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## ALLMI Forum General Meeting

This years ALLMI Operators Forum General Meeting is scheduled for the 21st May and will see a focus on the ALLMI Buyers Co-operative, with a presentation from Colin Christie of Lifting Gear Products, which is working with ALLMI with a view to becoming the Association's preferred supplier for lifting accessories. Providing members with significant savings on its products. Following the meeting, Christie will carry out an in-depth survey of members in order to help tailor a package to members' needs.

The meeting will also be attended by Barbara Edwards of AIPS. Having been ALLMI's preferred supplier for Insurance services for the past two years, AIPS has achieved significant savings for numerous members, as well as providing them with an improved level of cover.

John Allum, managing director of Allum Plant Hire, said: "We've received huge benefits through using AIPS, not only by way of



saving money, but also in terms of drawing upon their expertise within the insurance industry, which has resulted in us having a much better policy for our business." Edwards will be reporting on the various success stories with members, but more importantly she will also be providing an analysis on what the year ahead holds for the insurance market; a report that is sure to be of interest to everyone.



# Training & Technical Committee updates

Progress from the ALLMI
Training Committee continues
with further developments
being made to the ALLMI
Slinger/Signaller manual which
is handed to all Slinger/Signaller
course attendees. In addition
to the in-depth information
already provided, the manual
will soon include a useful check
sheet for pre-use inspections
on lifting accessories, as well
as a page containing the
Beaufort scale for gauging
wind speeds.

Changes are also being made to the content of the ALLMI lorry loader programme with a new set of questions to assess candidates' knowledge of remote controls. Committee member, Steve Francis, said: "The use of remote controls with lorry loaders is becoming increasingly common, and whilst the ALLMI scheme has always contained information on their safe use, we thought it would be beneficial to develop a set of questions that demonstrates that candidates have retained the relevant information."

The ALLMI Technical Committee continues with the revision of the ALLMI Code of Practice, which is nearing completion, as well as the development

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of ALLMI Guidance Notes for Stabiliser Forces and Ground Pressure. The Committee has also carried out an extensive review of the ALLMI Thorough Examination and Load Test Training scheme, which resulted in members' engineers receiving updated information on various aspects of the course, including clarification on the issues surrounding dynamic testing, testing loader cranes with fly jibs, and the requirements for slew restriction/stability systems and platform protection systems. Engineers will soon benefit from a new set of template report forms and check sheets to work from.

## **British Standards revision commences**

As reported in the February edition of ALLMI Focus, a specialist working group was formed in January this year to revise the British Standard for Lorry Loaders, BS7121 Part 4. The first meeting was held on the 3rd April at Terex-Atlas in Bradford. With representatives from ALLMI, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), the Construction Plant-Hire Association (CPA) and the Modular Portable and Building Association (MPBA) in attendance. The revision is looking at the issues surrounding basic, standard and complex lifts, which when resolved, should provide operators with much needed clarity on the subject. Further meetings are planned for May and June, with the aim to provide BSI with the first draft by the fourth quarter 2008. ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: "We made good progress at the first meeting and we're looking forward to further developing Part 4 over the next couple of months. All ALLMI members will be provided with copies of the draft as the revision progresses and be included in the consultation process."

Look out for further updates in future editions of ALLMI Focus.

### Membership on the rise

Following impressive membership growth in 2007, the trend has continued into 2008 with 13 new members joining ALLMI in first quarter. Membership director, Lee Maynard, said: "We're extremely pleased with the level of growth that the Association is experiencing. The fact that more companies are joining is a testament to ALLMI and its work. A larger membership puts us in a much better position to raise standards throughout the industry."

## Operators Forum survey

In addition to the discussions on the Co-operative, the results of the Forum membership survey, which is due to commence shortly, is on the agenda. The survey is designed to obtain feedback on any developments that can be made to the Operators' Forum. Forum chairman, Steve Frazer-Brown, said: "We've come a long way since the formation of the Operators' Forum two years' ago, but we're continually looking for

ways to develop the flow of information to members, which in turn will help to achieve ALLMI's overall aim of raising standards in the industry. General meetings provide the ideal platform for us to do this, but in order to make the best use of the time available on the 21st, we felt that a survey carried out before-hand would help us to achieve maximum feedback and better quality discussion."