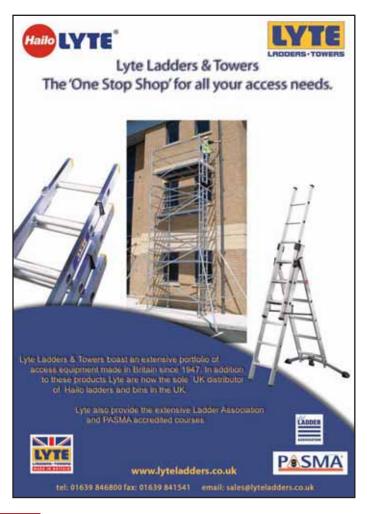
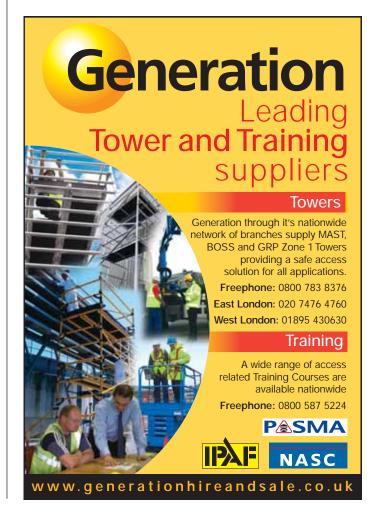




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2009 what a year!

2009 was quite a year for PASMA, not only did it celebrate its 35th birthday, it finally moved into its own premises, took over full-time responsibility for the secretariat, introduced a new ID card system, appointed its first technical manager and saw the publication of the first ever mobile tower supplement.

Council wishes to thank all members, committee members and staff for their dedicated and enthusiastic support throughout 2009. 2010 promises to be just as exciting in different ways and the association looks forward to developing its role, its contribution to safety, standards and best practice over the coming year.



Another new face



The latest addition to the PASMA administration team is Lynn Couttie, a recent graduate in English Literature and a welcome addition to the head office team. In addition to providing general administrative support, Couttie will also act as personal assistant to managing director Peter Bennett.

That's the way to do it - low level access DVD

This latest addition to the association's DVD library is now available. Titled 'Accidents can happen even at low level', it covers both folding step and podium units along with folding tower work platforms. Focusing on use and abuse, the emphasis is very much on best practice. Stuart Hopkins, PASMA's training scheme manager who has overseen the production of the DVD said: "Not only does the DVD complement the re-worked training course, it also shows how this type of equipment can be used safely and productively in the workplace."



Mark this date in your diary

- PASMA will be showcasing its training courses and safety-related products at the following events in 2010:
- On stand B130 at the Executive Hire Show, 3 & 4 February 2010 at the Ricoh Arena, Coventry. PASMA members Euro Towers and the Youngman Group will also be exhibiting. More information at www.executivehireshow.com
- At the IOSH Conference and Exhibition 'Health and safety: Making the case', 24 & 25 March 2010 at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow. More information at www.ioshconference.co.uk
- At the Safety & Health Expo, 11 13 May 2010 at the NEC, Birmingham, in the AIF Access Village and the completely new AIF Knowledge Base which will host a series of presentations, workshops and lively debates. More information at www.safety-health-expo.co.uk

We are also planning events and exhibits for **Vertikal Days**, **16-17th June** 2010 at Haydock Park between Manchester and Liverpool.

Stay the course

Low level access

A reworked half-day course designed for anyone who needs to work from a platform with a height of up to 2.5 metres. It covers the safe assembly, dismantling and relocation of low level access units and includes a solid practical session for all attendees.

Work at height essentials

A course for anyone who knows little or nothing about working at height. This half-day course provides essential information about the use of mobile access towers, plus an insight into the use of all forms of access equipment as represented by the member organisations of the Access Industry Forum (AIF). Please see www.accessindustryforum.org.uk for more information.

Manager/Supervisor course

A 'must do' course over one day for managers and supervisors responsible for overseeing the work of operatives on site. It is designed to ensure that work at height using mobile access towers is properly planned and organised and that those involved on site are competent and properly trained. Tower inspection and maintenance is an important part of this course.

Delegates attending all these courses receive a course content/notes booklet and PASMA Code of Practice, together with a PASMA certificate and photo card for the relevant level (valid for 5 years).



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