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NEW WORK PLATFORM OPERATOR COURSE

IPAF has released its updated aerial work platform operator training course featuring enhanced graphics, animations and real life scenarios. The course maintains its global recognition, leading to the IPAF Powered Access Licence (PAL) card upon successful completion which is valid for up to five years.

The course invites both new and experienced operators, along with supervisors and rescue personnel, with no prior experience required.

The programme includes:

- Theory modules covering legislation, machine types, and safety and emergency procedures.
- Category specific training for different aerial work platforms that the candidates wish to operate covering hazards, machine setup and applications.
- Practical hands on experience including conducting site risk assessments, pre-use checks and operating the machines safely.
- Focus on six key risk areas: falls, electrocution, overturns, entrapment, collisions, and machine failure.

IPAF training manager Paul Roddis said: "This new Operator Theory training is a complete game changer, representing the culmination of three years of collaboration with IPAF members from



around the globe. It's the first course of its kind to seamlessly integrate behavioural and learning science into the training itself."

"The course is visually stunning and highly interactive, whether delivered via eLearning or in a classroom setting. It engages learners in diverse ways as the training progresses, creating a unique and effective learning experience."

The course duration varies from one to three days depending on experience and machine categories

selected. Successful candidates receive a digital PAL Card via the IPAF ePAL app.

Chief executive Peter Douglas added: "A lot of time, work, and dedication has gone into transforming and improving the course, and we're confident it will better equip operators around the world with the essential skills and knowledge they need to work safely and effectively."

For more information visit: ipaf.org/mewp-operator-training

STOP OVERTURNS! SAFETY STARTS ON THE GROUND

During the IPAF Summit held in Dublin earlier this month, this year's safety campaign was revealed as Stop Overturns - Safety Starts on the Ground!

Using data from its global accident reporting portal, IPAF's annual safety campaign highlights an important message for those in the powered access industry.

The latest statistics informing this year's campaign show that:

- Fatal overturns increased by 50 percent from January 2021 to December 2023.
- Instability leading to overturn is commonly among the top four causes of lost time incidents (LTIs) annually.
- Aerial work platform overturns typically occur during setup, travel, or operation in inadequate or unsuitable ground or floor conditions. They can also occur while moving category 3A and 3B platforms across unsuitable terrain in either the elevated or stowed positions.

The campaign covers the hazards and risks, from injuries and fatalities to disruption of worksite and psychological impact, along with ways to manage and minimise the risks.

For more information visit www.ipaf.org/safe

IPAF PARTNERS WITH PLATFORMER FOR TURKISH EVENT

IPAF and Platformer are collaborating to host IPAF Platform Turkey in Istanbul on the 29-30th April at The Green Park Hotel. The two day event marks IPAF's return to Turkey after a 12 year absence.

The programme begins with IPAF's professional development seminars (PDS) for instructors on April 29th, free for IPAF approved training centre managers, administrators and instructors. The main conference follows on April 30th, featuring networking sessions and dinner open to both IPAF and Platformer members and non-members.

IPAF chief executive Peter Douglas said: "Turkey is a rapidly growing market with a strong appetite for innovation and safety standards, making this event the perfect opportunity to connect with industry leaders, share knowledge, and strengthen international collaboration."

