

# The IPAF Summit and AGM



Tim Whiteman (L) and Pierre Saubot

The formal AGM gets underway

Pierre Saubot with IPAF's Bernard Volut, the new IPAF representative in France



elevating work platforms -  
Operator training (driver).

Whiteman said that IPAF's operator training programme was on course for a record year, with more than 50,000 Powered Access



IPAF President Pierre Saubot with Lars-Peter Godenhielm

were issued in April alone, a new record for the Federation.

At the AGM president Pierre Saubot also paid tribute to long-serving IPAF council member Lars-Peter Godenhielm, CEO of Dino Lift, who is standing down. Steve Shaughnessy, operations director of A-Plant, has taken his place on council.



Lars-Peter Godenhielm with Andrew Reid

Licence (PAL) Cards expected to be issued this year. Over 5,000

The IPAF Council support the PAL card



**The annual IPAF General Meeting and safety summit, moved to Whittlebury Hall, near Silverstone this May. Over 250 access professionals attended the event, that comprised the AGM, the Summit, a champagne reception and dinner. We bring you a brief overview of the event in this four page supplement.**

At the AGM Pierre Saubot, IPAF president confirmed that IPAF met or improved all of its goals, including selling PAC, setting up a five year strategic plan, conducting a members survey and making the federation more international.

Managing Director Tim Whiteman added that other new member services were also being developed. IPAF has signed an agreement with the Institute of Directors (IoD) to allow IPAF members to benefit from the

IoD's Business Information Service free of charge.

"IPAF members are the first non-members of the IoD ever to have access to this world class service and I am delighted that we are partnering with the IoD," said Mr Whiteman.

Other achievements include securing TÜV-certification in February that the IPAF operator training programme meets the new international standard ISO 18878:2004 Mobile

The ladies of IPAF extend a warm welcome (Left to right, Jean Harrison, Margaret Caton, Teresa Carlino, Sue Heath)





# The Summit



Senior Health & Safety Executive officials joined Access professionals and end users at the IPAF Summit "It was a great turnout and the whole event was a tremendous success," said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman.

Among the attendees was Dr Elizabeth Gibby, director of the HSE's Injuries Reduction Programme. She commented: "The summit was a great opportunity for HSE to share key messages about the regulations. I was delighted that there was such a large attendance. We hope that by supporting IPAF at these

events, we can help its members, and in turn they may help others to understand the legal position in sensible control of the risks from working at height. This, we hope, will contribute to fewer people being killed and injured. I benefited from listening to all the questions that were raised and this will help us ensure that our messages address everyone's needs."

The audience heard Chris Gallagher of the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) allay fears that the Work at Height Regulations, introduced to the UK in April, would complicate lives of powered access users.



*Concentration was intense*



*IPAF MD Tim Whiteman opens the Summit*



*Chris Gallagher, Field Inspector with HSE Safety Unit*



*Is that a crane man? (L-R) Mike Lamb, Nicholas Davin and Carol Reid*



*Any questions? (L-R) Chris Gallagher, Tim Whiteman, Leigh Sparrow*



*(L-R) Robin Bent, Peter Ives and brother, George Lopez, Rupert Douglas Jones & Steve McGill*



*Extra seats were needed for the Summit*



*There were plenty of questions*



*Another question time (L-R) John Robertson, Tim Whiteman, Gordon Leicester, Gil Male*



*Gordon Leicester of Facelift*



**Gil Male, HM Principle Specialist Inspector at the HSE**



*The Claim control team conduct some serious market research*



*(L-R) Alan Hobbs Steve McGill George Lopez*



*Leigh Sparrow of The Vertikal Press*



*Peter Ward of Spanset*



*John Robertson of Time Consulting*



*(L-R) Pasi Uusi Kuitti, Seppo Kopu & Lars-Peter Godenhielm*



*(L-R) Nick Selley, Leigh Sparrow & Pierrick Lourdain*



**The President sets the tone.**



*(L-R) Andy Ainsworth, Mark Pugh, Frank Page & Gordan Leicester*



*(L-R) Russell Bates, Adrian Bolton & Gordon Gedling*



*Thank goodness for a comfortable seat*



**John Nichol, Gulf War veteran**



*IPAF founding MD Paul Adorian with Andrew Davin and Lars-Peter Godenhielm*



*The Van Mil brothers take a breath, its dinner time in Holland after all*



# After the Summit

The IPAF summit was followed by a champagne reception giving delegates a chance to network and finally a dinner with Bob the Cat Bevan as guest speaker.

