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Annual Members' Meeting 2016

C&A

PASMA

PASMA held its Annual Members' Meeting in Birmingham on 1 July with chairman, Carl Evans, and managing director, Peter Bennett, opening the meeting by reporting on another busy and successful year for the association, both in the UK and internationally.



In his address, Evans referred to the pace of life in general, but in particular to the pace of change at PASMA as it develops and evolves to maintain its commitment to be the lead industry body in the mobile access tower sector, and to better

serve both its members and the industry at large.

Bennett expanded on the theme of the event: 'Working smarter through innovation' and spoke of the enhancements to PASMA's online training registration portal, the introduction of project management software to speed and simplify the activities of the association's committees, and the introduction of a Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) project to create a virtual learning environment.

Technical director, Don Aers, reported on the work in hand to develop the product standards that underpin the industry, while training



committee chairman, Steve Booker, looked forward to the imminent release of further advanced training modules, including 'Towers with bridging units' and 'Linked towers and facades'.

Finally, the chairman of the hire and assembly committee, Richard Fairfield, explained the principal aims of his committee. First, to improve and validate the quality of the people working in the sector. Second, to further raise the quality of the work being undertaken.

Third, to ensure that practitioners adhere to a common methodology, and fourth, to grow the market for advanced tower configurations.

Delegates also heard from Andy McGrovy of the Health & Safety Executive, and the managing director of Hire Association Europe, Graham Arundell, who expanded on the closer links between his association and PASMA following the signing of the recent Memorandum of Understanding by the two organisations.



2016 Annual Review

PASMA's 16 page Annual Review 'Making safety work' is now available. It reports on the association's activities, both in the UK and overseas, which now include South Africa, the Middle East and South East Asia.

It also lists all PASMA's members and includes sections on PR and marketing, training and guidance, and the contribution of the association to the work of the Access Industry Forum (AIF). It is available at www.pasma.co.uk



Good show!

Alongside other trade associations and federations in the Access Industry Forum, PASMA exhibited at the Safety & Health Expo at ExCeL in London last month.

The show was well attended with visitors from all sectors of industry and construction with an interest in working at height coming along to learn more about the latest standards, guidance and height safety training. Exhibiting with PASMA were ATLAS, BSIF, EPF, FASET, IPAF, IRATA, the Ladder Association, SAEMA and WAHSA.



Implementing Change and Innovation in Work at Height

That's the ambitious title of the Access Industry Forum's first national conference which will take place on 13 October at the Holywell Park Conference Centre in Loughborough.

Dedicated exclusively to the future of height safety, the Forum has assembled a diverse line up of expert speakers from industry and academia. From drones to designing for access, they will address the issues and topics, trends and developments set to shape the work at height agenda over the coming months and years.

Speakers include Philip White, head of operational policy and strategy at the Health & Safety Executive, Steffan Groch, chairman of the Health and Safety Lawyers' Association, Paul Bussey, chairman of the Designers' Initiative on Health



and Safety, Dylan Roberts, director of health, safety and wellbeing at Skanska UK, John Dunne, group health, safety, environment and quality director at the Wates Group, and Dr Shaun Lundy of the University of Greenwich - a member of the HSE's Myth Busters Challenge Panel.

As the first conference to focus entirely on the future of work at height, it promises to be a landmark event in the evolution of height safety, according to the Access Industry Forum. It will examine the key issues facing professionals today. To book visit www.accessindustryforum.org.uk/events Early bird prices apply until 31 July.

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