

expanded Marketplace - along with a host of training companies all looking forward to talking to fleet owners about safety and other forms of training. This year the Market place has a new open plan theatre which PASMA and other exhibitors are planning to use for short safety and other informative presentations, giving those in the area a chance to sit down with a coffee and pick up some useful tips and pointers.

IPAF is also planning some major activities on its stand following a fantastic event last year. It returns with its igloo and will be giving live demonstrations of its advanced training packages.

Finally on the technology side there will more than ever to see and learn including more software suppliers with **Motion Software** making its debut. The popular short workshops offered by **inspHire** and **Higher Concept** will once again use the enclosed Marketplace meeting rooms. These workshops are always oversubscribed so call today and book your place. One particular exhibitor to note is **Smie/Cranesafe** which will be showing off its crane



IPAF booth



Hassle-free entry

management software, now just about ready after more than 12 months of intense development following its concept programme at Intermat in early 2012. If lift planning is for you check out **Method Cad** exhibiting for the first time.

The above does not even scratch the surface of what there will be to see at this year's record-breaking Vertikal Days. One thing we can promise is that anyone with even

the slightest interest or involvement in lifting or work at height will benefit enormously from visiting the event. This year is also a show to bring along colleagues with the huge increase in Marketplace suppliers offering everything from job planning to replacement parts, integrated software to credit control support.

Finally don't forget that this is a show about people and networking and having a good time. If you join

the evening networking event we have a new band direct from Liverpool's legendary **Cavern Club** and are working on a change to the evening menu.

Go to www.vertikaldays.net to see the full list of exhibitors and to register and print your badge.



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New ALLMI Guidance Note

ALLMI has released a new guidance note to the industry aimed primarily at persons conducting thorough examinations and their employers, as well as those that own and operate loader cranes.

Titled "Reporting of defects arising from a Thorough Examination of a Loader Crane", Guidance Note 020 looks at the legalities surrounding the issue, as well as providing examples of how to determine when such defects should be reported and the method of reporting that should be undertaken.



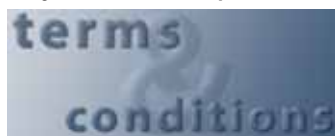
As the chairman of the ALLMI technical committee responsible for producing the document, Alan Johnson said: "The document looks at the requirement from LOLER and also the Health & Safety at Work Act, and then provides a series of example defects, considering in each case whether it presents an "existing or imminent risk of serious personal injury". If it does then it of course needs to be reported to the relevant enforcing authority and the

document goes on to explain how to do this, as the method will vary depending on the circumstances." "The development of the Guidance Note is a result of enquiries we've received where confusion appears to exist regarding exactly when, how and to whom reports should be made. We're confident that the document will clarify these issues and help those in the industry to further comply with their legal obligations."

For a copy of the Guidance Note, as well as any others produced by ALLMI, visit www.allmi.com

Terms & Conditions update

With the date having recently been set for the association's first fleet owner get-together of 2013, one of the key features of the Operators' Forum General Meeting will be an update on the industry's rapid adoption of the "ALLMI Terms & Conditions for a Lifting Operation using a Lorry Loader".



The Operators' Forum Executive Committee, a body elected by the membership to represent its interests, has been monitoring the situation closely since the document's launch late last year. Committee member, Paul Bishop of Axle Haulage, said: "As a company, we've been using the Terms & Conditions since the document's release and the impact has been very positive. Together

with the guidance material and online support video, we feel that they have already started to set a benchmark for lorry loader lifting operations and have helped us to demonstrate on numerous occasions how we comply with best practice and provide added value for our customers. As a committee, we look forward to discussing this issue with members and sharing experiences."

ALLMI General Meeting dates

Dates have been confirmed for ALLMI's first General Meetings of 2013. Both will be held as part of the Vertikal Days event at Haydock Park, with manufacturer/service company members meeting in the afternoon of 26th June and fleet owners coming together in the morning of the 27th.

ALLMI meetings provide an excellent opportunity for industry stakeholders to be updated on and have input into a wide range of loader crane related issues, and pre-registered non-members are more than welcome to attend.



C&a

ALLMI focus

Registrations begin for the ALLMI Operator of the Year Competition.

ALLMI has opened the registration process for its 2013 "Operator of the Year" competition, an event which forms the centre-piece of the ALLMI Village and is a key feature of Vertikal Days. Operators can now register for the competition online by visiting the ALLMI website.

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield, said: "The competition is a great opportunity for operators to test their skills in relation to speed, accuracy and the safety of operation. Entrants will be required to place a load at specific points on and around the vehicle bed, and provided this is performed in the correct sequence, the winner will be the operator who completes the task in the quickest time; however, time penalties will be incurred for any dangerous movements. Not only will the winner walk away with the "Operator of the Year" title and trophy, there's a £250 cash prize at stake, as well as a free ALLMI



training course and use of the competition logo for the operator's employer". (See above) "All ALLMI operators at Vertikal Days will be welcome to take part, but entrants can also pre-register at www.allmi.com. This facility, together with the extensive promotion of the competition, has already generated a huge amount of interest and we expect a record number of participants."

ALLMI Operator of the Year Competition 2013

- ALLMI Village, Vertikal Days Show, Haydock Park, 26th/27th June.
- £250 and the Competition Trophy to the winning operator.
- Use of the "ALLMI Operator of the Year 2013" logo for the operator's employer.
- Free ALLMI training course for the employer (potentially worth over £4,000).

