4.65 million (approximately €6.1 million or US\$7 million) in 2014, up by £0.4 million over 2013. This turnover

produced a surplus of 3.2%. All surpluses are re-invested in safety, membership and training activities in line with the aims of the not-for-profit Federation.

The accounts and financial statement audited by CLB Coopers show IPAF closing 2014 slightly above budget set by members of the IPAF Council, the Federation's governing body, as well as the gradual accumulation of reserves to meet the target set by Council.

Membership increased by 6.9% from 1,037 to 1,109 in 2014. A record number of 137,429 people were trained by IPAF-approved training centres in 2014. This is an increase of 7.9% over the 127,365 people trained in 2013. Further details are in IPAF's annual report 2014, available at the Publications section of [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)

Incoming IPAF president Andy Studdert paid tribute to his predecessor: "I would like to thank Steve Couling for his

commitment to and leadership of IPAF during the past two years," he said. "Steve is a difficult act to follow. His leadership and vision have been remarkable and inspiring."

"The ongoing push to eLearning will be a major theme of IPAF's activities in the next several years," continued Studdert. "This new technology will change the learning experience for operators and



At the handover of the IPAF presidency (left to right): IPAF CEO Tim Whiteman, outgoing IPAF president Steve Couling of the IAPS Group, and new IPAF president Andy Studdert of NES Rentals.

## New operating rules adopted

Members of the IPAF Council have agreed to adopt new operating rules aimed at placing more autonomy and responsibility with the IPAF Country and Regional Councils, and refocusing the mandate of the main Council on providing the longer term strategy and direction for the Federation. Under the new rules, the main Council will comprise the chairpersons of the Country and Regional Councils, the chairpersons of the International Committees, the Board members, and five elected members. The rules take effect immediately and can be viewed at the members only section of [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)

drive the safety message home in a very positive way. A second major area of focus will be embracing, handling and implementing change. We need to look at what we've done in the past and ask ourselves if that is still relevant. The way forward for the Federation must be simple, powerful and focussed."

Andy Studdert is a firm champion of safety in the access industry. He has been the CEO of NES Rentals for the past 11 years, where he instilled a stringent safety culture based on repeatable processes, a culture of intervention and crisis preparation. Almost all the NES Rentals management and staff hold an IPAF PAL Card (Powered Access Licence) as proof of training, including the CEO.



# OSHA official challenges access industry

"Safety is not a luxury; it's a necessity that every worker deserves," said Jordan Barab, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, speaking to an audience of about 250 at the IPAF Summit on 26 March 2015 in Washington, DC, USA.

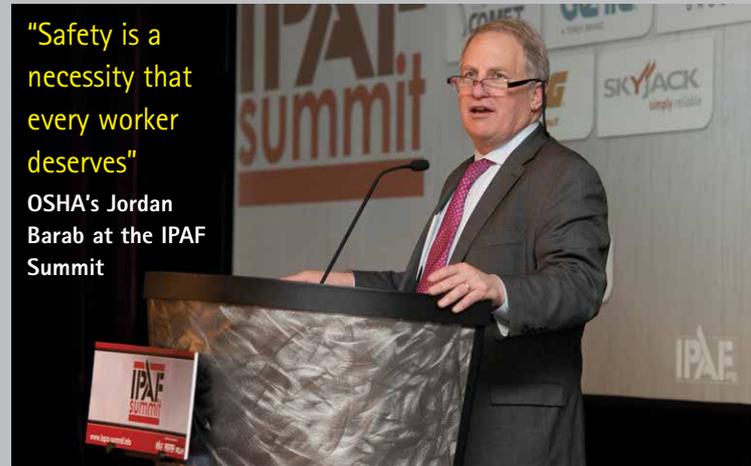
Falls from height remain the leading cause of occupational fatalities in the US and many other countries. Preliminary data for 2013 show 574 fatal falls across all industries in the US, with 284 in construction and 88 in residential, revealed Mr Barab in his presentation.

He commended the powered access industry for its commitment to providing safe equipment for work at height, and commended IPAF for providing training in multiple languages, including Spanish and Chinese, thus enabling training in languages that workers can understand.

Mr Barab announced that OSHA would be turning its attention to aerial lift use in residential construction and also called on IPAF and its members to support OSHA's National Safety Stand-Down which runs from 4 to 15 May 2015. This is

"Safety is a necessity that every worker deserves"

OSHA's Jordan Barab at the IPAF Summit



a major effort to prevent falls in construction through education and awareness that will involve some three million workers across the US. Details are at [www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown](http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown)

IPAF CEO Tim Whiteman confirmed that IPAF would give OSHA's Safety Stand-Down its full support, calling on resources from IPAF's accident reporting project

and other safety campaigns.

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## Professional Development Seminars draw 720 IPAF instructors

More than 720 instructors and training centre staff attended IPAF Professional Development Seminars (PDS) covering 25 countries and 8 languages in the last few months.

The PDS is the annual event for IPAF certified instructors and ensures that they remain up-to-date with legislation and training. Through attending the event, instructors gain Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points, necessary to maintain their IPAF instructor status. This commitment to continuous learning is one of the unique features of the IPAF training programme.

"The 2015 PDS was one of the best ever," said IPAF instructor Roberto Catana from Setif in Italy. "It was precise, timely, well-planned, dynamic, capturing technical excellence, legislation and teaching. The PDS provided answers to questions, and gave clarity to uncertainties. It was done with the heart and goodwill of all those who work to keep this industry safe."

"It was a successful PDS on all counts," said IPAF instructor Beat Schütz from Regiomech in Switzerland. "Always exciting are the discussions among fellow instructors, who don't meet very often. The presentation by guest



speaker Christoph Kunz was very moving. He made clear what it means to find new goals after an accident and to fight your way back in life."

# Inspections focus at INTERMAT

Visiting Intermat in Paris? Drop by the IPAF stand E5 G005 to learn about why pre-start inspections are necessary and how to conduct these. See [www.ipaf.org/inspections](http://www.ipaf.org/inspections)

## IPAF EVENTS AT INTERMAT

21 April

■ 10:00 – 12:00, Room 704-706

IPAF Vehicle Mounted Manufacturers' Technical Committee Meeting (members only)

22 April

■ 10:30 – 14:30, Room 703

IPAF International Training Advisory Group Meeting (members only)

■ 16:00 – 18:00, IPAF stand E5 G005

IPAF Stand Reception

Save the dates for these special events that IPAF has created with its partners:

### IPAF Asia Conference

26 May in Hong Kong  
[www.ipaf.org/asiaconference](http://www.ipaf.org/asiaconference)

### TABS

11 June in Hamburg, Germany  
[www.tagung-tabs.eu](http://www.tagung-tabs.eu)



### Europlatform

8 October in Copenhagen, Denmark  
[www.europlatform.info](http://www.europlatform.info)



## IPAF Diary 2015

29 April

North East Regional Meeting, UK  
Scottish Instructor Workshop, UK

5 May

Houston Regional Meeting, Pasadena, TX, USA

6 – 7 May

FELOC Expo Rental, Atibaia/SP, Brazil

13 – 14 May

Vertikal Days, Merseyside, UK

13 May

Joint Meeting of the IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee and the FEM MEWP Product Group, at Vertikal Days

14 May

IPAF Rental+ Meeting, at Vertikal Days

14 May

IPAF North American Training Committee Meeting, Chicago, IL, USA

26 May

IPAF Asia Conference, Hong Kong

2 – 4 June

Plantworx, Leicestershire, UK

9 – 13 June

M&T Expo, São Paulo, Brazil

11 June

Tag der Arbeitsbühnensicherheit (TABS), Hamburg, Germany  
IPAF UK Country Council Meeting, UK

16 – 18 June

Safety & Health Expo, London, UK

17 June

IPAF UAE Country Council Meeting, Dubai, UAE

23 June

IPAF Training Committee Meeting, UK

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

Aerial platforms + IPAF trained operators = Safe effective work at height Platforma aerea + operatori formati da IPAF = lavoro in altezza sicuro ed efficace Hubarbeitsbühnen + IPAF geschulte Bediener = sicheres und effektives Arbeiten + Operadores formados por IPAF = trabalho em altura seguro e eficaz



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# M&T EXP



## Low level access at M&T Expo

IPAF will be promoting low level access at the construction and mining equipment show M&T Expo from 9 to 13 June 2015 in São Paulo, Brazil. The use of low level access equipment is currently not widespread in Latin America and IPAF is focusing on this category of equipment as a safe and effective way to perform temporary work at height.

To support its members in Brazil and Latin America, IPAF will be present with a booth in the outdoor area close to its manufacturer members. IPAF will promote its safety campaigns and training programme as part of its collaboration with Sobratema, the association which organises M&T Expo.

"M&T Expo is one of the highlights of the construction and mining industry in Brazil and IPAF thanks Sobratema for its support in making IPAF's presence possible," said Antonio Barbosa, IPAF Latin America manager.

## 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).

### HIRER/RENTAL

Manlift Qatar LLC, Qatar  
Rose Access Solutions Ltd, UK

### HIRER/RENTAL/TRANING

One Call, UAE

### INDEPENDENT INSTRUCTORS

Michael Bessel, Germany  
Andy Clements, UK  
Kevin Vale Cooper, UK  
Scott Grant, UK  
Timothy Jenkinson, UK  
James R Palmer, UK  
Wienecyzlaw Paszko, Germany  
Dawid Suder, UK

### INDUSTRY ASSOCIATES

Bidy Ding, Malaysia  
Russell Wong, Malaysia

### MANUFACTURER

Nagano Industry Co Ltd, Japan

### MANUFACTURER (GROUP)

Power Towers LLC, UAE

### TRAINING

Accys Groupe, France  
Boal AG, Switzerland

### TRAINING CENTRES

PJH Verhuur BV, Netherlands  
Qatar Welding & Fabrication Supplies WLL, Qatar  
Universal Training Services (Midlands) Ltd, UK  
Würth Innovation AG, Switzerland

### TRAINING CENTRE (SATELLITE)

Riwal Deutschland GmbH, Bingen, Germany

### CAP CENTRE

HSS Hire Service Group Ltd, Manchester, UK

The world authority in powered access • Die weltweiten Experten für den sicheren Betrieb von Arbeitsbühnen  
La référence mondiale des Plates-formes et Nacelles élévatrices • L'Autorità mondiale nell'accesso aereo  
Autoridad mundial en técnicas de altura • De wereldwijde autoriteit in hoogwerker toegangstechniek