

## New Training courses

# A NEW addition to our 'Regulars'

# The PASMA focus

We would like to welcome you to a new regular feature in Cranes & Access focusing on the role and work of PASMA, the Prefabricated Access Suppliers' and Manufacturers' Association which serves the mobile access tower (sometimes referred to alloy scaffold towers) industry. The association, which is made up of manufacturers, tower rental companies, training centres and user groups, is committed to not only representing the industry, but also ensuring that it makes consistent progress and improvement, backed by knowledge, understanding and competence.

Brian Houston who chairs PASMA says, "I am delighted that PASMA has teamed up with Cranes & Access. It will provide an invaluable forum for delivering the latest news and developments from PASMA and the industry, not only to our members, but to the fast-growing readership of this specialist magazine."

"With the enthusiastic involvement of its members, the association makes a significant contribution to the design, manufacture, application and safe use of mobile access towers. And now readers of Cranes & Access will be the first to hear about it."

*Brian Houston, chairman of PASMA*



### Low Level Access

A new low level access course developed in partnership with the Electrical Contractor's Association (ECA) has recently been introduced as a stand alone, half-day module for users of low level prefabricated access equipment. It caters for access products below 2.5 metres, such as podium steps, folding room scaffolds and wide area, low level access towers.

### Work at Height

Also on offer, and again developed in conjunction with the ECA, is a work at height course designed to highlight the issues involved in working at height and the need to select 'appropriate' equipment for the task involved.



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In its quest to constantly improve the knowledge and expertise of its training instructors, the association is planning its first professional development seminar. Scheduled to coincide with the association's Annual General Meeting, it will be held at the NEC Hilton during the Safety & Health Expo on the 24th May 2007.

PASMA general manager, Peter Bennett said "Our aim is to address highly relevant and practical issues as part of a move towards developing a formal Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme. Suitable topics are under discussion and, as always, suggestions from members are welcome."

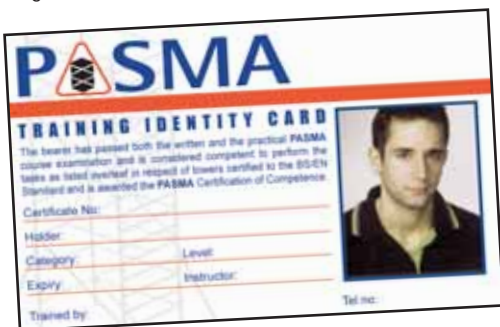
## Training is the Key

One of the cornerstones of PASMA is its role in providing an industry-wide training programme. Many of its members are approved training centres, certifying them to offer and deliver the association's courses which provide a uniform level of training on a national or even international basis.

Over the years the association's training programmes have gained a strong reputation amongst managers and health and safety professionals who seek objective proof of competence for staff working with towers. An increasing number of them will accept no other proof thanks to its reputation and nationally applied standards. PASMA has recently updated its training courses to include the requirements of the Work At Height Regulations - WAHR [2005], BS EN

1004:2004, ACWAHT, (the HSE's Advisory Committee on Work at Height Training) basic syllabus, and the requirements of BS 8454:2006 Code of Practice for Work at Height Training. Successful candidates, who must pass a written and practical test, receive a PASMA certificate of competence and a photo card.

Whilst mobile access towers are frequently used as just straightforward access towers to allow an operative to reach an elevated work area, there are also a host of ancillary components that can be used to transform the tower into a wide range of entirely different access solutions. PASMA's training offering for 2007 includes a series of advanced modules which cater for a selection of these applications, plus a supervisors' and managers' inspection course.



The PASMA photo card is increasingly recognised as the definitive proof of training.

### Coming Soon

The following items will be available in the near future:

- A series of three PASMA posters promoting:-
- The PASMA training identity card and the need to establish proof of competence.
- Policing of the card and how to report misuse and abuse.
- The various categories of PASMA membership and how to join.

- A new-style joining pack complete with media kit to enable organisations to promote their membership of the association.
- A range of PASMA promotional items including banners and flags for use at exhibitions and shows.

### New Members

The association is delighted to welcome the following organisations as members of PASMA:

Courtley (Health & Safety) Ltd, Liverpool  
 Ridgeway Plant & Co Ltd, Belfast  
 UK Construction Training Ltd, Gosport  
 Nimrod Training and Assessment Providers, Reading  
 Heightmaster Ltd, Burton-on-Trent  
 Southwest Assessment & Training, Cornwall  
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## Working in Partnership

PASMA is an active and wholehearted supporter of the 'alliance for access' - the Access Industry Forum (AIF). As such it will be a major contributor to this year's Access Live Area, Access Industry Village and AIF Conference at the Safety & Health Expo 2007 which runs from May 22nd to the 24th. PASMA members wishing to take exhibition space or participate in the Access Live Area should contact the secretariat. Promotional downloads are also available for those members wishing to promote the event to their respective customers.

Following a completely new format for 2007 will be the AIF Conference.

Called Working at Height - Getting it Right, it will point up issues connected with making access safe, practical and productive. Based on individual case studies featuring familiar workplace solutions, the AIF team, including PASMA, will demonstrate different solutions to the same problem, highlighting the pros and cons in each case, with supporting comment from the HSE.

Keynote speaker will be Bill Callaghan, chair of the Health and Safety Commission, and the conference will be chaired by Ian Greenwood, head of the Falls from Height Team at the HSE.

Tel: 0845 020 4242 for a brochure.



## Game, Set & Match to Towers!

This commanding tower was supplied by PASMA member, Atrium Access, to facilitate work at the recently completed National Tennis Centre, Roehampton, little more than a lobe away from Wimbledon. The world-class venue is intended to nurture and support British players.

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