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Safety is a management issue!

"Safety is a management issue" is the theme of this year's IPAF Summit on 25th March, starting at 13:30, at the Grange St. Paul's Hotel in London.

Andy Studdert, chief executive of US-based NES Rentals, will give the opening presentation. He was chief operating officer of United Airlines at the time of the World Trade Centre attacks and applies lessons from managing airlines to managing powered access.

Other speakers include: Simon Rooks, operations director and head of UK and Ireland Fire at Tyco, who will speak about an accident that occurred at the company and the way this has changed what Tyco expects of its rental partners.

Jennifer Mathis, partner at Ducker Research, will review the European and the US powered access rental markets, drawing on research projects that she is leading on behalf of IPAF.

Joy Jones, a principal inspector of the UK Health & Safety Executive (HSE) and member of the Strategic Forum for Construction Plant Safety, will examine management's responsibilities toward MEWP operators.

David Shipman, chairman of UK-based AFI-Uplift and past managing director of the Lavendon Group, will present his views on why management should be concerned about safety issues.

The Summit is free and open to all interested parties Register online at www.ipaf.org/events

IPAF Summit Networking Event with historical touch

The IPAF Summit Networking Event on the evening of 24th March 2010 will take on a 1940s feel and will be held at the Churchill Museum and

Cabinet War Rooms, Clive Steps, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AQ. This is the world-famous historical location from where Winston Churchill directed his military campaign. The event is being sponsored by Henderson Insurance Brokers.

The event is open to all IPAF members and those holding a ticket for the IAPA dinner. However, places are strictly limited and guests will only be admitted if they have pre-registered. Register online at www.ipaf.org/events



Network and learn at regional meetings

Around 50 people attended the second IPAF North West regional meeting at the end of January, organised by PAIG chairman Peter Jones.



Kevin O'Shea of Mastclimbers spoke on the differences between the US and UK approaches to powered access. Andy Barnes and Stuart Johnston of Henderson Insurance delivered an interesting presentation on risk management.



APAs shortlist announced

The finalists for the International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) 2010 have been announced following a meeting of the judging panel at the end of January. The judges said the process was even more difficult than last year, with a 20 percent increase in the number of entries.

"It was great to see so many high quality entries this year, maintaining the standard that was established at the first awards ceremony," said John Ball, IPAF president.
"In particular, the entries show the industry's commitment to quality, safety and professionalism is surviving this difficult economic period."

The winners will be announced at the IAPA awards dinner following the IPAF Summit on 25th March in London. See the shortlist and make dinner bookings at www.ipaf.org/iapa



The IPAF Safety Experience at bauma 2010 will feature a dynamic, walk-through learning experience on what powered access is and how to use it safely and effectively. The IPAF display of about 800 square metres, made possible with the support of the bauma organisers, is in Outdoor Area F10, Stand N1016/1. It will feature various demonstrations built around the themes of safety and best practice:

- $\bullet\,$ "No ladders": MEWPs are safer, more productive and more economical to use
- · Ground conditions: Why should spreader plates be used?
- · Clunk Click: "Only dummies don't wear harnesses on booms"
- PAL Card goes smart: New technology in your card?
- · Rescue at height: The rights and wrongs

The IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee meets on 21st April at 14:00 at the IPAF stand. All IPAF events at bauma, including the Stand Reception, will be listed at www.ipaf.org/events

Ducker Research to produce IPAF Rental Reports

IPAF has commissioned Ducker Research to produce the IPAF European Powered Access Rental Report 2009 and the IPAF US Powered Access Rental Report 2009.

These reports build on the 2008 reports released last year and examine the state of the access rental business. The new reports will be published at the end of April in time for bauma.



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