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# Manufacturer/ service company meeting

On 3rd December, ALLMI's manufacturer/service company members convened to discuss a range of industry related topics and to be updated on the association's various projects and activities which included:

- ALLMI's involvement in producing pan-industry guidance for managing plant operator competence.
- The development of ALLMI's crane supervisor training programme and the pilot courses currently taking place.
- The recently released BS7121, part 2-4.
- ALLMI's range of industry safety campaigns.

In addition, members received a presentation from Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA) project manager, Mike Protheroe, who spoke on the subject of Whole Vehicle Type Approval. The meeting also facilitated a presentation to Mick Wright of T H White, who



(L) Mark Rigby congratulates Mick Wright on his 30 years of service

recently stepped down from his position on the ALLMI Technical Committee following more than 30 years in the role.

Wright said: "It's been a pleasure and a privilege to serve on the ALLMI Technical Committee and to have direct involvement in so many projects that have had a positive impact on industry standards.

I've seen the association develop and evolve during my time on the committee and I wish my industry technical colleagues, as well as all at ALLMI, the very best for the years ahead."

## ALLMI at Vertikal Days 2014

A participant taking part in ALLMI's Operator of the Year competition hosted at Vertikal Days



ALLMI has announced its plans for Vertikal Days 2014. Taking place on 14th/15th May at Haydock Park, the ALLMI Village is an area of the event devoted entirely to the lorry loader industry. It is also where ALLMI and many of its manufacturer members will exhibit.

ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: "We are very much looking forward to building upon the ever-increasing profile of the ALLMI Village. Last year's show was our most successful to date, but the

aim is to attract even more industry stakeholders to the event and to have a record number of loader crane exhibitors in 2014. Several have already confirmed their spots within the Village and we expect many more to follow. The Village will also host the 'ALLMI Operator of the Year' competition, which has rapidly become recognised as the annual event for raising awareness of quality training and assessment, promoting safety and efficiency, and commending those who work to the highest standards."



## New records for training

ALLMI recently announced record training levels for 2013, with demand for its lorry loader and slinger and signaller courses increasing by more than 40 and 100 percent respectively.

ALLMI chief executive, Tom Wakefield, said: "We are extremely pleased with what has been an outstanding year for all aspects of the ALLMI scheme. The demand we are experiencing is due to the quality and recognition of ALLMI's training programmes, which largely stems from the dedication of our training and technical committees, as well as our ad-hoc working groups. These members and training providers, in conjunction with our full-time staff, ensure that scheme content is always of the very highest standard and that it continually evolves in line with ever-changing legislative and technical requirements, as well as the needs of the industry. We are in the process of piloting our new Crane Supervisor course, and the ALLMI Training Scheme Review is due to start in the first quarter of 2014. With these developments taking place, as well as a number of other initiatives which will strengthen the standing of ALLMI training, we are anticipating further growth in 2014 and beyond."



More people have taken ALLMI training courses last year than ever before

## ALLMI forms after-sales working group

ALLMI has announced plans for the formation of an 'After-Sales Working Group', to enhance communication and cohesion between manufacturer and service repairer members.

ALLMI technical director, Alan Johnson said: "At a recent meeting of the ALLMI board, a discussion was held concerning ways in which we can better engage a significant number of our service/repairer members. Without wishing to mix metaphors, these members have a great deal of knowledge and experience at a coal-face level which we believe to be largely untapped. The formation of this group was felt to be a positive move towards achieving this engagement and we are delighted that Carly

Barnard of Transloader Services has agreed to chair it. Our next step will be to hold an inaugural open forum in late February, which will be used as an opportunity to elicit feedback from all interested members as to the future demographics and direction of the Working Group."



Carly Barnard