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Ismo Leppanen takes on EMS Project



Ismo Leppanen

On the 9th April at ALLMI's 65th General Meeting Ismo Leppanen was appointed as a director of the Association. Having been in the loader crane industry for over 12 years, the past two years spent

as managing director of Hiab UK, Leppanen now brings his extensive experience to the ALLMI Board. He says: "ALLMI has made great progress during recent years and it's an exciting time to be involved with the running of the Association. I've taken over the role of service director, which includes overseeing the Engine Management Systems project. Our aim is to work with loader crane manufacturers and installers, bodybuilders and truck manufacturers in order to resolve the problems surrounding the programming of Engine Management Systems." If you would like to be involved in ALLMI's work in this area please contact the ALLMI office.

Manufacturers / Service Agents - General Meeting Review

ALLMI's 65th General meeting for manufacturers and service agents included an update to members on the roles and responsibilities that each director will be taking for the year ahead. With the exception of Ismo Leppanen taking over from Ben James as service director, all other roles and responsibilities remain unchanged, including the re-appointment of Mark Rigby, who is now serving his second consecutive term as chairman. The directors' roles and responsibilities are:

Andrew Taylor	training director	International opportunities for ALLMI training
Alan Johnson	commercial director	Buyers co-operative development
Lee Maynard	membership director	Membership growth
Eric Hawkyard	technical director	ALLMI code of practice / BS7121 Part 4
Ismo Leppanen	service director	Engine Management Systems

In addition, members were briefed on the revisions currently taking place to the ALLMI Code of Practice, as well as BS7121 Part 4 and EN12999, the British and European Standards for lorry loaders. Members were then provided with a financial report for ALLMI's 2007/08 financial year, and were updated on the negotiations taking place with a leading distributor of oil and lubricants regarding the ALLMI Buyers Co-operative, as well as hearing of plans to incorporate the supply of lifting accessories into the Association's buying arrangements. In addition, technical director, Eric Hawkyard, informed members that the ALLMI guidance notes on ground pressure and stabiliser forces were nearing completion, whilst executive director, Tom Wakefield, reported on how the ALLMI reward scheme was benefiting members who introduce new companies to the Association. The meeting finished with a discussion on the dangers of working under chassis with automatic rear air suspension dump facilities, which will soon be the subject of an ALLMI Technical Bulletin. ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: "Even though members receive regular updates, there's a lot happening within ALLMI and the industry as a whole, and so the general meetings provide us with an excellent opportunity to keep members abreast of developments, and just as importantly, to receive and discuss feedback."



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ALLMI focus

WTB Group signs up to ALLMI Slinger/Signaller Training

Yet another Operators' Forum member has adopted a company-wide policy to use the ALLMI Slinger/Signaller course. Already a user of ALLMI lorry loader training, the WTB Group which includes Burdens, the distributor of civil engineering and infrastructure supplies, will soon put the first of its operators through the Slinger/Signaller programme. Peter Duckett, group mechanical operations manager for WTB, said: "We've been using the ALLMI lorry loader scheme for many years and so we know the quality of the training it provides. Moving over to the ALLMI Slinger/Signaller course was a natural progression for us and we look forward to reaping the benefits of using such a comprehensive training programme, and to having an input into the scheme via our membership of the Operators' Forum." For further information on ALLMI Slinger/Signaller training, please contact the ALLMI office.

Vertikal Days

Vertikal Days, the UK's only show dedicated entirely to the lifting equipment industry and, which in 2007 provided the setting for ALLMI's Instructor Product Update event, will this year feature an exhibition area devoted exclusively to ALLMI's manufacturer/importer members. With such a wide variety of lorry loaders on display it promises to be an excellent opportunity for operators to view a broad range of the latest equipment from across the industry. ALLMI executive director, Tom Wakefield, said: "We have 11 different loader crane manufacturers represented within

ALLMI and each one has been invited to take part. Details are still being finalised, but it could well be that Vertikal Days provides visitors with a very impressive array of loader cranes that other shows taking place this year would find hard to compete with." All ALLMI members will be entitled to a free show pass to the value of £20, which covers the entrance fee, parking, lunch and refreshments.



ALLMI will have a major presence at Vertikal Days