

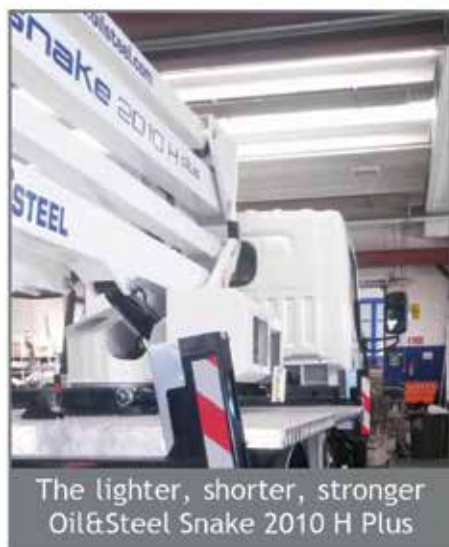
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New chairman for FASET

Rob Harris has been appointed as the new chairman of FASET, taking over from Paul Martin at the association's recent Annual General Meeting in Daventry.

Involved in the work at height industry for over 20 years, he was instrumental in founding FASET, and has been a major contributor to its progress and development ever since. He also retains his role as chairman of the FASET training committee.

Harris is managing director and owner of Buckinghamshire-based training company 3 Education, and is actively involved in various industry working groups. He has also created a series of FASET training courses.

Speaking of his appointment he said: "As one of the architects of the association, and someone who has been actively involved in its direction and growth, I am delighted to have the opportunity of working with members to further improve standards and best practice across the industry. In particular, to advocate the benefits of only using FASET member organisations."



FASET award winners

FASET, the trade body representing the safety net rigging and temporary safety systems industry, has announced the winners of its first annual awards. In each case, the independent judging panel, which included a representative of the Health and Safety Executive, was impressed by the commitment, innovation and concern for safety demonstrated by the winners.



Health and Safety Initiative of the Year: Sponsored by Smart Scaffolder, this category was won by PMC Safety Netting - a FASET member company - which the judges thought made an outstanding contribution to the work and role of the association by contributing time, knowledge and expertise to the development of FASET training and best practice.

In the same category, Structural Metal Decks was 'highly commended' for its commitment to prioritising health and safety, including training, within its business.

Operative of the Year: Sponsored by GAP Tool Hire, the winner of this category was Scott Campbell of Onestop Safety Netting and Edge Protection. Having experienced a tragic accident involving a colleague at work, the judges were particularly impressed with the way in which he dealt with the tragedy, re-built his confidence and went on to positively develop his work at height skills and experience.

Callum Greenaway of StaSafe was 'highly commended' for his consistent and conscientious approach to working at height.

Member Project of the Year: This award, sponsored by CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme), went to PMC Safety Netting for a project that the judges considered as having specific challenges requiring an innovative but painstaking approach. The project was completed successfully on time, to budget and without incident.

The 'highly commended' award was split between two companies for specific projects: Nationwide Safety and Safety Net Services.

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SSIP accreditation for FASET

FASET has been successfully audited and assessed as meeting the core criteria of Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP) - the Health & Safety Executive supported certification scheme, which is intended to cut health and safety costs and bureaucracy.

It means that any organisation planning to secure the services of a FASET member company, can do so confident in the knowledge that the company has the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to satisfy the prequalification stage of procurement as specified in the new CDM 2015 Regulations.

FASET's Tony Seddon said: "Accreditation by SSIP demonstrates the scope and thoroughness of the FASET audit, the process by which prospective members are admitted into the association, and then assessed on an ongoing basis to ensure their continued compliance with the strict membership criteria."

"Safety nets are an integral part of saving lives and reducing injuries. It is therefore essential that the companies that supply and install them use only approved products to industry standards, employ recognised testing and maintenance regimes, and install them with FASET trained safety net riggers."



New website launched

The new FASET website is now live. With several new sections, it provides access to 21 technical bulletins ranging from joining safety nets together and the testing requirements for safety net attachment devices, to the testing of safety nets for UV degradation and the tagging of safety net repairs. There is also a useful 'Top 10 dos and don'ts for safety net use.'



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