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Independent and impartial MEWP inspections

IPAF has produced guidance for second party inspection bodies that carry out periodic in-service inspections (also known as thorough examinations) of mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs). It is common practice in many countries to employ second parties - typically in-house engineers - to carry out these inspections.

"This guidance should help companies demonstrate the independence, impartiality and integrity of the second parties that they employ," says IPAF technical officer Gil Male. "These are important attributes which help second party inspection bodies to demonstrate independence from competing pressures that could influence the results of the inspections/thorough examinations that they carry out."

The guidance defines the essential characteristics of a second party inspection/thorough examination system. It can be downloaded from the Publications/Technical Guidance section of www.ipaf.org

In the UK, access equipment used to lift people must be thoroughly examined by a competent person every six months. IPAF's CAP Card (Competent Assessed Person) programme certifies that the holder has been independently assessed as being knowledgeable and able to carry out thorough examinations of platforms in the context of current legislation. The assessments focus on machine safety and are for experienced engineers. More information on the CAP programme can be found at www.ipaf.org/cap

Countdown to the International Awards for Powered Access

The IPAF Summit and the first International Awards for Powered Access (IAPA) is now just a couple of weeks away. The Summit and awards dinner will be held on April 2nd at the Crowne Plaza Northwood in Dublin, Ireland.

For IPAF members arriving the day before, there is a networking event on the evening of April 1st at the Guinness Brewery, including buffet supper. Numbers are limited so please register in advance.

The IAPAs 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. Almost 55 entries have been received, spanning world-leading companies in manufacturing and rental, as well as smaller, innovative companies.

The five-person IAPA judging panel includes individuals with particular areas of expertise on aerial platforms, rental, training and safety. All five are experienced professionals in their fields and all have extensive knowledge of the access industry. All judges have agreed that companies in which they have an interest will be excluded from participation in the 2009 IAPAs. The judges are:

- John Ball, IPAF president and managing director of Height for Hire Ireland
- Lars-Petter Godenhielm, executive chairman, Dinolift, and an ex-IPAF President
- Dan Kaplan, Dan Kaplan Associates
- Tony Mort, managing director of AJ Access Platforms
- Murray Pollok, managing editor, Access International

Visit www.ipaf.org/iapa to book your place in Dublin.



IPAF manager heads ERA training group

Rupert Douglas-Jones, IPAF international training manager, was appointed head of the ERA Sub-Group on Operator Licences & Training at its meeting in Brussels in January.

The sub-group is part of the European Rental Association (ERA) EU Affairs Committee. It is tasked with formulating proposals with regards to operator training within the European market.

"The IPAF training programme has been tremendously successful and we have unique insights on how training works in different countries," said Douglas-Jones. "We have the benefit of experience and can help steer the group towards a common policy on operator licences and training."



Rupert Douglas-Jones



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IPAF focus

United Rentals CEO to speak at IPAF Summit: Dynamic powered access solutions in difficult times

This year's IPAF Summit will focus on the theme of "Rent clever: Dynamic powered access solutions in difficult times". The Summit is free and open to all interested parties. It will be held on April 2nd 2009, at 13.30, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Northwood in Dublin, Ireland.

The keynote presentation will be given by Michael Kneeland, chief executive of United Rentals, the world's largest construction equipment rental company. Kneeland will deliver straightforward strategies for rental companies and observations on differences between the US and European markets.

See the full programme at www.ipaf.org/events

Access Live at Safety & Health Expo



IPAF auditor Chris Smith at last year's Access Village.

IPAF, as part of the Access Industry Forum (AIF), will be at the Safety & Health Expo 2009 with "Access Live", the Access Village and the Work at Height Seminar Theatre. The event runs from the 12th to 14th May at the NEC Birmingham.

The popular "Access Live" features professional actors who will perform a range of scenarios designed to reinforce the Health & Safety Executive's (HSE) ongoing "Shattered Lives" campaign. Using MEWPs, scaffolding, mobile access towers and ladders, the Forum will take as its theme "Act now before it's too late" as a call to action to combat the risk of injury or death as the result of a fall from height.

The Work at Height Seminar Theatre will be packed with key topics, themes and top-level speakers, delivering key

advice and insights from industry leading experts. All seminars are free-of-charge and a full programme will be announced soon.



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