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IPAF summit

'MEVVPs are great'

Its official! The HSE says that 'MEWPs are great'. The comment was made by Justine Lee of the Health & Safety Executive as she opened her presentation at the beginning of the IPAF summit held at Whittlebury Hall, Northamptonshire at the end of last month.

In her talk on Management Responsibilities for Mobile Elevating Work Platforms to a packed room of access industry professionals, she pointed out that while aerial lifts have an excellent safety record, when an accident does occur it is often sensational.



She explained that accidents owed more to poor planning and management than whether the operator had been properly trained

"We have no issue with operators," said Lee, "it is proper planning that is required to prevent accidents."

In order to reinforce this message, the HSE is planning a six month campaign starting October 2007, aimed specifically at steel erection contractors. "This is the area with most problems and we will be checking management arrangements and compliance with the new Construction Information Sheet (CIS) - aimed at those responsible for the selection and management of MEWPs - which will hopefully be published in June," said Lee.

She also said that crane hirers now check out the ability of contractors to plan and supervise their own lifts as do car rental companies when

they demand to see a valid driving licence. And yet, lifts are delivered to site often with no checks that the customer is competent to manage the use of MEWPs. She confirmed that the HSE is looking at the quality of planning rather than the plan itself, and pointed out that communication is a key part of this.

The next speaker, Steve Derbyshire, acting head of safety at Taylor Woodrow, was pleased to highlight the fact that companies including his are increasingly moving towards powered access.

"We still have ladders and towers on site," he said, "but we do a poor job managing towers and are increasingly moving even low-level understood what was required to properly manage the aerial lifts working on their site.

and manage MEWPS on site, but try having an accident and then with that to attending a course," he said.

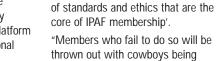
Other speakers included Murray Pollock who looked at trends and developments in the UK rental market and Rupert Douglas Jones who updated everyone on the Clunk Click campaign for the wearing of harnesses in booms. He confirmed IPAF's view that in most cases the wearing of harnesses in vertical scissor type platforms is dangerous.

The OZ way

Finally Bernie Kiekebosch the president of Australia's highly successful Elevating Work Platform Association, as well as regional

important it was that site managers

"Yes it takes time to correctly plan compare the time and cost involved



named and shamed," he added. He closed by calling on all members to support the positive safety-first message and to expose wrong doers so that IPAF can ensure that no serious customer will trade with anybody other than an IPAF compliant supplier. After the days business around 200

members and their guests attended the annual IPAF dinner which heard Kevin - the 'caped crusader' -O'Shea give a witty after dinner speech in which he attempted to be as politically incorrect as possible picking on just about everyone apart from the Scots, to the great delight of most attendees.

attended with most of the 200 plus seats taken

Reid repeats his

IPAF only call

Earlier in the day a smaller number

of members attended the IPAF

Annual General Meeting where

president Andrew Reid updated

them on progress and achievements

over the past year. He pointed out

that IPAF membership had more

than doubled in four years to 450

members, much of the growth

coming from continental Europe.

last year where he hoped that in

future no serious contractor would

from any company that was not a

signed up member of IPAF, he

consider buying or hiring equipment

confirmed that IPAF has now modified

its membership criteria preventing

but insisting that members 'abide

by the federations stringent codes

any new applicant being 'blackballed'

Referring back to his vision expressed

The 2008 Summit will be held at the same venue on April 15th.



work to aerial lifts. He highlighted the challenges that site managers have with so many different pieces of equipment and more than 200 skill trade cards covering some 54 different CPCS categories -

Chris Buisseret of Rapid Platforms discussed the qualifications for instructors and the new course covering the management of MEWPS. He pointed out how

a figure that has been reduced.

President Andrew Reid makes his address (Tim Whiteman MD-IPAF (R) Tony Mort (L).

manager with Haulotte, informed delegates on how the Australian powered access industry is dealing with all manner of issues from training (the association has so far trained 100,000 operators out of a population of 20 million) to machine inspections, maintenance and obsolescence.

