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VR and eLearning extend options to renew IPAF training

Operators can now renew their PAL Card and training certification as well as take the advanced operator PAL+ training with virtual reality simulators and eLearning.

Candidates can choose to take their theory test in either eLearning or instructor led virtual sessions, in addition to the usual classroom based module. Training centres can also offer renewal practical modules in addition to the existing PAL+ advanced course using a VR simulator.

This offers greater flexibility to the candidate and the training centre and can mean a saving in terms of time. The use of simulators also means training is less likely to be disrupted by poor weather and increases the range of locations where it can be delivered.



For more information check: www.ipaf.org/training

International Safety Committee first meeting

An International Safety Committee has been convened by IPAF to assist in globalising standards development and effective implementation, as well as promote awareness about industry safe practice. The committee has been created from the existing IPAF Accident Work Group, which was instrumental in compiling and analysing incident statistics from IPAF's Accident Reporting Portal, leading to the annual IPAF Global Safety Report.

Existing members have been joined by representatives from around the world, with chairman Mark Keily of Sunbelt Rentals UK continuing in the role. The first meeting was held on September 22nd at Vertikal Days, when Alana Paterson of Nationwide Platforms was elected as vice chairman.

IPAF's head of safety & technical Brian Parker said: "The IPAF Accident Work Group worked hard behind the scenes to produce safety guidance based on the data,

representatives have now joined the group from North America, Australia, Brazil, China, Italy and the Middle East."



IPAF rental market reports

IPAF has published its 2021 rental market reports covering: the UK, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Netherlands and the Nordic countries, which together comprise the 10 European markets under study, plus the US and Canada. As in 2020, there is a special focus on China, and this year an additional special report covering key markets in the Middle East - Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, all part of the Gulf Co-operation Council.

Reports include an estimate of the size of the aerial lift rental fleet worldwide, along with information on rental revenue and rates, fleet size, utilisation rates, fleet mix, machine power sources, investment information and annual retention period etc... You can buy the report at: www.ipaf.org/reports.

Safety Professionals membership

IPAF has seen a surge of interest in its new Safety Professional member category, aimed at those in health & safety or related supervisory roles.

The new category was launched at Vertikal Days in September, with the first member - Chris Wraith of Access Safety Management - signing up during the event. IPAF has subsequently received interest from the UK, US, Mexico, Singapore and the Middle East.

Membership benefits include free participation in safety professional events, access to a private LinkedIn group to share knowledge and safety good practice, access to the members' area of the IPAF website and the IPAF accident reporting portal members' dashboard.

Brian Parker said: "It's great to see that this new category of membership aimed at health & safety managers, supervisors or officers is already proving popular."

IPAF member employees receive a 50 percent discount - www.ipaf.org/join



Brian Parker welcomes first member Chris Wraith

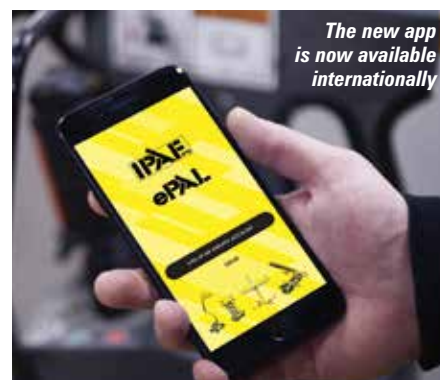
ePAL operator app rolled out

The new mobile app for operators of powered access equipment is now available internationally.

The free app features a digital IPAF PAL Card, operator log book and operator safety guide, and allows operators to receive best practice tips and safety information. It also lets them share qualifications with site managers quickly and easily. It is now available in Bahrain, Belarus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Georgia, Hong Kong, India, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Oman, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, UAE and Zambia.

On 22nd November, Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, France, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and Uruguay will be added, followed by North America, Austria, Brazil, Germany and Italy in January.

The app is available for Apple iOS and Android devices through Google Play.



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IPAF Summit & IAPAs 2022 - London

Registration is open for next year's IPAF Summit and the International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) in London, on 10th March 2022, with a networking event at Illuminate at the Science Museum on the prior evening.

For more details visit: www.iapa-summit.info