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## The Friends of Ukraine

# Charity

Join us for a charity golf day in support of children and the elderly impacted by the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Organised by members of the construction industry in collaboration with the Plant Hire Aid Alliance and proudly sponsored by Coinford Ltd, this event promises a day of fun and philanthropy.

Taking place at the prestigious Foxhills Club & Resort, the day will conclude with a grand auction during the post-golf dinner. We are seeking donations of auction items, prizes, and financial contributions to support this important cause.

While team slots are filling up quickly, we still urgently need additional prizes, auction items, and financial donations. All contributors will be recognised in the "Thank You" section of our event's auction and program brochure.

Don't miss this chance to make a difference. day of golf, generosity, and giving back!

Wednesday 9th October 2024

#### Foxhills Club & Resort

Foxhills, Stonehill Rd, Ottershaw, Surrey, KT16 OEL

English breakfast buffet 18 hole shotgun start at 10am Halfway house tapas Two course meal Charity auction & raffle in aid of Ukraine

For donations or inquiries, please contact the event organiser:

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#### **UPDATE TO MAINTENANCE OF ELEVATED**

#### WORK PLATFORMS LEAFLET

IPAF has updated its leaflet on the 'service, inspection and maintenance of aerial work platforms' which is now available in 10 languages.



Three key components:

- 1. Pre-use inspections: conducted by a competent operator, these inspections ensure the platform is safe to use before operation.
- 2. Scheduled servicing and maintenance: regular servicing as specified by the OEM is essential.
- 3. Periodic inspections: authorised service engineers or technicians carry out these inspections to examine critical components.

Download the complete leaflet at: www.ipaf.org/guidance.

#### **IPAF ASIA CONFERENCE IN CHINA**

IPAF hosted the Asia
Conference on August 1st in
Nanjing, China, with around
240 industry professionals
from across Asia attending.
The event began with an
opening address from Hu
Yuhong, deputy director
general of the International
Exchange and Cooperation
Centre, followed by IPAF
chief executive Peter
Douglas.



Morning sessions included Tim Mo, IPAF China regional manager, presenting IPAF's 'Crushing Can Kill' campaign, and Romina Vanzi, IPAF head of regional development, along with Susan Xu, general manager of Sinoboom, emphasising safety and industry collaboration. Stefano Scapin of COBO discussed leveraging safety features for a competitive advantage, and Martin Wraith, IPAF Rental + scheme manager, provided a tutorial on optimising rental businesses.

After lunch, Brian Parker, IPAF's head of safety, discussed the new EU machinery regulations. Roseline Zhang from Ducker Carlisle then compared the aerial work platform rental markets in China with other markets. A panel moderated by Karin Sun of Off-Highway Research explored challenges and opportunities in the Asian elevated work platform industry, with a focus on safety and electrification trends.

The final sessions featured Zhu Jiayu, vice president of Zhongneng United, on digitalisation's role in platform safety, and Jeff Wang, EHS director at Century 3, Shanghai, on integrating safety into construction projects. The conference concluded with dinner.

Tim Mo, IPAF's China representative said: "We warmly welcomed industry professionals to China during a pivotal time for the rapidly developing Chinese aerial work platform market. Recent safety incidents have underscored the importance of safety as the foundation for industry growth,



making this conference crucial. IPAF presented the latest global accident reports, best safety practices and practical solutions based on safety training and system certification to promote the safe and effective use of work platforms in the region."

"This was the first time in five years that IPAF members, especially Chinese members, gathered in China. Attendees came from local rental companies, distributors, parts and service companies, manufacturers, government agencies and contractors, reflecting the growing focus on work platform safety and highlighting IPAF's vital role in promoting industry exchanges and representing the industry's voice in the region."



### JOHN BARKER, IPAF'S FIRST PRESIDENT

John Barker, a pioneering figure in the powered access industry and the first president of IPAF has passed away after a battle with prostate cancer. He died on July 7th at his home at the age of 88.

John began his career in the Royal Air Force before becoming managing director of Simon Dudley and Simon Access in the mid-1970s. He expanded Simon Access globally, acquiring key companies like Krause, Skywitch scissor lifts, Ladder Towers Inc., Nolan truck-mounted lifts, Telelect digger derricks and RO Holdings.

Throughout the 1980s, Barker built Simon Access into a global powerhouse, acquiring 22 companies by 1992 with combined revenues of £152 million, commanding 15 percent of the global powered access market. John became IPAF's first president upon its formation in 1983.

Peter Douglas said: "John's leadership shaped the industry federation as we know it today and he was a real pioneer for improving safety within the powered access industry. He will be deeply missed by his colleagues and the many people whose lives he touched throughout his long career."

After leaving Simon in 1994, Barker remained active in the industry, working with Janes Defence and representing Safelift in the UK. Renowned for his intelligence, wit and cama-

raderie, he was a beloved figure. Survived by his children, Richard and Sally, Barker will be fondly remembered for his contributions to the powered access industry.

