

A truly International affair

The 2009 IPAF summit and awards dinner is now long past, however as promised in the last issue of Cranes&Access we are once again publishing our alternative photo album of the event. This year has presented us with a major challenge in that we had way too many photos to choose from, due to the fact that the event, held in Dublin, ran over two days kicking off with an evening at the Guinness Brewery, sponsored by Height for Hire/Easi UpLift. Add to that the fact that the dinner attracted well over 360 industry people and perhaps you can understand how many photos we had to deal with. Hopefully the following pages will give just a flavour of the event, albeit in a humorous and irreverent manner. We apologise in advance for any sensitive souls that we might have offended with our captions.

Next years summit and awards dinner will be held in London, with the dates to be announced shortly.



The event kicked off with an evening at the Guinness brewery



"Stop posing and get on the bus" Chris Buisseret moving in on John Ball.



Wow look it's a bus! Tim Whiteman happy that the busses have arrived for the Guinness outing.



"We're done" Tony Groat of AWPT with Roy Funk and Toodie West of Hoj Engineering



The Italian communicators from top left: Renata Bernardini, Emanuela Pirola, Mauro Potrich, Pierangelo Cantù and Marta Lucani.



Tony Mort with John and Carrie Jordan



"We call it being Versatile" The Versalift team Ken Cooke, Steve Couling, Lisa Guerin and Steve Cockayne.



Trouble on back of busspot the ringleader!



"Looks like a big cold espresso!" Roberto Ferramola and Ilaria Benassi of Airo survey a pint of Guinness.



"Smile and stay put we'll be needing two more in no time"



"What do you think of this then?" Gordon Leicester of Facelift flashes his chest, showing a stolen badge



"Stop tickling me Gordon" hosts Patrick and Harry McArdle with Gordon Leicester of Facelift



Sino Italian relations - JCHI and Airo partake in a Guinness or two.



"Don't worry we're taking him home" Steve Smith, Steve Kissinger and with the Cheshire Cat smile - Kevin O'Shea"



"You just stay here my dear" Richard Rawlings of RM Marketing ensures his supply of Guinness.



Will Holloway and Guy Harris pose with John Ball as man gets mugged in the background



Teutonic Knights - Holger Johan, Wilhelm Buchtmann, Jan Schumacher, Peter Cramer and Carsten Bielefeld



"Oh no - now what's he saying?" John Ball and Tim Whiteman go electioneering



"Go away and don't be so silly" Richard Rawlings of RM Marketing



Happy birthday Mr President not that it was his birthday! John Ball and Linda Betts.



"Vat is ze problem? Don't you know who I am?" Rheinhold Willenbrock looking for his badge



"Come back to Chile with me?" Rupert Douglas Jones with Sandra Franco of Alo Rental- Chile



"I can't believe you just did that..... in public....."



"Lunch can't be too far off can it?" Tony Mort of AF Access with Peter Grant of Merlo at the AGM.



"So its true then that grass never grows on a busy street?" John Jordan with Lars-Petter Godenhielm of Dinolift.



"Come on John it's not that interesting!" John Ball goes over the Summit programme with Peter Power while Tim Whiteman waits.



"And then they made me president!" John Ball shares a joke with Peter Power - Ireland's development minister.



"Oh Murray you are such a beast...but i like you!" Maria Hadlow looks on as Murray Pollock asks a question.



A calm approach is best of all. A serene Cees van der Kooij of Loxam listens at the summit.



"These Anglo Saxon types are a strange bunch" Michel Petitjean of the ERA with Dan Kaplan.



"This is a bit like my bar" Alistair Robertson, John Ball, - bar owner and Terex man - Bob Backer, Chris Goodwin and Steve Kissinger.



"Help I am outnumbered" Julie Houston surrounded by a bevy of British men.



"Sloncha!" Leigh Sparrow and John Ball



"What is he going on about?" Reinhard Willenbrock at the summit.



"So why do you want this job then?" Tim Whiteman and Andrea Certo of Oil&Steel.



Most of, but by no means all of the IPAF team



"Why don't you come up and see me sometime?" Maria Hadlow with Peter Jones and Peter Whittall



"He is not really on his knees" Macarena Garcia of Movicarga with Maurizio Bonaldi of Nacanco.



Dennis Ashworth and wife Ann with his IPAF lifetime achievement award.



"Isn't he cute?" Jean Harrison of IPAF with Jan Denks of Bronto.



"Meet my mate Pat" Kevin O'Shea puts his arm round Pat Cox, previous president of the European Commission with Alison O'Shea and John Ball.



"Don't look now but they are taking our photograph" Mark van Osten shares a confidence with Tim Ward of Niftylift.



"You said to say cheeeeeeeeeeeeeese" Marzia Giusto with Roberto Marangoni - JLG Italia.



"You must come to Russia we do things differently there" Peter Hird gets the Russian message from Yana Gorokhova and Mikhail Malvinskiy of LTech.



"Let me take you back to my castle" Jean Harrison and Rupert Douglas Jones with Vlad the card man.



No its not big band night, the Gecko travel club organised by Mastclimbers. Back row: Arthur Shapiro, Steve Smith, Jeff Johnson, Alex Slatapolski and Tom Fee. Front row: Mike Radigan, Bobby Reese, Kevin O'Shea, Mike Pitt and Bob Backer.



Andy Wright prepares to accept Lavendon's award for safety



"So these are my chums from IPAF that I have been telling you about" Sheila and John Ball during the dinner.



Simon Rush with Dave Stuart and Ken McDougal of Skyjack



"And best of all I am going to be your next president ha ha ha" Steve Shaughnessy - deputy president of IPAF, asks an animated question at the summit.



Yo Ho Ho and a bottle of rum Neil Wilkinson of Urban Access, Andy McCusker of Active Rentals, Ian James of APS and Alex Lee of Access Rentals.



"Oh what a wonderful life it is" Gerhard Hillebrand of IPAF Italia sandwiched between Romina Vanzi and Marta Lucani.



"No No No that does not mean I'll have two" Mikhail Malvinskiy and Simone Scalabrini.



"Look how I can tickle Jean's nose, then we show her how to dress like Russian woman" Jean Harrison accosted by Mikhail Malvinskiy and Yana Gorokhova of LTech

And so to dinner and...

This year the dinner attracted record numbers and included the first IPAF - IAPA awards.



