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Thorough Examiner training for fleet owners

ALLMI is encouraging members of its Operators' Forum to attend a one day, abbreviated Thorough Examiner training course, intended to raise awareness of some of the key changes introduced by the recently revised BS7121 Part 2-4:2013.

ALLMI technical director Alan Johnson said: "The vast majority of Operators' Forum members have people within their business who are responsible for ensuring that their lorry loaders are adequately maintained and kept up to date with the applicable statutory inspections. Whilst the full assessment-based version of the ALLMI Thorough Examiner course is currently only available to member companies involved in the installation, examination and testing of loader cranes, we know that the abbreviated version will provide a fantastic level of information and guidance to any member which is a duty-holder under LOLER, and that it will assist in refreshing and improving the understanding of this very important topic."



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New training officer for ALLMI

ALLMI has appointed Jon Kenyon as its new full time training officer. With a wealth of experience in the lorry loader industry, Kenyon's responsibilities will include running various ALLMI courses (primarily Crane Supervisor and Appointed Person), as well as carrying out audits of both instructors and member companies. Kenyon will also play a role in the forthcoming ALLMI Training Scheme Review, a pan-industry consultation process planned for 2014 which will look to further develop the association's range of training courses and documentation.



Jon Kenyon

ALLMI board election

ALLMI recently conducted an election for its board of directors, which resulted in Mark Rigby of TH White retaining his position as chairman for the ninth consecutive year. Ian Roberts of HMF, Ismo Leppanen of Cargotec and Carly Barnard of Transloader Services were also re-elected as directors of the association, with Richard Short of Penny Hydraulics being the new appointment to the board.

Short said: "Penny Hydraulics is a long-standing member of ALLMI and has always been heavily involved in the association's projects and activities through its strong representation on the ALLMI Technical & Training Committees. Further to this, it is of course a great privilege to be elected into a director's position and to have the opportunity to represent members' interests on a number of different fronts."



Richard Short



Vertikal Days update

Following on from last year's Vertikal Days, ALLMI's most successful show to date, the association has announced a list of member companies which have already confirmed exhibition spots within the ALLMI Village at this year's show in May:

- Cargotec
- Sunfab
- HMF
- TH White (Palfinger)
- Penny Hydraulics
- PM

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield, said: "Last year's show was a huge success, both for the association and the member companies that exhibited, but we are keen to build upon that and to increase the presence, profile and scope of the ALLMI Village. Having so much interest from members at this relatively early stage is very promising indeed and it reflects the fact that the ALLMI Village has become the industry platform upon which companies can promote their products and services."

"We have participated in every Vertikal Days show since its inception in 2007, but are expecting 2014 to be the best so far, with the greatest array of equipment on display from manufacturers of both loader cranes and ancillary equipment. There will also be a wealth of guidance and advice available on the ALLMI stand and of course, once again, we will be running the ALLMI Operator of the Year Competition, for which we're already receiving a great deal of interest from potential participants."



Part of the ALLMI Village at Vertikal Days

Guidance notes update

A recent ALLMI Technical Standards Committee meeting saw further progress in the ongoing revision of the association's series of guidance notes. Alan Johnson, chairman of the committee and ALLMI technical director, said: "We have been gently working away at this project for some time already, but we knew that the real opportunity to drive the completion of the process would arise once the revision of BS7121 Part 2-4 was complete."

"Along with BS7121 Part 4:2010 and BS-EN12999 2011 & A1:2012, this now means that the three most relevant and important Standards affecting our industry have been revised within the last four years and so we see this as the perfect time to revisit our previously published guidance notes, with the aim of getting the amendments completed by mid-2014."