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Standards revision

EN12999, the European Standard for loader cranes, is currently being revised, with ALLMI's technical standards committee heavily involved in the review process. In the coming month the committee will meet to discuss and formulate the association's comments to the draft revision of EN12999:2011 and A1 2012. The draft will cover a number of items such as the updating and alignment of normative references contained within the Standard as well as clarifying some definitions and terminology.

Other proposed changes are mainly intended to reflect key product or industry sector developments, and the requirement to assess and address their impact against the Essential Health and Safety Requirements of the Machinery Directive. They include: some updating of the criteria for calculating the hoisting and gravity effects on the load, interlocking of the transmission on trucks where it is possible to start the engine using

the remote control and improved definition of the acceptable methods of stability testing on cranes fitted with variable load moments and/or some types of stabiliser monitoring device.

Look out for further updates on the EN12999 revision in future editions of Crane & Access' ALLMI Focus.



ALLMI AGM review

On 4th June, ALLMI held its 2014 Annual General Meeting, attended by its manufacturer/service company members. Delegates were provided with a review of the association's activities and achievements during the previous 12 months, including the recruitment of a new training officer, development of numerous safety campaigns and guidance documents, further significant increase in membership and a record uptake of various training courses.

The meeting also received an industry report from Melanie Jackson of AIPS, ALLMI's preferred

supplier for insurance services.

ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: "It's been an incredibly busy and successful 12 months for ALLMI and the AGM provides the perfect platform upon which to remind members of everything the association has achieved for and on behalf of the industry, as well as to thank them for their continued input and support. As always, there was some lively discussion and debate, which is always valuable in shaping the approach we take to our projects and activities."

For information on membership, please contact ALLMI.

Membership continues to grow

UK-based specialist logistics solutions provider Lupprians recently joined ALLMI's Operators' Forum. Its move to join ALLMI is part of a strong trend which has seen a growth in membership of more than 10 percent during 2013/14.

Lupprians' site supervisor and appointed person, Tony Betts, said: "We've joined the fleet owner side of ALLMI and are looking forward to the many benefits that this will bring. We know that membership will see us provided with an excellent level of support and guidance, and that the association's

training courses, documentation, technical and legislative advice will ensure that our organisation continues to run its lorry loader operations to the highest standard at all times."



Over 60 percent of lorry loaders sold now include remote controls.

Market statistics released

ALLMI recently produced its loader crane industry sales figures for the second half of 2013. Compiled by an independent third party with the involvement of the majority of manufacturers within the association, the statistics show a strong industry performance from July to December, with invoiced sales increasing by nearly 20 percent compared to the same period in 2012.

Demand for remote controls also continues to grow, with over 60 percent of invoiced sales relating to lorry loaders with control units of this type, and the figure reached as high as 98 percent in one particular

sector of the market.

ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: "As we have said with the publication of previous market figures, whilst the statistics underline the numerous benefits that remotes can bring to lorry loader operation, it's crucial to remember that their increased popularity further emphasises the importance of ALLMI's 2013 campaign on their safe use, as they can create some significant potential hazards if operated incorrectly. We therefore continually remind and encourage industry stakeholders to contact ALLMI for a copy of the campaign material, which includes a leaflet, video and toolbox talk template."

New Crane Supervisor course dates

ALLMI has recently announced new course dates for its Crane Supervisor training programme. All courses will take place in Alfreton, Derbyshire. Successful completion of the course results in full certification for the Crane Supervisor category.

- 15th – 16th September
- 13th – 14th October
- 17th – 18th November

Please contact ALLMI for further details.

