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PAL Card still going strong despite recession blues



IPAF issued a record 81,378 PAL Cards (Powered Access Licences) in 2008, an increase of 89 percent over the 43,007 PAL Cards processed in 2004, which are due for renewal in 2009 as the PAL Card is valid for five years.

"Training will grow steadily in 2009, as new markets and industrial sectors embrace the benefits of internationally recognised operator training," said Tim Whiteman, IPAF managing director. "The IPAF training programme has won acceptance in many countries and we are seeing a strong push towards a standardised level of platform operator training available globally."

Job Access targets young talent

IPAF is inviting young people to learn about the access industry at the Internat construction equipment show in Paris. Job Access will be the focus of the IPAF stand E5 J 020 in the outdoor area. Visitors will see platforms in action, including demonstrations to illustrate the dangers of not wearing a full body harness when operating a boom-type mobile elevating work platform, using a real-weight dummy on a specially modified Skyjack boom.

IPAF is also developing an engineering apprenticeship designed to lead to a "technician" level qualification. Pascal Deher of IPAF-France, who is leading the project, said: "Job Access will give young people a wonderful chance to learn about the powered access business and understand the industry. It is not every day that 18-year-olds from technical high schools can gain insight into the workings of this complex and multifaceted business."

Schools interested in sending young people should register online at www.ipaf.org/jobaccess. They will then be given login details to complete a questionnaire. Suitable groups will be sent to the Internat show to attend a lecture at the IPAF stand and gain practical experience of operating a platform.



The 50-minute lecture will give an introduction to the powered access industry – history, development of equipment, use of equipment, main employers in the industry (manufacturers, rental companies), main areas of employment (hydraulics, electronics, engineering, hire desk, etc.), safe operation and training. A small display on the history of the powered access industry will also be on show.

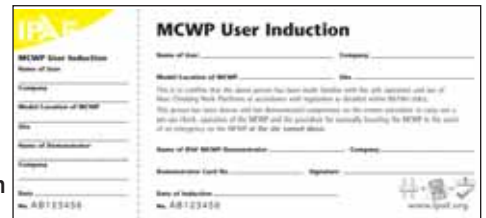
At the end of the lecture, the attendees will take a short test. A laptop will be awarded each day as a prize to the most successful participant. Attendees will also have the opportunity to test the equipment with an instructor and to watch the demonstration.

IPAF and ERA Rental Reports

IPAF members have the opportunity to obtain reports that contain groundbreaking research on the rental sector to help them plan business strategies. All three reports -- the IPAF European Powered Access Rental Report 2008, the IPAF US Powered Access Rental Report 2008, and the ERA European Equipment Rental Industry 2008 Report -- can be purchased at a special price of €440 (£395). Details at www.ipaf.org

User induction for mastclimbers

Site managers now have a documented means of verifying that users of mast climbing work platforms (MCWPs) on their site have been properly inducted.



The MCWP User Induction confirms that the holder has been made familiar with the safe operation and use of MCWPs in accordance with legislation as detailed within BS7981:2002. It confirms that the holder has been shown and has demonstrated competence on the correct procedure to carry out a pre-use check, operation of the MCWP and the procedure for manually lowering the MCWP in the event of an emergency on the MCWP at the site named.

The MCWP User Induction is model, location and site-specific and may only be issued by an IPAF certified MCWP demonstrator. IPAF members

and IPAF certified MCWP demonstrators may order this document (£5 per booklet of 100 sheets) by e-mailing susan.foster@ipaf.org

Users of MCWPs do not require training and the issuing of a PAL Card. They simply require induction to cover the machine's operating controls (up/down), pre-use checks and emergency procedures.

MCWP training covers the levels Mobile Operator, Demonstrator, Installer and Advanced Installer, each leading to the award of a PAL Card. Visit the Training section of www.ipaf.org to find an MCWP training centre.

IPAF Summit reaches new heights with new venue and awards

Put the 2nd April 2009 in your diary. It's the IPAF Summit and the first International Awards for Powered Access (IAPA). The Summit and awards dinner will be held at the Crowne Plaza Northwood in Dublin, Ireland.

For those arriving the day before, there is a networking event on the evening of the first of April at the Guinness Brewery including buffet supper. The IAPA celebrate and reward best practice. Categories include the IPAF Safety Champion of the Year, the Access Rental Company of the Year, and the New IPAF Training Centre of the Year.

Visit www.ipaf.org/iapa for more details on the awards criteria and entry form, sponsorship, table sales and getting to the venue.



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IPAF Summit 2009 on 2 April in Dublin