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IPAF members pledge to report accidents

More than 30 IPAF member companies have signed a pledge to report all known accidents involving their company and aerial lifts. IPAF launched the pledge at Vertikal Days.

Since the start of the year, IPAF has been urging all manufacturers, rental companies, contractors and users to report any known fatal and serious accidents they hear of. Information entered into the database is kept strictly confidential and will be used solely for the purposes of analysis and improving safety.

IPAF is not currently mandating the reporting of accidents, but it is calling on members to make a voluntary commitment by signing the pledge, reflecting the high standards of IPAF members in health and safety, and their determination to keep the powered access industry safe.

To see and sign the pledge, or report accidents, go to www.ipaf.org/accident



PAL+ training launched at Vertikal Days

IPAF has developed the PAL+ training course in response to demand from UK contractors for training that better prepares operators for work in higher risk or challenging environments. PAL+ is an optional, additional one day of category-specific training and complements the standard PAL operator course.



PAL+ focuses on practical training and includes a short, compact theory session. It is intended to be more advanced, challenging and extensive than the PAL operator course, which meets all requirements for basic operator training.

PAL+ training is open to operators who hold an existing PAL Card (Powered Access Licence) for the relevant category. Upon successful completion of the theory test, practical test and interview, operators will have the relevant categories added to their PAL Card, e.g. Static Vertical (1a+), Static Boom (1b+), Mobile Vertical (3a+) and Mobile Boom (3b+).

The PAL+ course is currently provided by selected IPAF-approved training centres in the UK. For more information on PAL+, visit the Training section of www.ipaf.org

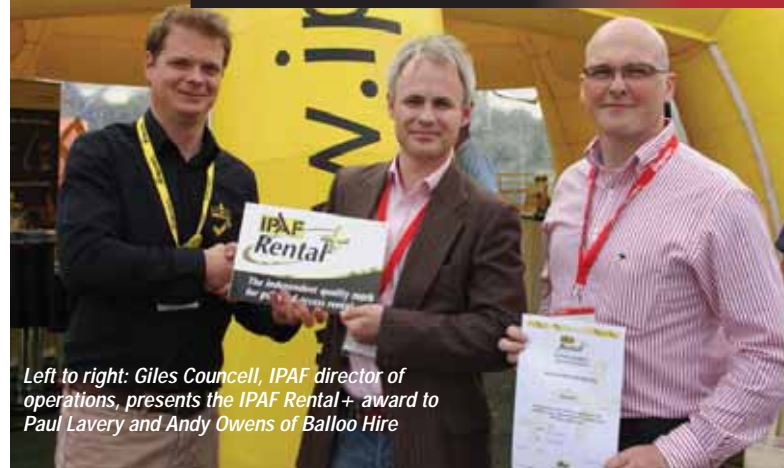
Demonstration of IPAF's new PAL+ course at Vertikal Days.

Bookings open for the IPAF Summit and IAPAs 2013 in Miami

Bookings are now open for the IPAF Summit and International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) to be held on 26th March 2013 in Miami, Florida.

Ron DeFeo, chief executive of Terex, will give the keynote address, examining what responsibilities manufacturers and the industry have in providing support and backup to aerial work platform equipment throughout the lifecycle of the machines.

Other confirmed speakers include Michael Kneeland, chief executive of United Rentals and Sérgio Kariya, managing director of the rental division of Mills Estruturas e Serviços de Engenharia in Brazil. Book your place now for the 2013 event at www.iapa-summit.info The IPAF Summit 2014 will be held in the UK.



Left to right: Giles Councill, IPAF director of operations, presents the IPAF Rental+ award to Paul Lavery and Andy Owens of Balloo Hire

Balloo Hire awarded IPAF Rental+

Balloo Hire of Belfast, Northern Ireland has achieved the IPAF Rental+ quality mark. Rental companies that display the IPAF Rental+ quality mark have been audited to meet defined standards in customer service, safety, staff training, contract terms and machine inspection. It is part of IPAF's aim to promote quality and best practice in the powered access rental industry for the benefit of both rental companies and their customers. Annual repeat audits ensure that the quality of service is maintained.

Get "early bird" rates for Europlatform in Edinburgh

This year's Europlatform conference on "Success in Access Rentals" will be held on 20th September in Edinburgh. Don't miss the excellent panel of speakers and book your place now to get the "early bird" rates before 2nd September.

Riwal CEO Norty Turner will deliver the keynote speech, focusing on rental management



techniques, covering the performance measures that every rental company should know, and provide valuable insights into the most effective management techniques from both Europe and the US.

Other speakers will cover a range of topics on rental management. Mikael Kämpe, Ramirent director of group fleet, will examine the total cost of ownership. Jesper Rom Knudsen, Trackunit head of direct sales, will discuss how to successfully use telematics in rentals. Patrick Rizzo, Loxam's marketing director, will speak on how to boost business with social media.

The conference will be preceded by an evening networking event at the Scotch Whisky Experience, located close to the conference hotel, the Radisson Blu in central Edinburgh. Register now at www.europlatform.info

PDS: A "must" for IPAF instructors

Professional Development Seminars (PDS) for IPAF instructors and training centres will be held on 18th October at the De Vere Milton House, Oxford OX13 6AF and on 6th November at the Holiday Inn Leeds, Wakefield WF5 9BE. Details are at www.ipaf.org/events



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