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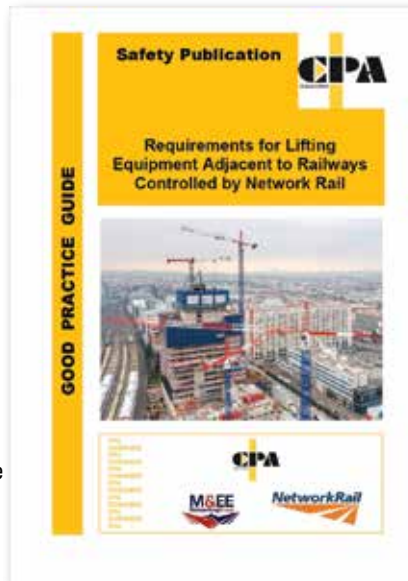
A significant technical achievement reached this year was the publication of the updated **Requirements for Lifting Equipment Adjacent to Railways Controlled by Network Rail**. The document was produced through collaboration between the CPA's Crane Interest Group, Tower Crane Interest Group and Network Rail.

Previously, the guidance was split between two CPA publications: CPA1402 for mobile cranes and CPA1801 for tower cranes. Both have now been superseded and combined into a single document covering all crane types operating near live rail environments.

The guidance aligns with Network Rail's CIV0063 (Issue 2) covering piling, drilling, crane, aerial work platforms and SPMT operations adjacent to the railway, with both documents using the same technical baseline.

The document introduces a hierarchy of control for risk assessment, addressing oversailing, collapse radius, working range limitation and notification processes. It covers planning liaison and communication between site teams and Network Rail representatives.

The CIG/TCIG 2503 is free to download from the CPA website.



WORLD CRANE & TRANSPORT SUMMIT

CPA was a supporting association for the World Crane & Transport Summit, held earlier this month in Dublin. CPA technical publications and careers manager Katie Kelleher represented the association on the international panel discussing: 'The People Problem: Finding and Keeping a Skilled Workforce,' exploring how the global lifting industry can attract, develop and retain talent for the future.

Speakers included Wim Sarens of Sarens, Doug Williams of Buckner Heavy Lift Cranes, Dean Barley of Tadano and representatives from Liebherr, Collett & Sons and Fagioli. The event included technical sessions and workforce roundtables.



FIRST CPA AWARDS DINNER

The UK rental industry came together last month at St George's Hall in Liverpool for the CPA's first awards dinner. Almost 300 people attended the evening event, with Peter Haddock serving as master of ceremonies, while former football player and manager John Barnes delivered the keynote speech and comedian Bobby Davro provided a comedy set. The beatbox band Duke provided the live music for the evening.

CPA chief executive Steve Mulholland said: "At the CPA, we really are aiming to pull the industry together and nights like this, along with the many other events we have planned - both professional, social and a mix of the two - will, we hope, help build on this, after all, it's what we are all about. Ultimately, the CPA is here to provide a united voice supporting the sector, so anything we can do to ensure that the voice of CPA and our members is heard is good for the industry."

The special recognition awards for lifetime of achievement in the industry were presented to tower crane rental pioneer Trevor Jepson of City Lifting, rental pioneer and mentor Trevor Gamble of the Gamble group, solar and sustainable power pioneer Josh Llewellyn of the Gaia group and last but not least, Peter Brown of the CPA.

Speaking of the awards, Mulholland said: "Trevor Jepson has a quiet passion and phenomenal knowledge of every facet of his business, not least of all his ability to keep up with the most modern technologies available in the crane sector. And in my lifetime, Josh Llewellyn has been one of the original thinkers, continuing to be so. Starting up businesses with new ideas, equipment and services - with no sign of slowing down."

"Peter Brown and Trevor Gamble played a critical role in establishing the Construction Training Accreditation (CTA) scheme in the 1990s, which later became the Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS). Peter and Trevor ensured practical change for the betterment of operators from within, rather than being mandated to by others. The amount of time and knowledge given selflessly by Peter, Trevor and others made it the benchmark for others to follow."



Gala dinner



L-R Josh Llewellyn, Trevor Jepson, Bobby Davro, Peter Brown, Trevor Gamble and Steve Mulholland