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NEW PRESIDENT FOR IPAF

Kai Schliephake has been confirmed as the new president of IPAF, being formally appointed at the AGM in Maastricht at the start of June. He takes over from Karel Huijser who steps down after completing his full two year term.

Schliephake is currently chief executive of German rental association/Franchise organisation Partnerlift, having joined the organisation in 2012 from JLG where he was managing director of its German, Swiss and Austrian business.

At the same time, industry veteran Pedro Torres, a director of Spanish Cat Rental store Alayan, was appointed as deputy president, while Julie Houston Smyth of Irish distributor Lolex became vice president.



(L-R) Peter Douglas, Julie Houston Smyth, Kai Schliephake and Pedro Torres

13TH ELEVACÃO

IPAF's Brazilian event ElevACÃO was held at the end of May in Itapeverica da Serra, in São Paulo. The conference included presentations and sessions on safety and legislation, market updates and panel debates.

Speakers included Karen Volpato, director of Agente Educa, and Gianfranco Pampalon, an environment, health and safety consultant and retired labour inspector from the Ministry of Labour. Paulo Esteves, a director of Nest Rental, presented an overview of the Brazilian rental market, while Renato Pereira of IPAF, shared updates on IPAF's growth and key figures in Brazil.

The event also included a discussion panel on technology moderated by IPAF's Romina Vanzi, with Yuri Caldeira of Solutions Rental, Fabiano Fagá of Genie and Marcelo Yamane of Sinoboom, looking at how AI can be used to improve safety and efficiency.

PALAZZANI JOINS IPAF BOARD

Paola Palazzani, chief executive of spider lift manufacturer Palazzani, has been appointed as a director of IPAF. The appointment was confirmed at the Federation's AGM during Apex.



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IPAF'S 'CHECK IT!' CAMPAIGN

IPAF has announced this year's Global Safety Campaign - 'Check it!' The initiative aims to promote the importance of pre-use inspections, adequate maintenance and regular servicing.

The campaign focuses on:

- The hazards associated with technical and mechanical equipment failure
- The risks of inadequate maintenance, inspection and equipment checks
- Practical steps to reduce risks
- Who is responsible for different types of checks
- The importance of reporting incidents and near misses to improve global safety data

As part of the campaign, IPAF has released the following information:

- Guidance on buying a pre-owned platform
- The principles of service, maintenance and inspections of powered access equipment
- Toolbox talk: pre-delivery inspections of aerial work platforms for rental
- Andy Access poster: 'Pre-hire Inspections' and 'Check Your MEWP'

Brian Parker, head of safety and technical, said: "In 2024, IPAF received eight reports of fatal and major injuries relating to mechanical or technical failures, with six fatalities reported. Although this represents a 45 percent reduction in fatalities, every incident and life lost is one too many."



Brian Parker

IMPROVING SAFETY IN THAILAND

IPAF will collaborate with T-OSH, the Thailand Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, to improve safety standards for aerial work platforms across Thailand. To kick off the collaboration, 10 of IPAF's Andy Access safety posters have been translated into Thai.

IPAF Southeast Asia regional manager Raymond Wat said: "Safety is a universal priority, but its implementation must be local. By partnering with T-OSH to provide these resources in Thai, we are ensuring that vital safety information reaches the operators who need it most."

IPAF will highlight the collaboration at Thailand Safe at Work #38, organised by T-OSH, which takes place from the 24th to the 26th of June at the Impact Exhibition and Convention Centre in Bangkok.



SOUTH AMERICAN STANDARDS

The IPAF Latin American Regional Council has adopted the UNE-58921:2017 standard as a regional technical reference for the inspection, periodic review and certification of aerial work platforms in the region.

The agreement - signed by local IPAF members - sets a framework covering installation, operation, maintenance and inspection. It also links to IPAF's Competent Assessed Person programme, supporting a more consistent approach aligned with international best practice, while not replacing national legislation.