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IPAF names skills challenge winners

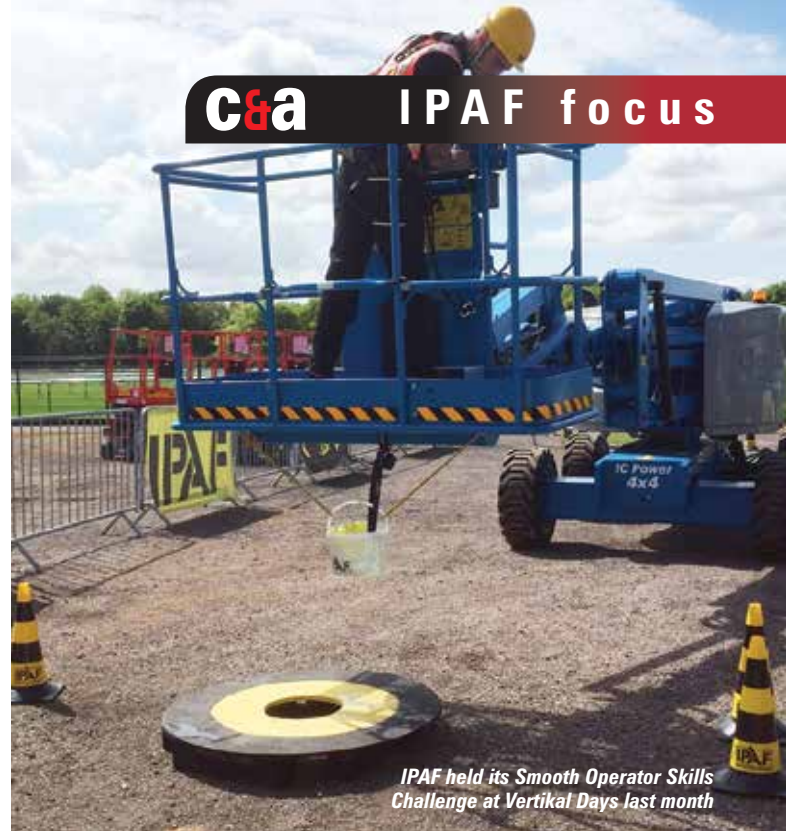
Valid PAL card holders were invited to participate in IPAF's 'Smooth Operator Skills Challenge' at Vertical Days last month, to demonstrate their ability in operating an aerial work platform.

With a maximum of 45 points available, participants were tasked with manoeuvring a boom lift around a course with a water-filled bucket topped with 10 floating ping-pong balls attached beneath the boom's basket. The course included driving the machine over a set of timbers/humps and parking the machine between two cones before slewing the platform around to ring an elevated bell for 10 points. Reversing to the original starting position, participants then



The bucket and ping-pong balls measured smoothness of operation

attempted to rest the bucket in the centre of a target for 25 points, 15 points for the middle circle and 10 points for the outer circle. Five points were deducted for every 250ml of water lost from the bucket and a point lost for every missing ping-pong ball.



IPAF held its Smooth Operator Skills Challenge at Vertical Days last month

Winners:

Wednesday, 13 May

1st Prize - Andrew Howell - 35 points
2nd Prize - Jason Spendlove - 30 points
3rd Prize - Andrew Waite - 30 points

Thursday, 14 May

1st Prize - Donal O'Reilly - 35 points
2nd Prize - Lathan Pritchard - 30 points
3rd Prize - Alex Ward - 29 points

IPAF's Eleanor Morrison retires

Eleanor Morrison, IPAF audit support and training admin, retired at the end of April after 16 years of dedicated service to IPAF.

Eleanor Morrison started working for IPAF in January 1999, at a time when the IPAF training programme had just started gaining ground. Within a small team, her main tasks were to process PAL card applications and to deal with member queries. As IPAF grew, she took on more responsibilities, helping to set up the Competent Assessed Person (CAP) programme and providing more systematic audit support since 2008. She also holds an operator and demonstrator PAL card.



Eleanor Morrison

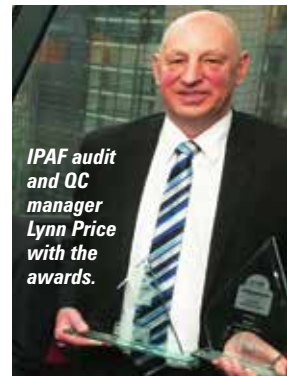
"I enjoyed the challenge of CAP and getting the audit system going," said Morrison. "This was before CAP was delivered by training centres, so it involved organising the location, getting the assessors on board and having enough candidates to run the assessment. I really enjoyed the 'people contact' - the opportunity to audit new premises or satellites, and to help members and instructors by giving them advice."

IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman, added: "Since joining IPAF 16 years ago, Eleanor has held a variety of positions and contributed in many ways to the success of today's federation. On behalf of all the members and staff of IPAF -many thanks, Eleanor, for all your years of enthusiastic and loyal work. You will be missed, but we all wish you an enjoyable and busy retirement."

Smart PAL Card award

IPAF's machine-readable Smart PAL card has won two Plantworx Innovation Awards.

The Smart PAL card can be used together with card readers fitted on machines which may be set to ensure that only correctly trained operators use equipment on site. PAL cards can be verified online at: www.ipaf.org/checkpal while information about the Smart PAL card can be found at: www.ipaf.org/smartpal



IPAF audit and QC manager Lynn Price with the awards.

More market report stats

According to IPAF's Rental Market Reports, the US aerial work platform rental market recorded growth of 10 percent in 2014, reaching approximately \$7.9 billion, while rental fleets increased seven percent to exceed 500,000 units. China also saw exponential growth, increasing up to 30 percent over the past two years to approximately 9,000 units. Europe, on the other hand, only grew one percent and is estimated at approximately €2.6 billion, while fleet expansion continued at a slow pace to reach 285,000 units.

More facts and figures on the IPAF US and European Powered Access Rental Market Reports can be purchased at: www.ipaf.org/reports



UK member event and PDS

IPAF's second UK member event will be co-located with this year's Professional Development Seminar (PDS) in the north on 15th October 2015 at the Majestic Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

For IPAF members attending this event, accommodation at the Majestic Hotel is available at a special rate of £99 on the night of the event.

The PDS for those based in the south of the UK will be held on 19th November 2015 at the De Vere Milton Hill House, Steventon, Oxford.

For more details visit: www.ipaf.org/events