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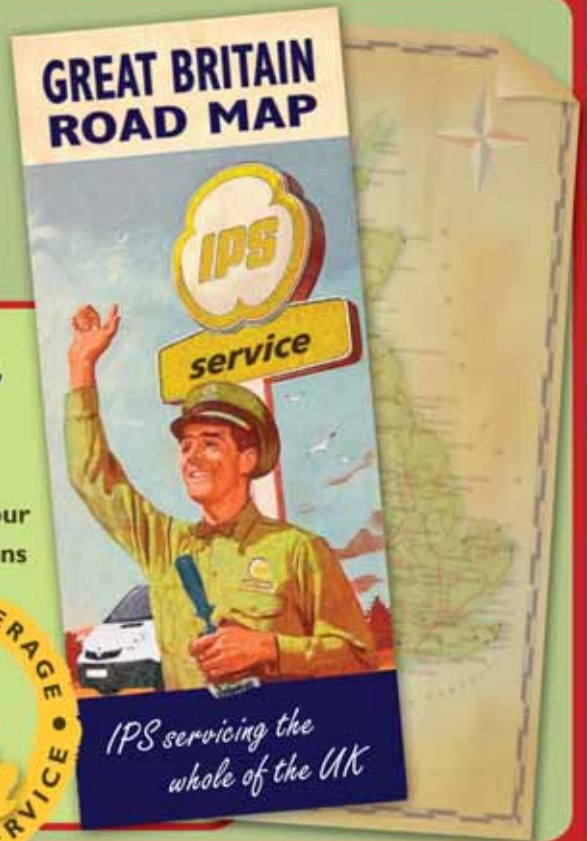
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# New product categories added for IAPAs 2011 in Amsterdam



Entries are now open for the International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) 2011. The awards ceremony and dinner will be held on 14th April 2011 at the NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. They follow the half-day IPAF Summit which starts at 14:00 the same day.

The IAPAs celebrate best practice and excellence in the powered access industry. This is the third time that the awards are being held and there are now four "Product of the Year" categories, allowing the recognition of innovative products in all sectors of the market.

The categories, open to all companies and individuals in the powered access industry, are:

- The Access Rental Company of the Year
- IPAF Safety Champion
- Contribution to Safe Working at Height
- Access Project of the Year
- Product of the Year – Vehicle/trailer-mounted
- Product of the Year – Self-propelled (booms, scissors, spiders)
- Product of the Year – Mast climbing work platforms/hoists
- Product of the Year – Low-level access
- Award for Outstanding After Sales Service

- IPAF/Access International Lifetime Achievement Award

There are three categories designed for IPAF member companies and individuals only:

- Best Marketing Campaign for IPAF Training
- IPAF Training Instructor of the Year
- Best New IPAF Training Centre

Companies and individuals can enter themselves or nominate others. They can submit entries for more than one award, and more than one entry per category, if they so wish. There is no charge for entering. Entries must be for work done in 2010. The deadline for entries is 10 January 2011.

Entries must be submitted in English using the official entry form available at [www.iapa-summit.info](http://www.iapa-summit.info)

Also at this website is more information on sponsorship dinner bookings and the venue. Those wishing to attend the event should book hotel rooms early to get the best rates. Details at [www.iapa-summit.info](http://www.iapa-summit.info)

## Are you managing your work in confined overhead spaces?



The federation's annual journal, IPAF Powered Access 2011 is out this month and features a debate on the issues surrounding work in confined overhead spaces and what managers and operators should do to overcome the risk of trapping incidents. It can be viewed online at the Publications section of [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org). Free printed copies can be obtained by e-mailing [info@ipaf.org](mailto:info@ipaf.org)

## Help with tax refunds

PAL Card holders and IPAF-approved training centres in the UK can now benefit from a new service from Rift, which specialises in claiming tax refunds for construction workers, including PAL Card holders. Details are at the Services section of [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)



## CEN working group on transport platforms formed

A new Working Group 4 on transport platforms has been formed under CEN/TC 10, the European technical standards committee that covers lifts, escalators and moving walks, following lobbying by IPAF to introduce a European manufacturing norm for transport platforms. Adrian Bolton of Alimak Hek has been appointed convener of Working Group. CEN/TC 10 has adopted the creation of a manufacturing standard for transport platforms as a new work item, with a first working draft targeted for circulation in March 2011.

The creation of CEN/TC 10/SC 1/WG 4 and its mandate follows lobbying efforts by the IPAF Transport Platform Working Group (TPWG), which is currently chaired by Luca Allegro of Alimak Hek Italy. Those interested in being informed of new developments should e-mail the IPAF TPWG convener, Romina Vanzi, on [mcwp@ipaf.org](mailto:mcwp@ipaf.org)



## Join IPAF for the North West UK regional meeting

The third IPAF North West UK regional meeting will be held on 1 December 2010 at the Ramada Encore Hotel, Piele Road, Haydock WA11 0GR, from approximately 18:00 to 20:00.

The meeting will be hosted by industry consultant Peter Jones and feature short presentations on low-level access development by Pop-Up Products, and on the application of the Driver CPC scheme within the access industry by Inativ.

IPAF is also pleased to announce that

president Steve Shaughnessy will also address the meeting. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer session, and then finished with a seasonal buffet meal and plenty of networking opportunity. IPAF's UK regional meetings are proving popular and spreading across the country. They are a great opportunity for access professionals from all areas of the business to keep up-to-date and to meet fellow colleagues in a relaxed environment. Watch for a regional meeting near you at [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)

## Training saves lives!

"Training saves lives" is a new video that IPAF has produced to highlight the benefits of its operator training programme that is regularly audited and certified by TÜV as conforming to ISO 18878. The five minute video is available in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. It can be viewed and downloaded from the Publications/Film section of [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)



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