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Good practice tips from IPAF are available to help rental companies and contractors manage aerial work platforms safely

Good practice for rental companies

Rental companies and contractors can now refer to a good practice guide produced by IPAF which lists some of the key points that should be considered when managing any type of aerial work platform.

Following requests for guidance on 'large and complex' aerial work platforms, IPAF decided that the key principles of good aerial platform management was relevant to all types, not just limited to larger and more complex machines.

The document guides rental

companies and contractors from planning and ordering equipment up to the point of delivery and during operation. The guide can be downloaded from the Publications/Technical Guidance section of:

www.ipaf.org

Review of EN280 starts soon

The European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) has gained a mandate to commence a full revision of EN280:2013 - the European standard governing the design and manufacture of aerial lifts - once the current amendment A1 has been finalised.

Possible topics for consideration in the next full revision include: exit at height, retention of key in ground control station, average weight of a person, fire prevention, ability to isolate power when elevated (other than emergency stop), wind speed variations and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC).

IPAF technical & safety executive Chris Wraith said: "The increasing popularity and increased use of aerial work platforms throughout

the world, in almost all sectors of industry for new and differing applications, mean that there are constantly new issues that need addressing in the design standard. Continual technical and physical advances in design also mean it is essential that the industry-specific design standard EN280 reflects the 'state of art' and provides relevant guidance for manufacturers to ensure safe design of aerial lifts."

FEM product group welcomes new president

The aerial work platform product group within the European materials handling federation FEM (Fédération Européenne de Manutention) for which IPAF serves as the secretariat, will welcome its new president at the FEM congress being held in York on the 18th September.

Luisa Parisotto, the Terex AWP engineering standards & legislation manager for Europe, Africa and the Middle East, was appointed president in June having taken on the role from Alan McIntyre of JLG, who stepped down following several

years in the position. Parisotto brings a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding EU legislation and international standards relevant to aerial work platforms and other lifting equipment.



The new chairman of the IPAF UK & Ireland mastclimber work group Darren Brady

IPAF restructures mast climber committee

The IPAF International Mast Climbing Work Platform (MCWP) Committee has been restructured. It now comprises the UK & Ireland MCWP Work Group (formerly the UK & Ireland MCWP Committee) and the MCWP Training Work Group, with other local and topic-specific work groups to be added at later date.

Kevin O'Shea, the director of safety and training for Canadian-based mast climber manufacturer Hydro Mobile, and Adrian Bolton, Alimak Hek UK's construction manager, have been appointed chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

Apollo Cradles' operations director Darren Brady has been appointed chairman of the IPAF UK & Ireland mastclimber work group with Steven McEwan of Scot-Train vice-chairman.

Speakers announced for Europlatform

This year's Europlatform access rental conference will be held on 25th September at the Hotel im Wasserturm in Cologne, Germany.

With the theme 'Positive thinking - new directions in access rental' the one-day conference will include a presentation on the relationship between rental companies and manufacturers by Don Ahern, owner of US telehandler manufacturer Xtreme Manufacturing - which also includes aerial lift manufacturer Snorkel. Gordon McGruer of wholesale rental company Kardon Contracts will discuss the management of big booms. Other speakers will include Fortrent chief executive Grigory Grif, Rival

regional director Wayne Lawson and Access International editor Euan Youdale. It will also include a roundtable discussion, and closing comments from IPAF president Steve Couling.

A tour of the Deutz factory and engine museum will take place on the 24th September followed by a networking event at the conference hotel.

For more details on the venue and registration visit: www.europlatform.info.



Parisotto is now president of the FEM MEWP Product Group

Secure when not in use

IPAF has published guidance on how to secure and store aerial work platforms in a safe manner when left unattended. The document provides guidance on how this may be achieved and is available at the Publications/Technical Guidance section of: www.ipaf.org