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Making safety the number one priority

"Give safety time and make sacrifices; if resources are under pressure and you need to make sacrifices, you sacrifice something else other than safety," said Jeremy Fish, managing director of Nationwide Platforms, to an audience of about 300 at the IPAF Summit on 17 March 2016 in Madrid, Spain.

Playing a short but highly professional jazz interlude on his saxophone, Mr Fish went on to illustrate how discipline, commitment and passion – principles that apply to music – should be applied to safety.

Safety protects revenues, he explained, citing cases of how UK companies have coughed up a total of £82 million in fines for safety breaches over the last five years, with several companies eventually ceasing to trade. "What do you do to avoid compromising safety if you have to economise? Whatever it takes," was his advice. "You don't have to focus on equipment to be safe; you can focus on behaviour. Safe behaviour doesn't involve cost. Speak up when you witness something dangerous. Question, take ownership, share incidents and near-misses."

Mr Fish challenged IPAF and its membership to stop paying lip service to safety. Noting that more member companies should be reporting accidents involving mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) at IPAF's incident database (www.ipaf.org/incident), he said: "My message to the IPAF membership is this. If you are really serious about safety, then why is it that so few of you have submitted near-miss reports to the IPAF accident reporting database since its inception four years ago? This isn't information sharing. This isn't learning. This isn't being serious about safety. "I think that a number of you shouldn't be



"Giving priority to anything is a choice; safety is no different" – Nationwide Platforms managing director Jeremy Fish at the IPAF Summit.

here and should leave IPAF."

He also proposed that IPAF should raise standards by auditing new and existing members: "My message to IPAF is this. If you are really serious about safety, why do you let any MEWP provider organisation join? Are you more interested in membership numbers and fees or driving safety standards? I think we should be auditing new and existing members, insisting that they uphold certain standards – standards that are worthy of the IPAF badge. Let's not tolerate mediocrity and second best."

Mr Fish's talk was just one of a host of top-class presentations, among them from Brad Boehler, president of Skyjack, and Pedro Torres, COO at Riwal. Mr Boehler discussed efforts by manufacturers and the UK Health & Safety Executive (HSE) to create a new international standard for controls on MEWPs, while Mr Torres provided strategies to break the cycles in the rental business, which he predicted would become hyper-cyclical.

The next IPAF Summit will be held with the International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) on 4 April 2017 in London Wembley, UK. Watch for event details at www.iapa-summit.info

Brad Boehler, president of Skyjack.



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Save these dates

IPAF Middle East Convention

18 May 2016

Meydan Racecourse, Al Meydan Road,
Nad Al Sheba, Dubai, UAE
www.ipaf.org/meconvention



IPAF Asia Conference & Showcase

20 and 21 July 2016

ITE College West, 1 Choa Chu Kang
Grove, Singapore 688236
www.ipaf.org/asiaconference



Europlatform

22 September 2016

Vienna, Austria
www.europlatform.info

IPAF UK Member Event

2 November 2016

De Veres Milton Hill House, Milton Hill,
Steventon, Oxfordshire OX13 6AF, UK
www.ipaf.org/events



IPAF Summit and International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs)

4 April 2017

Hilton Hotel, Wembley, London, UK
www.iapa-summit.info

IPAF at Bauma

IPAF's bauma stand FN1115 in the outdoor area will highlight the safe loading and unloading of MEWPs as an essential part of site operations. The newest Andy Access poster on the back cover features this message. Simply tear off and use, or download artwork at www.ipaf.org/andyaccess

Don't miss the IPAF stand reception at bauma: 13 April 2016 at 17:00.

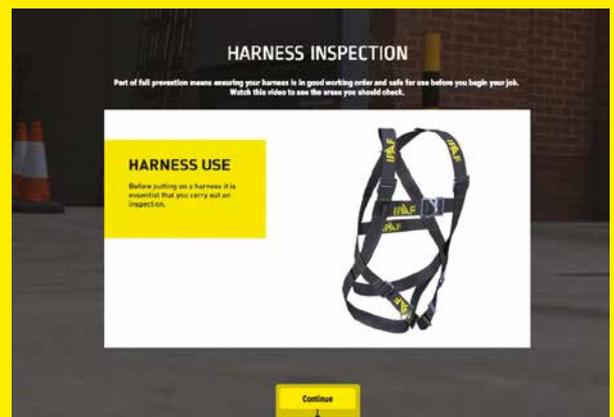


Instructors get new learning

IPAF certified instructors were given a preview of new learning tools that are set to rejuvenate IPAF's full training programme for operators of mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs).

The new generation learning tools were the central theme at this year's series of IPAF Professional Development Seminars (PDS), which were attended by more than 683 instructors and covered 23 countries and 8 languages.

The new tools include an eLearning theory module which delivers flexibility and interactivity, as well as an instructor-led theory course that uses the same state-of-the-art graphics, animations and learning techniques. What remains



the same in IPAF's operator training programme is the focus on practical training. Only trainees who pass a supervised theory test and a practical test are awarded a PAL Card (Powered Access Licence) as proof of training.

IPAF instructors trained a record number of 145,094 people in 2015. This

IPAF training centres in the UK, US and Canada started using the new learning tools from 4 April 2016; other languages will follow in the course of the year.

President's Award for Evelyn Low

This year's IPAF President's Award goes to Evelyn Low, IPAF South East Asia regional manager. This was announced at the IPAF annual general meeting in Madrid.

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

Presenting the award, IPAF president Andy Studdert said: "This year's winner is enthusiastic, dedicated, hardworking, and always has a smile on her face. She has had a significant impact on opening new markets."





Milestones from the IPAF annual report

IPAF's turnover in 2015 increased to £5.0 million (approximately €7.0 million or US\$7.5 million) which represents growth of an impressive 7.2% compared with 2014. Read about more milestones in IPAF's annual report, available in seven languages, at the Publications section of www.ipaf.org

IPAF CEO Tim Whiteman presents IPAF's annual report at the AGM in Madrid.



IPAF Diary 2016

11 – 17 April

bauma, Munich, Germany

13 April

IPAF stand reception at bauma, stand FN1115 in the outdoor area

26 – 28 April

Facilities Management Exhibition, Singapore

27 April

Irish Council Meeting (members only), Dublin, Ireland
IOSH Middle East Conference, Muscat, Oman

5 May

Yorkshire Regional Meeting, Wakefield, UK

10 – 13 May

ISSA/Interclean, Amsterdam, Netherlands

16 May

IPAF-SISO Joint Seminar, Singapore

18 May

IPAF Middle East Convention, Dubai, UAE

23 – 25 May

FM Expo, Dubai, UAE

25 – 27 May

Meeting of IPAF members in Hong Kong

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is an increase of 5.6% over the 137,436 people trained in 2014. Training available from IPAF-approved centres includes operator courses for which a PAL Card is issued, and harness and management courses for which a certificate is issued. IPAF issued a record 137,517 PAL Cards worldwide through its approved training centres in 2015, an increase of about 5.6% over the 130,237 PAL Cards issued in 2014.

IPAF CEO Tim Whiteman said: "For almost 150,000 people every year, IPAF instructors are the face of IPAF. Their hard work and enduring commitment has made this voluntary training program the global success that it is today. We aim to support our instructors by building on their skills and professionalism, and providing them with innovative and top-class learning tools."



Going into Turkey and the Nordic and Baltic regions

IPAF has appointed two country representatives to support its growing membership in Turkey, and in the Nordic and Baltic regions.

Burcu Ünal started in April 2016 as country representative for IPAF in Turkey. She is an occupational health and safety (OHS) professional based in Ankara, in her capacity as general manager at Platin OHS Consulting, Engineering & Trade Services. She is also an OHS expert and trainer, certified by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MoLSS), Turkey. Prior to that, she served as an OHS expert for eight years at the Directorate General of Occupational Health and Safety (DGOHS) under MoLSS. She specialises in project management, reporting and quality systems, OHS training and EU



Burcu Ünal



Johan Friis

legislation on OHS. Contact: turkey@ipaf.org

Johan Friis also starts in April 2016 as country representative for IPAF in the Nordic and Baltic regions (Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania). He is based in Finland and draws on his experience as managing director of Scan-Baltic Certified Construction, where he coordinates training and certification programmes for the Nordic construction market, working closely with Nordic construction companies, training companies and local authorities. He was previously country manager at Trackunit, and was responsible for its operations in Finland for fleet management services within the construction machine and rental industry. Contact: nordic@ipaf.org and baltic@ipaf.org

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