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(l-r) IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman with Steve Couling and Andy Studdert

## IPAF elects new president

Andy Studdert, chairman of USA-based NES Rentals, has been elected the new president of IPAF, succeeding Steve Couling, managing director of IAPS. Nick Selley, group business development of AFI-Uplift, was elected deputy president, while Brad Boehler, president of Skyjack, takes over as vice president.

Studdert said: "I would like to thank Steve Couling for his commitment to and leadership of IPAF during the past two years. Steve is a difficult act to follow. His leadership and vision have been remarkable and inspiring. The ongoing push to eLearning will be a major theme of IPAF's activities in the next several years. This new technology will change the learning experience for operators and drive the safety message home in a very positive way. A second major area of focus will be embracing, handling and implementing change. We need to look at what we've done in the past and ask ourselves if that is still relevant."

## A call for smart technology

Imagine a work environment where smart vests can communicate with aerial work platforms to warn operators that their harness/lanyard is not connected to the anchor point. Or a world where a machine equipped with sensors can contribute to collision avoidance and detection...

At the IPAF Summit last month, keynote speaker Frank Nerenhausen, president of JLG, showed the audience how wearables, augmented reality and remote operation could be harnessed in a powerful system of prevention and control.

At the same time, he also underlined the value of human education and intervention and stressed: 'Training must continue to play a prominent role as our industry advances'.

During the discussion following Nerenhausen's presentation, IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman revealed that a new category for innovative technology would be introduced at the next International Awards for Powered Access, which will be held with the IPAF Summit on 17th March 2016, in Madrid, Spain. Watch for event details at: [www.iapa-summit.info](http://www.iapa-summit.info)



JLG president Frank Nerenhausen speaking on smart technology at the IPAF Summit

## AGM results point to steady growth

Outgoing IPAF president Steve Couling and chief executive Tim Whiteman presented the federation's latest results at its annual general meeting, held on 26th March, in Washington, DC.

IPAF's revenues increased 9.4 percent to £4.65 million in 2014, while its surplus increased by 3.2 percent – which will be re-invested in safety, membership and training activities in line with the aims of the not-for-profit federation.

Membership increased by 6.9 percent, and a record number of 137,429 people were trained by IPAF-approved training centres in 2014. This is an increase of 7.9 percent compared with the 127,365 people trained in 2013. Further details are available in the IPAF annual report 2014 available at the 'publications' section of: [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)

## Numbers on the up

The worldwide aerial work platform rental fleet has grown to 1,120,000 - an increase of eight percent over the previous year.

For more vital facts and figures featured in the 2015 IPAF Powered Access Rental Market Reports for Europe and the US, visit:

[www.ipaf.org/reports](http://www.ipaf.org/reports)



## New operating rules adopted

Members of the IPAF council have agreed to adopt new operating rules aimed at placing more autonomy and responsibility with the IPAF country and regional councils, and refocusing the mandate of the main council on providing the longer term strategy and direction for the federation.

Under the new rules, the main council will comprise the chairpersons of the country and regional councils, the chairpersons of the international committees, the board members, and five elected members. The new operating rules complement the legal federation rules as registered with the UK's Financial Conduct Authority. The rules take effect immediately and can be viewed at the members only section of: [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)

## Save the date

The Europlatform access rental conference will be held on 8th October in Copenhagen, Denmark. Watch for details at: [www.europlatform.info](http://www.europlatform.info)



## UK member event

The IPAF UK member event, combining discussions on safety and good practice with networking in a relaxed setting, will be held on 15th October 2015. Details at: [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)