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And the winner is..

A record audience of more than 430 celebrated the winners of the second International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) held on 25th March.

The three awards restricted to IPAF members saw a truly global spread: Chile's Alo Rentals/Alo Training won the Best Marketing Campaign for IPAF Training award, Jildou de Jong from Kamphuis Hoogwerkers and Gerry Palmer from HSS Training were joint winners of the IPAF Instructor of the Year award, and BS Technology of Singapore won the Best New IPAF Training Centre award.

Other UK winners included: Lavendon (Access Rental Company of the Year), A-Plant (Rental Company Contribution to Safe Working at Height), Niftylift (Manufacturer Contribution to Safe Working at Height), Crown House Technologies (End User Contribution to Safe Working at Height) and Harsco Infrastructure (Mast Climbing Work Platform Achievement Award).

The next IAPAs will be held on 14th April 2011 in Amsterdam. See the full list of winners at www.ipaf.org/iapa

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IPAF focus



IPAF Instructors of the Year Gerry Palmer (left) and Jildou de Jong (centre), with IPAF international training manager Rupert Douglas-Jones (right).

Committed to serve: New IPAF president at the helm



Taking over the reins (left to right): Steve Shaughnessy, new IPAF president; Tim Whiteman, IPAF managing director; John Ball, outgoing IPAF president.

Steve Shaughnessy, president of Skyjack, was elected president of IPAF at its Annual General Meeting on 25th March. He brings with him a 32-year career in the access industry spanning the US and the UK, in access rentals for the most part and more recently in manufacturing. Shaughnessy praised the "strong, energetic leadership" of outgoing IPAF president John Ball, managing director of Height for Hire Ireland.

"This is a great responsibility," said Shaughnessy. "This is not an entitlement. It is an obligation and it will be a privilege to serve the Federation." He outlined his vision for IPAF as: serving the interests of its 720 members, spending the Federation's resources wisely, continuing the commitment to develop the North American market, growing regional councils to

respond to members' needs and introducing programmes to support IPAF services and training in countries that the Federation is currently not able to support.

"IPAF is doing well in the crisis, but it has not escaped unscathed," said Shaughnessy. "The Federation's members need to succeed and return to better years. It is values like the complete and utter commitment to service that will hold us through in this symbiotic relationship between manufacturers, rental companies, media and users. We all live or die together."

"Steve's unique experience from both sides of the Atlantic make him ideal as IPAF president," said IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman. "His background will be invaluable as IPAF grows its activities around the globe."

The IPAF Safety Experience comes to bauma

If you are visiting bauma do come by the IPAF Safety Experience in the Outdoor Area F10, Stand N1016/1. Lively demonstrations on the themes of safety and best practice are being featured in this dynamic, walk-through learning experience. The IPAF Stand Reception is on 21st April at 17:00 and all IPAF members are welcome.



Promote access or perish: Industry pioneer David Shipman

David Shipman, chairman of AFI-Uplift, announced that AFI-Uplift would commit £25,000 to a national campaign to promote the benefits of powered access, if other IPAF members would contribute another £75,000. Shipman was speaking to more than 200 delegates at the IPAF Summit in London on the theme of "Safety is a management issue". Shipman made his challenge after explaining that access rental demand levels cannot be expected to recover anytime soon. He estimated that UK activity levels have decreased 15-20 percent from their 2008 peak while rental rates have dropped 10-20 percent.

AFI-Uplift's David Shipman throws the industry a challenge and pledges £25,000 for a promotional campaign.



Joy Jones, a principal inspector of the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) for the past 25 years and a member of the Strategic Forum for Construction Plant Safety, discussed management's responsibilities toward operators of mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs).

"The problem is MEWPs are seen only as a solution when sometimes they are the problem," said Jones. She explained that MEWPs are a very safe and efficient way to work at height, but they present a management issue, in that managers need to plan the work, select the right equipment, monitor the job and involve their employees in adopting correct procedures and safe practices.

The next IPAF Summit, to be directly followed by the International Awards for Powered Access, will be held on 14 April 2011 in Amsterdam.



MEWPs are safe but managers need sustained and coherent policies to manage the use of equipment on site: HSE principal inspector Joy Jones



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