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AMM returns to Coombe Abbey

PASMA's 2015 Annual Members' Meeting (AMM) will once again take place at the Coombe Abbey Hotel in Warwickshire, on Friday 3rd July. In addition to the presentation of reports from the chairman and the managing director of the association - as well as the chairmen of the various committees - delegates will also hear from a number of speakers, including Ray Cooke from the HSE's Construction Sector Safety Unit, and PASMA's newly appointed virtual learning developer, Sakina Bokary.

Cooke will talk about the work and role of Working Well Together (WWT), the HSE's on-going campaign to improve safety in the UK construction sector, and how PASMA members can actively engage with the initiative, while Sakina Bokary will introduce and explain the association's new knowledge transfer partnerships project.

New for 2015 is a free workshop for members explaining the benefits of social media - 'Five ways to make social media really work for your business'. The workshop will be delivered by social media specialist Rene Looper, who owns Tuminds, an agency which works with clients such as the Chartered Institute of Marketing, the School for Social Entrepreneurs Scotland and the Hillcrest group.

Maarten de Vries, PASMA's newly appointed head of operations, communication and innovation, said: "It promises to be an interesting and informative day. Not only will members be able to network and catch up with all the latest news and developments from the association, but hopefully they will learn something new that will benefit them and their businesses on a day-to-day basis."

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PASMA sponsors safety award

Each year PASMA supports the Hire Association Europe's Hire Awards of Excellence and this year it sponsored the Safe Hire Company of the Year category for companies with more than five outlets.

Travis Perkins won the award, and the trophy was presented by PASMA managing director, Peter Bennett, at the award ceremony's new venue 8 Northumberland Avenue in London. The finalists included A-Plant, Hire Station and Speedy Services.



Now you're talking!

That's exactly what PASMA's technical director, Don Aers, has been doing in recent weeks.

First as a speaker at the 40th anniversary conference of the Birmingham Health, Safety and Environment Association (BHSEA) at the Barclaycard Arena, Birmingham - where he addressed over 300 delegates - and secondly at the annual technical conference of the Council for Aluminium in Building (CAB) at Loughborough University. At both events Aers spoke about standards, guidance and best practice when working at height. Both presentations received extremely positive feedback.



Don Aers at the CAB Conference

Pocket knowledge

PASMA PocketCards are now two of the most popular safety-related items available from the association's online shop. PocketCard 1 explains the PASMA Code of Practice and the key points when assembling, moving and dismantling towers.

Simple, easy-to-understand checklists cover everything from ensuring that all components are compatible and that the ground is firm and level, through to checking overhead cables and checking structural integrity once the tower has been moved. PocketCard 2 is an indispensable guide for inspecting a mobile access tower on site.



Each month the website features selected products from the online shop. The PASMA stamp of approval, training poster, PocketCard 2 and PAS 250, the specification for low level access products, are this month's featured items.

PASMA on show

The association will be exhibiting once again alongside other member organisations of the Access Industry Forum (AIF) at the Safety & Health Expo, 16-18 June at the ExCeL centre in London.

Supported by IOSH, RoSPA and the British Safety Industry Federation, the show is the largest UK event aimed at the health and safety sector. Located on stand Q2000, the AIF will launch its new 'Work at Height Manager' training course. www.safety-health-expo.co.uk

During the same week, technical director Don Aers will join IPAF's Chris Wraith and FASET's Tony Seddon to deliver a working at height paper at the IOSH Annual Conference entitled: 'How leadership and innovation can drive change in the world's leading cause of death and injury in the workplace'.



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