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### **Elevation conference**

#### **SUCCESS**

**IPAF's first Elevation event** took place on 25 September with a full day of meetings, workshops, seminar and dinner at the DoubleTree Hotel in Coventry.



Mark Noonan of the CITB,

talked about the changes the organisation is undergoing, and how the body is no longer issuing but still administering the CSCS skills card system, with the logo soon to be available on UK issued IPAF PAL Cards.

Jo Fautley of Build UK, touched on the reputational challenges facing major UK construction firms post Grenfell and the collapse of Carillion, as well as covering changing legislation on retentions. She also covered the body's new quality audit scheme and how it will dovetail with other bodies' audit systems, including IPAF Rental+.

Jan-Willem van Weir of JLG, painted a picture of what the work site of the future might look like, previewing technological advances urging powered access innovators to learn from our industry... and others".

Ray Cooke, from the UK HSE's Construction Sector Safety Unit, stressed how the HSE is engaged in "challenging the presence and improper use of ladders". He also questioned why, when health & safety failures cost British business around £15 billion a year, it "still isn't sexy".

At the dinner Andrew Muxlow of AFI Uplift was crowned IPAF's Smooth Operator 2018 after completing the VR simulator challenge with the least faults and closest to the target time, Mark Woolliscroft of Prolift Access was runner-up. Nationwide Platforms won the IPAF training video award, with JMS second and HSS 'highly commended'.

To learn about Elevation 2019, check www.ipaf.org/events.



# **IPAF** qualified service technician

Two clear routes to becoming a qualified aerial work platform service technician have been developed by IPAF in its new Service Engineer Roadmap, one aimed at giving



those without an engineering background the skills, knowledge and assurance to inspect, maintain and repair aerial lifts, the other a formal apprenticeship resulting in IPAF Competent Assessed Persons (CAP) certification, which could ultimately lead to chartered engineer status.

The new Roadmap forms an integral part of IPAF's drive to help powered access companies identify, develop and retain key staff. It is designed to help employers deliver career progression and upskilling to those seeking to fulfil specialist technician roles.



## Nominations open for **IPAF IAPA awards 2019**

Booking is now open for the annual IPAF Summit, which will be held in Dubai next year along with nominations for the International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs). The event will be held at the Radisson Diera Creek Hotel on Wednesday 6 March.

Companies and individuals are urged to enter the awards using forms available to download from the website. The deadline for entries is Friday 30th November. Those wishing to attend the IPAF Summit and the IAPAs awards dinner are also advised to take advantage of early bird rates by securing their place at the event now booking is open.

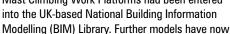
Some changes have been made to the award categories this year they are:

- · Access Rental Company of the Year
- · Contribution to Safe Working at Height
- The IAPA Innovative Technology Prize Digital Development Award (NEW)
- Product of the Year Scissor lifts & vertical mast platforms (low level access, vertical mast booms, push around platforms, stock pickers)
- Product of the Year Self-propelled booms & atrium lifts; Product of the Year - Vehicle & trailer mounted
- . Product of the Year Mast-climbing work platforms & hoists
- Powered Access Pioneer
- · Lifetime Achievement Award
- · Access photo of the year
- . IPAF Training Centre of the Year
- . IPAF Training Instructor of the Year

The new Digital Development Award is for rental companies and owners/users of aerial work platforms and is designed to recognise a significant innovation in the use of digital technology. The IAPAs are hosted in the evening of the IPAF Summit conference, with a networking reception on 5th March and informative site visits offered for interested parties on the 7th. Attendance requires online registration and can be booked at www.iapa-summit.info

## More platforms available in BIM library

At the end of 2017 IPAF announced that a selection of 3D virtual aerial work platforms and Mast Climbing Work Platforms had been entered into the UK-based National Building Information



been added, which means that the following 3D virtual models can now be downloaded by searching for the International Powered Access Federation

at www.nationalbimlibrary.com: MCWP; Vertical Lift; Mobile Boom - Telescopic; Mobile Boom - Articulated: Static Boom - Spider type; Static Boom - Vehicle mounted; and Static Boom -Trailer-mounted.

