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This year's TABs, the German language safe work at height conference, will be held at the Still fork truck and material handling plant in Hamburg.

Early bird delegate discounts are available until the end of April, with additional discounts available for IPAF members. Display opportunities for appropriate exhibitors/sponsors are also available.

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PAL card unaffected by CSCS announcement

IPAF's PAL card continues to be accepted by the UK Contractors Group (UKCG) and Government bodies following a statement by the Strategic Forum noting that members of the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) have decided to specify and promote occupational card schemes carrying the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) logo.

Under the CLC policy, some sites - notably those funded by public procurement - will specify that individuals must prove they have the agreed standard of qualification and skill for their trade/profession by producing a card with a CSCS logo on it.

Most PAL card holders will already hold an occupational skill card relating to their particular trade/profession, an electrician or steelworker for example, and will therefore be unaffected by the new policy. The PAL card will continue to be accepted and/or required as proof that the holder has successfully completed appropriate training in the safe use of aerial work platforms and mast climbing work platforms across the UK.

The UKCG has confirmed to IPAF that: "The PAL card continues to be recognised by UKCG members as proof of successful completion of appropriate training to operate MEWPs."

There are currently more than 350,000 valid PAL cards in the UK, with all new cards issued as machine-readable Smart PAL cards. All PAL cards can be verified online at: www.ipaf.org/checkpal



Nerenhausen to speak at the Summit

JLG president Frank Nerenhausen will be the lead speaker at the IPAF Summit in March, when he will explore emerging technologies and their potential application in the access industry. Held on the same day as the International Awards for Powered Access on the 26th March in Washington, DC, the summit's theme is 'new technologies and new markets'.

The panel of speakers will focus on how new technologies will change the face of the access industry in the next five to 10 years and look at how existing technologies are still battling to open up new markets around the world. With speakers still being finalised, topics will include a report from Bulgaria on the battle to reclaim stolen aerial work platforms, a presentation from Turkey on the challenges of opening new markets to new technologies, and an update from IPAF on the latest developments in eLearning.

The conference is free to attend and will be held in English, with simultaneous translation into Spanish. Register in advance at: www.iapa-summit.info

JLG's Nerenhausen has been announced the keynote speaker at the IPAF Summit.



IPAF will focus on machine pre-start inspections at Intermat later this year

IPAF at Intermat

With aerial work platforms being one of the safest ways to carry out temporary work at height IPAF will be urging all visitors at Intermat to ensure pre-start inspections are performed. Held in Paris, France, the show will take place from the 20th to 25th April.

In addition to demonstrations showing how to carry out a pre-start inspection, IPAF will feature its latest safety videos which provide visual tours of how to conduct pre-start inspections for scissor and boom lifts. Each video lasts about 10 minutes and is currently available in English, German, French, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese.

It will also promote its range of resources on the subject of inspections, including the popular inspection key tags, which provide a handy reminder of points to cover for pre-start and workplace inspections. All inspection videos and resources can be found at: www.ipaf.org/inspections

Do we do enough for safety?

The big debate in IPAF's annual publication *Powered Access* tackles the fundamental question of whether the access industry cares enough about safety. Also featured in the issue is an interview with contractors on how to achieve safer work at height with aerial work platforms as well as articles on IPAF's PAL+ and Smart PAL cards, and more.

The online version can be found on the 'Publications' section of: www.ipaf.org - or to obtain free printed copies email: info@ipaf.org

