

Click It! at CONEXPO

The IPAF Safety Zone at CONEXPO (Booth SZ1000, Green Lot) will feature a dynamic demonstration on the dangers of not wearing a harness in boom type platforms. This 15-minute show will run at regular intervals throughout the day and give practical advice on the correct way to use a harness. Show times are: 10:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00 and 16:00.

The IPAF Safety Zone covers more than 10,000 square feet (about 1,000 square metres) and has been made possible with support from the CONEXPO organisers. The display

will feature a range of aerial equipment supplied by IPAF members exhibiting at the show. "We much appreciate the support of the organisers in making this happen," said Tim Whiteman, AWPT president and IPAF managing director. "It is frustrating when people are unnecessarily killed or injured while using boom type platforms because they don't wear harnesses. The demonstration will show in a vivid way the dangers of being thrown or catapulted from the platform if it is hit by another piece of equipment or is affected by ground subsidence."



The live demonstration is part of AWPT's Click It! safety campaign that calls on users of boom type platforms to wear a full body harness with a short lanyard attached to a suitable anchor point. This advice is outlined in Technical Guidance Note AWPT H1, which explains when and how to wear harnesses and lanyards on different types of aerial platforms (available at www.awpt.org).

With the Click It! campaign, thousands of stickers in six languages have been printed for distribution. The stickers remind and encourage people to wear a harness and can be placed on boom type platforms where all occupants in the platform can see them. The programme is endorsed by the Scaffold Industry Association as well as many aerial equipment manufacturers and rental companies around the world.

Plant 2008

IPAF is supporting the Plant 2008 conference on 6 March at the National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham. This year's topics are dedicated to safety and environmental issues. For more information, visit www.cn-plant.co.uk

IPAF events at CONEXPO

Several technical meetings are being held at the IPAF Safety Zone during CONEXPO (Booth SZ1000, Green Lot):

11 March

AWPT Instructors' Meeting (for instructors), 13:30

AWPT Advisory Council Meeting (members only), 14:30

IPAF Reception, 16:00

12 March

IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee Meeting (members only), 14:00

13 March

IPAF Press Conference (for journalists), 9:00

IPAF MCWP (International) Committee Meeting, 14:00

IPAF is 25

The IPAF Summit on 15 April 2008 at Whittlebury Hall in Northamptonshire will end with a stunning spectacle to celebrate the achievements of the federation in the first 25 years of its existence.

Food for thought will be provided by the IPAF Summit, which will focus on thorough examinations. Authoritative speakers from government and industry will show why machine safety is an issue for rental companies and users.

The final programme will be available at www.ipaf.org. To register, call 015395 62444 or e-mail info@ipaf.org

There will be the traditional golf tournament the day before on 14 April. The IPAF MCWP (UK & Ireland) Committee will meet on the day after the Summit, 16 April, at 10:00.

Attendees booking rooms should call Whittlebury Hall direct on 01327 857857 and quote the booking reference number 17725.



Alliance Learning trains trainers

Alliance Learning, an IPAF-approved training centre based in the North West, is now able to offer courses on instructional techniques. This course is one of the compulsory qualifications to become an IPAF instructor.

The instructional techniques course takes five days, at the end of which candidates have to prepare and successfully deliver a presentation on a chosen subject.

"The course combines general instructional techniques with the specific requirements of MEWP training," says Brian Nicholls, senior



plant instructor at Alliance Learning. "It provides essential training for anyone wishing to become an IPAF instructor."

Another CAP

AJ Access Platforms has become the fifth IPAF centre for CAP assessments. The Competent Assessed Person programme assesses service and maintenance engineers as competent persons who can perform thorough examinations of access platforms.

Six-monthly thorough examinations of all equipment used to lift people are required by law under the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) 1998.

A CAP assessment takes one day and successful candidates are issued with the CAP Card. More information on CAP and location details of approved centres can be found at www.ipaf.org/cap



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