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# Winning shots from the IPAF photo contest

The results of the IPAF 25th Anniversary Photo Contest are out.

The aim of the contest was to bring the correct use of platforms to the forefront. The contest attracted entries from around the world. Entries were slow at first, but the press and the public did come up with several excellent photos, and the judges had to make some difficult choices.

"The contest really made people think about what was the correct way to use platforms and at the same time got the press thinking about dramatic ways to capture the dynamics of the

subject," said Tim Whiteman, IPAF managing director. "We really thank all the entrants and would encourage people to continue sending us dramatic pictures of platforms being used correctly so that we may use them in our publications. Journalists should strive to use pictures of platforms being used correctly - this is an ongoing campaign for IPAF."

The public category presented the judges with a tough task.

"Some of those entering in the public category have made a real effort there several excellent photos," said Rupert Douglas-Jones, IPAF international training manager. The judging panel comprised Whiteman, Douglas-Jones and Richard Rawlings of R&M Marketing.

There were three great prizes in each category: a new iPhone, an amazing SlingBox and digital picture frames. The list of winners and their photos can be viewed at the Resources section of [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)

The winners were:

**Press Category**

**First prize** - Colin Sowman - Contract Journal

**Second** - Christopher Woods, photographer

**Third** - John Rowson, Kenneth Berry Studios

**Public category**

**First prize** - Sergio Sagarminaga, Plataformas & Maquinaria

**Second** - Matthias Müller, AST GmbH

**Third** - Matthew McMinniman, Canada



Christopher Woods, professional photographer, UK (press category, 2nd prize)



John Rowson, Kenneth Berry Studios, UK (press category, 3rd prize)



Sergio Sagarminaga, Plataformas & Maquinaria 2000 SL, Spain (public category, 1st prize)



Matthias Müller, AST GmbH Arbeitssicherheit & Technik, Germany (public category, 2nd prize)

## International Awards for Powered Access

IPAF has announced that the first global awards specifically for the access industry will be awarded on 2nd April 2009 in Dublin, Ireland following the IPAF Summit.

The International Awards for Powered Access will celebrate and reward best practice, and are being awarded in conjunction with Access International. The categories are:

- IPAF Safety Champion of the Year
- The Access Rental Company of the Year
- The Access International New Product of the Year
- Contribution to Safe Working at Height - Rental Company
- Contribution to Safe Working at Height - Equipment End User
- Contribution to Safe Working at Height - Manufacturer
- Mast Climbing Work Platform Achievement Award
- Access Industry Training Award
- Access Industry Environmental Award
- IPAF/Access International Lifetime Achievement Award
- New IPAF Training Centre of the Year
- IPAF Instructor of the Year

The awards are open to all companies, apart from the New IPAF Training Centre and The IPAF Instructor of the Year awards.

"These first awards for the access industry are a true recognition of excellence, as nominees are being judged by their peers," said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman. "We are looking for entries from around the world and are particularly looking for nominations for the IPAF Safety Champion of the Year."

Companies and individuals can enter themselves or nominate others. They can submit entries for more than one award, and more than one entry per category. There is no charge for entering. Entries must be for work done in 2008. The deadline for entries is 30th January 2009.

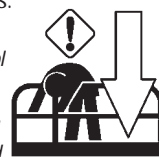
A panel of five industry judges will be announced shortly. Entries must be submitted in English on the official entry forms. The entry form, as well as information on sponsorship, table sales and the venue, is available at [www.ipaf.org/ipaa](http://www.ipaf.org/ipaa)

## Voluntary emergency lowering decal

Even experienced operators can have difficulty locating the emergency descent controls that every aerial work platform is fitted with. Following consultation with members, IPAF's Manufacturers' Technical Committee has agreed a new standardised symbol to signpost the local of emergency descent controls.

The new symbol is a practical visual aid and the result of an industry initiative to help make access equipment even safer. IPAF encourages manufacturers to fit this on all new equipment and rental companies to retrofit the decal to their existing fleets.

This is a new symbol that users may wish to fit to their access platforms. The decal should be positioned to clearly indicate the location of the emergency descent controls. Operators should ensure that somebody at ground level is properly trained on how to use the controls in an emergency.



The artwork for the emergency descent symbol can be downloaded from the Resources section of [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org). Limited numbers of free copies are also available from IPAF.



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