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SHORTLISTS ANNOUNCED FOR IAPAS 2023

Shortlists for the International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) 2023 have been announced following a meeting of the judges' panel. The winners will be announced during the awards dinner following the association's annual Summit on the 20th April to be held this year at the H4 Hotel, Berlin, Germany.

The 2023 shortlist is as follows:

Access Rental Company of the Year

Horizon Construction Development, China. Mills, Brazil. Nationwide Platforms, UK. Sunbelt Rentals, UK.

Contribution to Safe Working at Height

Manitou, France. Nationwide Platforms, UK. Protective Pty, Australia. Sunbelt Rentals, UK.

The Sustainability Award

Haulotte, France. Genie, USA. MEC, USA. Palfinger Platforms, Germany.

Digital Development Award

Alimak, Sweden. Digiquip, Norway. Nationwide Platforms, UK. Serious Labs, Canada.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Award

Vicki Allen - International Platforms, UK. Dayim Equipment Rentals, Saudi Arabia. Mills, Brazil.

Innovative Technology Prize

Mateco Romania - trouble shooting ecosystem. Nationwide Platforms, UK - Harness On, Phase 2. Protective PTY, Australia - Scissor shield.

Product of the Year categories

Mast-Climbing Work Platforms and Hoists

Alba-Macrel Group, Spain - PMH passenger & materials hoist. Maber Hoist, Italy - MBC2000 transport platform. Torgar, Spain - PW-18 mast climber. XL Industries, France - XE5 Top-Down Hoist.

Scissor Lifts and Vertical Mast Platforms

JLG, USA/UK - Power Towers Duo. MEC, USA - MMAE16 vertical mast lift. Skyjack, Canada - E Series vertical mast lift.

Self-propelled Booms and Atrium Lifts

Almacrawler, Italy - Jibbi 1890 Primo self-levelling boom lift. Hinowa, Italy - Lightlift 40.18 spider lift. Manitou, France - 160 ATJ+e electric boom lift.

Vehicle and Trailer-mounted Platforms

Elliott Equipment Company, USA - E150i truck mount. France Elévateur, France - UPTO 15 van-mounted platform. Ruthmann Germany - Steiger Ampero TBR 260 E truck mount. Palfinger Platforms, Germany - All-terrain Unimog-mounted platform

IPAF Training Centre of the Year



Chris Wraith (R) - accepts last year's Lifetime Achievement award from Ben Hirst

Dayim Equipment Rentals, Saudi Arabia. Mills, Brazil. Nationwide Platforms, UK. Speedy Training, UK.

IPAF Training Instructor of the Year

Anna Sarah Costa Morais - Mills, Brazil. Gonçalo Pereira - Transgrua, Portugal. Uta Koch - Koch Arbeitsbühnen, Germany.

Lifetime Achievement Award

To be announced at the ceremony.

Chief executive Peter Douglas said: "For the second year running, we have had a superb set of entries across the various awards categories and looking at the shortlist reveals what stiff competition there has been. Like all those who have already booked their places to join us at what is already a sell-out event, I can't wait to find out who each category winner will be, and I am really looking forward to what promises to be a really special evening. It will be particularly exciting to be hosting both the IPAF Summit & IAPAs in Germany's historic capital, Berlin; I hope we will see you there!"

For more information about the awards and the Summit, along with associated events, visit the www.iapa-summit.info.



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IPAF ePAL



VERIFY PAL CARDS TO BEAT FRAUDSTERS AND KEEP SITES SAFE

End users are reminded to check the validity of all IPAF PAL Cards, in order to beat fraudsters and help to keep work sites safe.

Director of operations Giles Councill said: "IPAF is aware of increasingly sophisticated techniques deployed by those trying to circumvent the robust measures we have in place to verify the validity of the PAL Card. In order to be reassured that those presenting PAL Cards as certification of successful completion of an IPAF training course are genuine, and that the certification both is valid and in-date, we urge everyone to follow three simple steps."

"It is quick and easy to check an IPAF PAL Card by visiting www.ipaf.org/checkpal - ensure that the webpage you click on does not redirect and remains on the www.ipaf.org domain. If the PAL Card is digital and stored in the user's ePAL app, it is quick and easy and simple to check its validity by scanning the QR code generated in the app. If you suspect any attempt to circumvent the robust systems IPAF puts in place to prevent misuse of the PAL Card, please gather any evidence and contact IPAF immediately - via www.ipaf.org or +44 (0)15395 66700 - so our team can investigate and respond."

FIRST IPAF RENTAL+ CERTIFICATION IN IRELAND

Blulift has become the first Irish company to be certified and audited to the IPAF Rental+ standard, even though it is not yet mandated by the IPAF Irish Council. The certification was presented by Damien O'Connor, IPAF's new representative for Ireland. The move comes a few months after Blulift was acquired by Briggs Equipment Ireland.

Visit www.ipaf.org/rental for more information, to find an IPAF Rental+ certified company or for details of how to become an IPAF Rental+ certified member.



(L-R) Keith O'Rourke of Aerial Platform Hire - Briggs, Damien O'Connor, IPAF, John Cusack of Blulift and Gary Clements of Briggs Equipment Ireland