

Enter now for the IAPAs 2012 in Rome



Entries are now open for the International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) 2012. The award ceremony and dinner will be held on 29 March 2012 at the Sheraton Roma Hotel in Rome, Italy. They follow the IPAF Summit which starts at 13:30 on the same day.

The IAPA awards, entering their fourth year in 2012, celebrate best practice and excellence in the powered access industry. The categories, open to all companies and individuals in the powered access industry, are:

- The Access Rental Company of the Year
- IPAF Safety Champion of the year
- Contribution to Safe Working at Height
- Access Project of the Year
- New Product of the Year – Vehicle/trailer-mounted

- New Product of the Year – Self-propelled (booms, scissors, atrium lifts)
- New Product of the Year – Mast climbing work platforms/hoists
- New Product of the Year – Low-level access
- Award for Outstanding After Sales Service
- International Lifetime Achievement Award

There are two categories designed for IPAF member companies and individuals only:

- IPAF Instructor of the Year
- New IPAF Training Centre of the year

Slight alterations have been made to the award categories this year in order to better reflect the industry and make it simple to enter. The judges are looking for best practice, excellence, innovation and professionalism.

Entries must be for work done in 2011. The deadline for entries is 23rd December 2011. Entries must be submitted in English using the official entry form available at www.ipaf-summit.info

Are you working on solid ground?

The IPAF Powered Access 2012 magazine is out this month. The federation's annual journal features a debate on the issues surrounding the use of spreader plates with aerial lifts and what managers and operators should be aware of. It can be viewed online or you can download the app for your iPad at the Publications section of www.ipaf.org. Free printed copies can be obtained by e-mailing info@ipaf.org



Safety alert: Good housekeeping

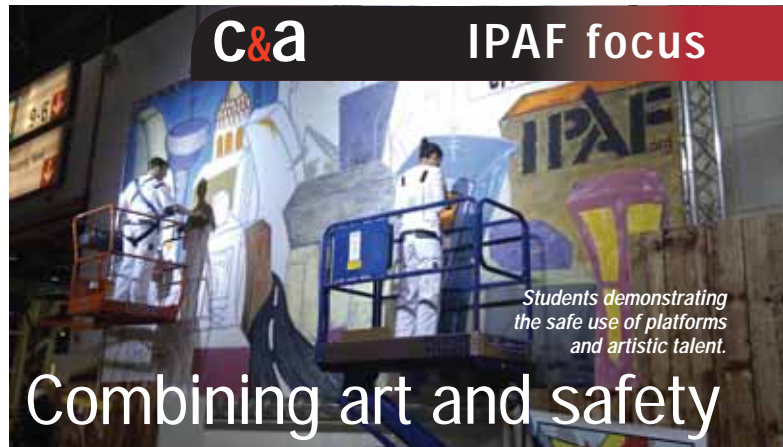
Two incidents of boom-type aerial lifts catching fire have recently been reported to IPAF.

These are the first such cases known said Wraith, who has been researching the matter. However, users of aerial lifts who are aware of any other incidents are asked to send information to chris.wraith@ipaf.org

"These cases of boom lifts catching fire remain isolated," said IPAF technical officer Chris Wraith. "Fires and other potential hazards when using aerial lifts can be prevented through best practice and good housekeeping. Operators should maintain a clean area of work on and around the platform and base, keeping it clear of debris. They



should do the pre-start inspections and daily checks. This would help identify any debris, leaks, spills, damaged cables and wiring, or other fire hazards, and allow preventive action to be taken."



Students demonstrating the safe use of platforms and artistic talent.

Combining art and safety

Visitors to the recent A+A health and safety exhibition in Düsseldorf were drawn to IPAF's stand with its unique combination of creativity and safety.



The finished piece of art.

Over the four-day exhibition, students from the art school

Wandsbek painted an eight by four metre picture celebrating "the art of IPAF", working from a scissor lift and a boom on the stand. The students all had PAL cards and were trained to use platforms safely, in line with their motto, "No amateurs on my platform!"

Review of IPAF Hire Terms & Conditions: Call for comments

The IPAF Hire Terms & Conditions are due for review and the federation is seeking comments and participation from members.

The most recent Terms & Conditions of Hire for the powered access industry were released in 2009 to improve service levels and harmonise with international best practice. These Terms & Conditions meet the recommendations and guidance notes set out by the European Rental Association in its Rental Checklist and Framework for

General Rental Conditions. IPAF contributed to the drafting of these documents as an ERA founder member. The Terms & Conditions are available free of charge to IPAF members for their exclusive use. They are available in versions for England and Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Those interested in taking part in the review should e-mail comments to Rupert Douglas-Jones, IPAF Research & Development, rdj@ipaf.org, by end November 2011.

New member service: Discounted deliveries with TNT

Do you use a courier service to send parcels or documents within the UK or internationally? Do you struggle to get cost-effective pricing because the volume of items is low?

IPAF members in the UK can now tie in to the introductory 50 percent discount rate offered to IPAF by courier company TNT. This rate is guaranteed for six months, after which the rate will depend on the volume of deliveries made by IPAF and its members. The more members that use the service, the better the chance that those signed up will continue to benefit from the 50 percent discount. Details are at the Services section of www.ipaf.org



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