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2014 annual review

PASMA's 16 page 2014 Annual Review contains reports from the association's committee chairmen, plus details of all the latest news and developments.

PASMA's 16 page annual review of 2014.



Chris Blantern

Chairman Chris Blantern's said: "As chairman I am particularly proud of PASMA's contribution to the setting

of both national and international standards and, equally importantly, their active promotion. For good examples of this you need look no further than PAS 250 for podiums and pulpits, and the association's current campaign - backed by the HSE - warning industry of the very real dangers of using towers that fail to comply with the European standard EN1004."

Highlights featured in the Annual Review include:

- 2013 training numbers exceed 65,000

- PASMA launches first Tower Week, 11-15 November 2013
- Association introduces 'Towers for Riggers' course
- PASMA sponsors Work at Height Theatre at OSH EXPO Africa
- New marketing collateral promotes the flexibility of towers
- Facebook and Twitter activity accelerates
- PASMA exhibits at The Health & Safety Show and Safety & Health Expo.

Alongside other AIF organisations, PASMA was represented at the Safety & Health Expo

Which bits are you missing?

'Working at height with towers: Which bits are you missing?' was the title of PASMA's one-hour CoreSkills+ workshop held at this year's IOSH Conference at the ExCeL exhibition centre in London.

With falls from height still the biggest cause of deaths in the workplace, PASMA's technical director Don Aers, together with HSE's Safety Unit member Claire Bruce, highlighted the dangers of using towers that fail to comply with the European standard EN1004 and explained how to specify, buy or hire towers as well as use them safely.

Claire Bruce is currently leading the HSE's investigation into the supply and use of unsafe scaffolding towers following a number of deaths and serious injuries resulting from falls from incomplete and unsafe

types of tower scaffold.

In addition to delivering one of four sessions in the CoreSkills+ 'work at height' stream, PASMA also advocated safety and best practice from stand U2150 by highlighting the need to work safely and competently at height using appropriate equipment with personnel professionally trained to industry-recognised standards.

The use of EN1004 compliant towers is the theme of PASMA's current campaign 'Not on your life!' For more information, including posters and leaflets, visit: www.pasma.co.uk



AIF WAHpedia

Work has started on producing the Access Industry Forum's WAHpedia, which will serve as the definitive resource for knowledge, information and guidance for anyone involved either directly or indirectly in work at height.

Like the Forum itself - which embraces a complete cross section of the access industry - it will take a wide-ranging approach to providing an insight and appreciation of the key issues and processes

involved in successfully managing work at height. Each AIF member organisation and its specialisation will be fully represented, supported by member listings and there will also be contributions from leading health and safety experts and professional bodies. It is expected to go live in the third quarter of this year.



PAS 250 gains momentum

PAS 250, the PASMA-sponsored specification for low-level work platforms (often referred to as pulpits or podiums), is beginning to make its mark. More organisations are now starting to specify the standard which introduces minimum safety and performance criteria for these particular products.

Pulpits and podiums designed in accordance with PAS 250 apply current best practice. The specification covers material and design requirements for the working platform, guardrails, toe-boards, access, mobility, feet and adjustable legs, and the content of labels

and user guides. PASMA strongly recommends that specifiers and purchasers of this type of equipment insist on PAS-compliant products.



Seen a terrible tower?

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