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PASMA set for Singapore



Billed as an event that will 'bring together the best minds, thought leaders, safety professionals and work at height practitioners', PASMA has been formally invited to deliver a paper at an inaugural international work at height conference in Singapore, 14 – 15th September 2012.

The conference, which will address the challenges and issues facing the global work at height industry, is being organised by the International Society for Fall Protection (ISFP) and the Access and Scaffold Industry Association (ASIA), with support from the Workplace Safety and Health Council (WSHC) and the Ministry of Manpower, Singapore, who extended the invitation.

'Scaling New Heights in Fall Protection' is the name of the conference which is already attracting delegates, not only from Singapore, but from ASEAN member states, the Asia Pacific region, Australia, the United States, Japan, China and Europe.

The event will also hear from other world-renowned organisations such

as the USA's Occupational Safety & Health Administration and the Workplace Health Safety & Health Council.

PASMA managing director Peter Bennett says: "PASMA is acknowledged as an international authority and reference for the work at height sector, in particular with regard to working safely with mobile access towers. We are delighted to have been requested to contribute to what promises to be a major event in our recognised area of expertise."

There are opportunities for PASMA member organisations to exhibit, sponsor and potentially demonstrate equipment at this event. The Access Industry Forum (AIF) has also been invited to speak. For more information please visit

www.thetotalsafety.com/event.html



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PASMA focus

When only the best is good enough

PASMA Instructor Training

Stuart Hopkins, PASMA's director of training, is looking for the 'very best' training centres in which to deliver PASMA instructor training. Only three venues have been selected and used so far, but their success has prompted a nationwide search for additional centres with the right facilities, management and support. Successful applicants will enjoy the distinction and status of joining a select group of venues specifically chosen by PASMA for this purpose. The commitment required is one week every 12-16 weeks.

To apply, simply make an application bid to stuart.hopkins@pasma.co.uk giving as much information as possible about the premises, facilities, equipment, locale and proximity to road, rail and air links.



Stuart Hopkins

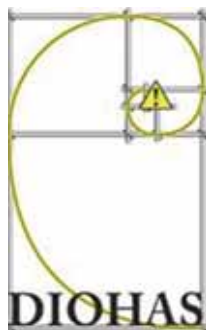
PASMA secret shopper

As part of PASMA's commitment to promoting excellence in the mobile access tower industry, the association is undertaking a nationwide mystery shopper programme across its various training centre venues to identify improvements that can be made to the training scheme. Mystery shoppers will undertake telephone enquiries as well as complete PASMA courses in order to gauge the following:

- Ease of booking;
- The quality of course delivery;
- The information provided during the course;
- The quality and layout of the training room.

News in brief Designer's Initiative on Health & Safety (DIOHAS)

PASMA marketing manager Neil Tomlinson recently delivered a presentation on safe working at height, PASMA and towers to senior representatives of the architect and designer communities. Regular channels of communication have since been introduced.



2012 Ladder Exchange

PASMA members who also stock ladders can sign up to the Ladder Association's 2012 Ladder Exchange. The campaign, which runs from 1st September to 30th November, allows users whose ladders are no longer fit for purpose, to trade them in at a discount at any of the campaign's participating partners. More information at www.ladderexchange.org.uk



AIF and the Holy Grail

A second meeting of representatives from IOSH, RoSPA, IIRSM and the British Safety Council - including Peter Bennett and Neil Tomlinson for the AIF - has agreed to establish, and is now developing, a pan-industry method of reporting work at height incidents. The group first came together at Safety & Health Expo 2011 when it discussed and debated 'In search of the Holy Grail: No more work at height accidents, ever!'

The aim is to provide a level of detail that will enable qualitative and quantitative analysis to be carried out to better direct and focus future working at height initiatives.



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