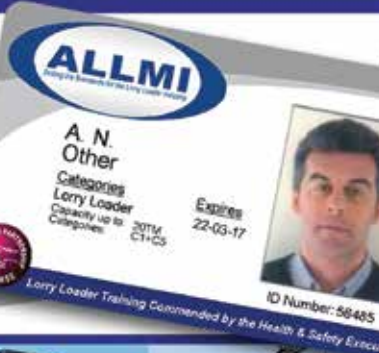



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Free safety posters

Free safety poster artwork is now available for download by any company that uses aerial work platforms in their daily operations. Part of IPAF's latest Andy Access campaign, the posters promote the safe use of aerial work platforms.

The posters originated as a means of communicating the valuable learning outcomes identified by the IPAF accident reporting project (www.ipaf.org/incident), and as a means of reinforcing the key messages covered in its training programmes. The posters are available in several languages and artwork can be downloaded from www.ipaf.org/andyaccess

Ideas for more Andy Access safety themes can be e-mailed to technicalofficer@ipaf.org



New ways of learning

IPAF's operator training programme has taken a major step forward with a new generation of learning tools. For the first time, PAL Card trainees have the option of completing the theory part of the course via an interactive, state-of-the-art eLearning module. The module can be completed online - anytime, anywhere, on any device, at the trainee's own pace.

Trainees who continue to opt for the instructor-led theory course, will also benefit from the new same state-of-the-art graphics, animations and learning techniques, but will also have the advantage of interacting with an instructor and fellow students in a classroom setting. The new tools follow two years of research, testing and a significant investment. They are intended to deliver flexibility and interactivity, with the same emphasis on practical training.

No matter whether trainees complete the theory part of the course, via the eLearning module or an instructor-led course, they must still pass a supervised theory test at an audited and approved training centre. They will then proceed to the practical session and must then pass a supervised practical test

conducted by an IPAF-certified instructor. As in the past, successful trainees then receive a Smart PAL Card (Powered Access Licence) as proof of operator training.

There are now over half a million valid PAL Cards worldwide. PAL Cards can be verified online at www.ipaf.org/checkpal



The IAPAs judging panel (left to right): Shawn Ong of Galmon, Andy Studdert of NES Rentals, Martin Vöggtli of SkyAccess, Ivan Papell of Liftisa, Mark Atkinson of Clugston Construction and Euan Youdale of Access International.

IAPA shortlist revealed

The shortlist for this year's International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) has been revealed, following the judges' meeting on 28 January in Basel, Switzerland.

The winners will be announced at the dinner and awards ceremony on 17 March 2016 in Madrid, Spain. More than 100 entries were received for the 13 award categories in this year's awards. A panel of five judges make their decisions based on the merit of each entry and are excluded from entering their own company for any awards.

The judges are:

- Mark Atkinson, health & safety manager, Clugston Construction, UK
- Shawn Ong, chief operating officer, Galmon, Singapore
- Ivan Papell, managing director, Liftisa, Spain
- Martin Vöggtli, chief executive, SkyAccess, Switzerland
- Andy Studdert, IPAF president, and chief executive, NES Rentals, USA
- Non-voting chairman: Euan Youdale, editor, Access International

The awards dinner follows the annual IPAF Summit. To see the shortlist and book your place at the summit visit www.iapa-summit.info

Are you loading machines safely?

IPAF's stand at bauma this April - N1115 in the outdoor area - will highlight the safe loading and unloading of aerial work platforms, demonstrate good practice, while highlighting the findings from IPAF's accident reporting project. The stand will also provide a meeting point for members to meet and discuss issues affecting the industry.

Almost a third of all aerial lift related incidents reported by rental companies, as part of the accident reporting project, involve delivery drivers loading and unloading machines. As a result the federation is running a campaign to improve the safety of routine loading and unloading. The campaign highlights the importance of planning and management of the delivery and collection processes. It also clarifies the responsibilities of different parties - including end-users, rental companies, haulage companies and drivers - to communicate and cooperate to ensure the work is done safely and effectively.

IPAF has called on all members exhibiting at bauma to observe safe loading and unloading practices in conformity with recommended guidelines. IPAF-approved training centres also offer a course on the loading and unloading of platforms, which will soon be available in several languages.

The IPAF Stand Reception at bauma will be held on Wednesday, 13th April, from 17:00 to 18:00. All IPAF meetings during bauma will be listed at www.ipaf.org/events

