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AGM Confirmed for 17 July 2007

The Annual General Meeting of PASMA will take place on Tuesday, 17 July 2007, at The Belfry, Wishaw, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. Registration is from 12:00 - 12:30 with lunch scheduled from 12:30 to 13:30. The formal proceedings will begin at 13:30.

This is an opportunity for PASMA members to hear about the Association's substantial progress over the last 12 months and to keep up-to-date with the latest news and developments.

A limited number of rooms have been reserved for the night of Monday, 16th July, and these can be booked on a 'first come, first served basis' by contacting the secretariat for a booking form on 0845 230 4041.

2007 AIF Conference gets it right!

PASMA was one of five trade associations that presented a paper at the 2007 AIF Conference 'Working at Height...Getting it Right'. Given by Paul Pritchard, chair of the Manufacturers' Technical Committee and sales director of Alto Towers, Pritchard described using a mobile access tower to remove and replace a down pipe on a four-storey building. The keynote speaker was Bill Callaghan, chair of the Health and Safety Commission.

Seminar topics & speakers

Falls From Height - Justine Lee, HSE

Product Standard Certification - Colin Bywater, BSI

PASMA Instructor Training - Mick Aston

The Audit Process - Joy Jackson & Karen O'Neill

Manufacturers' Viewpoint - Paul Pritchard

Case Study SAMPLE - Risk Assessment & Method Statement

Training Centre Software - David Frost, Soter Solutions

Where are we going? - Andy Weaver

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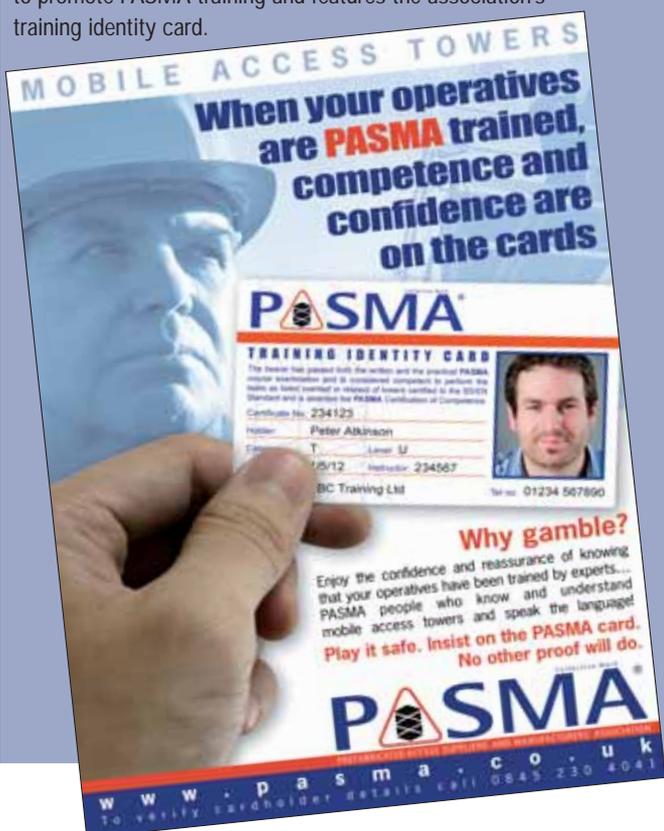
If you were unable to attend the recent seminar, all the presentations are now available on the PASMA website, along with a whole host of association and tower-related information. And, if you missed the AIF Conference, go to www.accessindustryforum.org.uk for more details about this showcase event in the access calendar.



C&a PASMA focus

New PASMA Poster

Why Gamble? is the theme of a new A2 poster launched at the Safety and Health Expo 2007. The first in a series of three, it has been created to promote PASMA training and features the association's training identity card.



Seminar sets the scene

PASMA members from all over the UK attended the first ever Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Seminar held at The Hilton Metropole Hotel in May on the site of the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

Various speakers addressed a range of topics including, from the HSE, Falls from height - are we making a difference? and from BSI Product Testing, Product standard certification - separating the wheat from the chaff.

Andy Weaver, chairman - elect of the PASMA Training Committee, talked about the PASMA projects earmarked for 2007/2008. These included, amongst others: a formalised procedure for tying and anchoring; a proposed new disciplinary code to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all

delegates involved in PASMA training courses; a new training course notes booklet and an equipment reporting sheet for recording sub-standard equipment.

For his part, lead instructor, Mick Aston, described the new criteria for novice instructors. In future, as reported in the last issue of 'Cranes & Access', all new PASMA instructors will be assigned a PASMA mentor. This mentor will actively monitor the experience, knowledge and delivery of would-be instructors, covering both theory and practice.

Aston explained that novice instructors would not be allowed to deliver PASMA training until their competence had been assessed and approved by their respective mentor.

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