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# IPAF Safety Zone at Bauma

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IPAF focus

IPAF's massive Safety Zone at Bauma (Outdoor Area F10, Stand N1014/9) is one of the largest displays at the show and will focus on how to choose the right equipment and how to use harnesses correctly.

With more than 1,700 square metres the IPAF Safety Zone features 25 pieces of equipment from leading manufacturers. Trained and qualified personnel will demonstrate emergency escape from one of the largest vehicle-mounted platforms through abseiling. There will also be live demonstrations of the dangers of soft ground conditions for machines with outriggers.

"The abseiling is very dramatic and illustrates important safety principles," said Reinhard Willenbrock of IPAF

Deutschland. "Always do a job-specific risk assessment prior to commencing any work at height. Select the appropriate equipment and ensure that all operators are properly trained."

Bauma will also see the launch of a worldwide version of the UK's Clunk Click campaign to encourage all users of boom type platforms to wear a full body harness with a short restraint lanyard attached to a suitable anchor point. The campaign started as a grassroots initiative by the UK Powered

Access Interest Group (PAIG), a joint committee of the Construction Plant-hire Association and IPAF. Thousands of Clunk Click posters and stickers have been printed to spread the message. Different versions of Clunk Click will be launched, including the German 'Click Clack', the Italian 'Clic Clac' and the North American 'Click It'.

During bauma, IPAF is hosting a series of short workshops on three topics: The correct use of harnesses, training and typical accidents. The workshops will be given in English and German. Vouchers entitling platform operators to reduced price courses at participating training centres in Germany will also be distributed at the IPAF stand. Visitors to the stand who show a PAL Card will be rewarded with a goody bag filled with varying items including clothing and gifts from IPAF members.

## Demonstrations

Demonstrations of abseiling and correct harness use will be held daily from Monday 23 April to Sunday 29 April at these times: 10.00, 12.00, 14.00, 16.00. Demonstrations of the

dangerous effect of soft ground conditions on outriggers will be held daily from Monday 23 April to Sunday 29 April at these times: 10.30, 12.30, 14.30, 16.30.

## Working with the ERA

IPAF hosted a meeting of the European Rental Association (ERA) Statistics Committee in mid March at its Swiss office. The Statistics Committee is charged with the task of establishing the size of the market for rental equipment and is chaired by IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman.

As a founding member, IPAF is participating in the ERA Convention from 5 to 6 June 2007 in Berlin. IPAF has representatives on four other ERA Committees and Sub-Groups: Norms & Safety (Gil Male), Promotion (Gerhard Hillebrand), General Rental Conditions (Giles Councill) and Training (Rupert Douglas-Jones). This active involvement is part of IPAF's aim to ensure that the voice of the access industry is heard.

## Members reap benefits of insurance service

IPAF members have, in many cases, reduced costs and increased their cover after following advice provided by Henderson Insurance Brokers to assist in their commercial insurance requirements. Euro Towers in Leicester is one member who has profited from the service. Managing director Roger Verallo said: "Henderson's listened to what I had to say, then provided me

with improved cover and a more cost effective option than my existing arrangements."

The arrangement provides IPAF members with market leading cover at reduced premiums, backed with a service team that understands the platform industry and the associated risks. More information at [www.ipaf.org/insurance.pdf](http://www.ipaf.org/insurance.pdf)



## See us at SED

IPAF is hosting seminars on the Clunk Click campaign at 12 pm each day at the SED Business Centre in the Rockingham building. There will also be a live display on the correct use of harnesses and experts will be on hand with information on harness use and PAL Card training. Visit us in the Cranes & Access Zone, Avenue E, Stand 800.

## Access Summit

The IPAF AGM and Access Summit at Whittlebury Hall was held on 27 March, at the time this magazine went to press. Visit [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org) for the full report and speaker presentations.

## PDS date

The next IPAF Professional Development Seminar (PDS) for instructors will be held on 19 September 2007 at the Haydock Racecourse, Horseshoe Suite, off Junction 23 of the M6, between Liverpool and Manchester. PDS events for German and Spanish language instructors were held earlier this year in Zurich, Frankfurt and Madrid.

## Europlatform

IPAF is co-organising a one-day pan-European conference on 11 September 2007 in Basel, Switzerland, aimed at managers and owners of access rental companies. The conference will be held at the Ramada Plaza Basel. For full programme and events details, see [www.europlatform.info](http://www.europlatform.info)

## PAL Card renewals

As a further service from IPAF, all approved training centres automatically receive lists of people due for retraining and whose PAL Cards (Powered Access Licences) are about to expire. A PAL Card is valid for five years. Training centres can then contact their customers in good time for renewals.

Those who are not receiving these lists should advise Eleanor Morrison ([eleanor.morrison@ipaf.org](mailto:eleanor.morrison@ipaf.org))



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