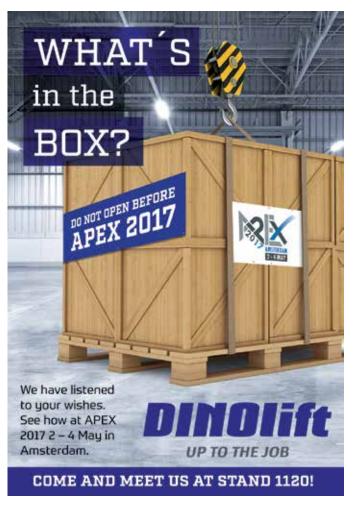


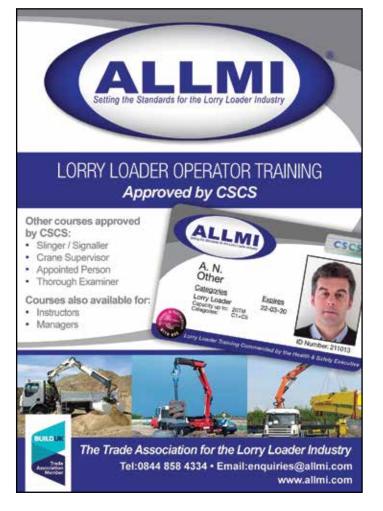


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PASMA launches major international safety initiative

PASMA has announced the launch of an industry-leading initiative designed to promote height safety in general and the safe use of mobile access towers in particular. The PASMA Safety at Height Advisory Panel is intended to make the specialist knowledge, operational guidance and resources of the association available across different regions of the world, starting with the Middle East Gulf States.

Working in partnership with government departments and agencies, other trade and professional bodies and industry at large, the panel will provide advice and information designed to keep people safe when working at height - one of the biggest causes of death and injury in the global workplace.

Chaired by Mike Palmer, regional quality, health, safety, environment and training manager at Rapid Access, the panel comprises industry experts from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences with the common objective of advancing safety and best practice through standards, guidance and training.



Palmer said: "We all have first hand experience of working in the region and therefore know and understand the way in which the local access industry operates. We want to offer insights and advice and to encourage a best practice mindset based on accepted standards and skill."

Sarah Nunn, PASMA's head of international development, added: "Here at PASMA we are passionate about making work at height safer for everyone. The launch of the panel is a practical demonstration of that commitment to reducing falls from height."



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Getting the message across

PASMA will be taking part in a series of events and initiatives designed to promote height safety over the next few months.

The Health & Safety Event: The association will be one of several organisations joining with other industry experts to discuss working at height and fall protection on the Safety Dialogue Panels at the NEC, 21-23 March. Visitors will be invited to join the debate and contribute directly to discussing this important topic.

Working Well Together (WWT): The first of several WWT events planned for 2017 in conjunction with the eleven-member Access Industry Forum (AIF), the association will represent the mobile access tower industry in Plymouth on 31 March.

Safety & Health Expo: Alongside ATLAS, EPF, FASET, IPAF, IRATA, Ladder Association, NASC, SAEMA and WAHSA, PASMA will be promoting towers and tower safety at this annual event at ExCeL, London, 20-22 June.

London Work at Height Seminar: Taking place at the prestigious Guildhall in London on 10 July, PASMA will be one of several organisations in the work at height sector invited by the City of London Corporation to talk about the latest trends and developments in height safety. Equipment will also be on display in the Courtyard.

PASMA continues sponsorship

Hire Association Europe and Event Hire Association (HAE EHA) have announced the entries shortlisted for its 2017 Awards of Excellence to be held at London's Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, on Saturday 22 April. Independently judged, the Hire Awards of Excellence recognise the successes of rental companies and suppliers, along with the individuals who set the standard. The awards represent the best in class for companies and individuals working in the general rental sector.

PASMA is again sponsoring the SafeHire Company of the Year category and the award will go to the company which has best demonstrated its compliance to the SafeHire Standard and has improved the health, safety and well being of its workforce and/or users of hired or owned equipment. The finalists for 2017 are A-Plant, HSS Hire, Plantool Ltd and PSM Plant & Tool Hire Centres. Jason Carlton PASMA's head of strategic engagement and enterprise said: "PASMA is delighted to continue its support of HAE's Hire





Awards of Excellence in general and the SafeHire category in particular. The association has been a major contributor to the development of the SafeHire Scheme which proves competence in safety, health, equipment and quality, and, as such, we are thrilled to be associated with



this important award." In 2015 PASMA and HAE signed a Memorandum of Agreement designed to forge a closer working relationship between the two organisations.



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