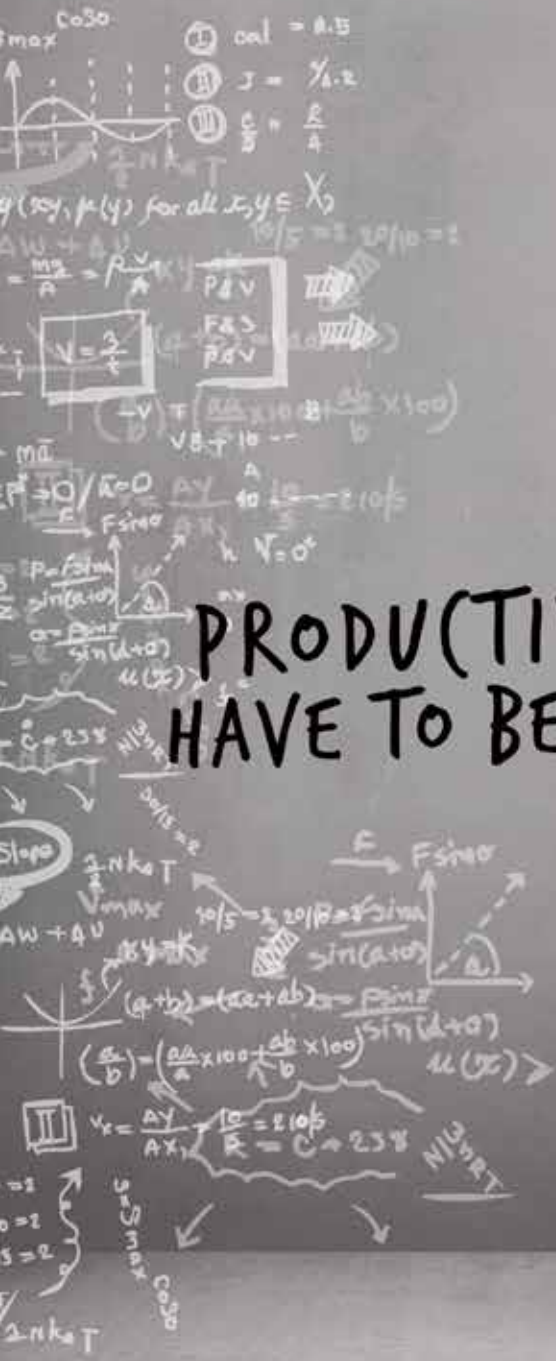


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New Andy Access poster

The latest Andy Access poster asks "Have you a rescue plan?" when using aerial work platforms on your site you should always perform a risk assessment and plan for a safe rescue. Help spread the message. Download artwork at www.ipaf.org/andyaccess



IPAF instructors introduced to new learning tools



IPAF certified instructors received an overview of new learning tools that are set to rejuvenate the organisation's training programme for aerial work platform operators at this year's IPAF Professional Development Seminars, attended by more than 683 instructors from 23 countries covering eight languages.

The new tools include an eLearning theory module which delivers flexibility and interactivity, as well as an instructor-led theory course that uses the same state-of-the-art graphics, animations and learning techniques. What remains the same is the focus on practical training. Only trainees who pass a supervised theory test and a practical test are awarded a Smart PAL Card (Powered Access Licence) as proof of training.

IPAF instructors trained a record number of 145,094 people in 2015, an increase of 5.6 percent over the 137,436 trained in 2014. Training available from IPAF-approved centres includes operator courses for which a PAL Card is issued, and harness and management courses for which a certificate is issued. A record 137,517 PAL Cards were issued worldwide in 2015, an increase of 5.6 percent over 2014.

Chief executive Tim Whiteman said: "For almost 150,000 people every year, instructors are the face of IPAF. Their hard work and enduring commitment has made this voluntary training programme the global success that it is today. We aim to support our instructors by building on their skills and professionalism, and providing them with innovative and top-class learning tools."

The Professional Development Seminars ensure that instructors remain up-to-date with legislation and training. Through attending the event they gain Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points, necessary to maintain their IPAF instructor status. This commitment to continuous learning is one of the unique features of the IPAF training programme.



Research on powered access rental market underway

How do fluctuations in the economy affect the platform rental market? What is the impact of regulations on equipment purchasing decisions? Research is now underway to explore these questions and more.

IPAF has once again commissioned Ducker Research to produce the IPAF European Powered Access Rental Market Report 2016 and the IPAF US Powered Access Rental Market Report 2016.

The reports will:

- Evaluate the size of the aerial lift rental market overall and by country, and analyse this in detail
- Provide an understanding of trends and dynamics in the market overall and by country
- Provide an estimate of the worldwide aerial work platform rental fleet size
- Include an update on the Chinese aerial work platform rental market

The reports will feature useful and valuable information – the result of approximately 125 qualitative interviews conducted with senior managers from rental companies, but also manufacturers and country-specific experts.

The 2016 reports will be published in April, but can be pre-ordered now at a 25 percent discount.

Those who order five or more copies of either report will get a 50 percent discount. www.ipaf.org/reports

IPAF member satisfaction survey: iPad winner

Thank you to everyone who completed the IPAF Member Satisfaction Survey 2015.

The winner of the iPad Air (32G) is Jason Toh of Nishio Rent All Singapore Pte. His name was drawn from eligible entrants by Joe Hopkinson (pictured), of Brokk UK.



All IPAF members were invited to complete the survey which closed at the end of December, the results will be presented to the IPAF Council in March, and will guide policy making and membership development.

The next Member Satisfaction Survey is planned for 2017.

PDS and UK member event: Save the dates

Professional Development Seminars (PDS) for UK instructors will be held on:

5th October 2016 in the north:

Marriott Hotel, The Metrocentre, Newcastle upon Tyne NE11 9XF, UK

3rd November 2016 in the south:

De Veres Milton Hill House, Milton Hill, Steventon, Oxfordshire OX13 6AF, UK

An IPAF UK Member Event will also be held on 2nd November at the same venue in the south, and will feature an afternoon of management seminars and an evening for dinner, networking and entertainment. IPAF has arranged a bed and breakfast room rate of £90 plus VAT. To book, call the hotel on +44 (0)1235 831474 and quote "IPAF event and block code IPAF021116". The special rate expires 1 October 2016.