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ALLMI membership meetings

On 11th December, ALLMI held its second meeting of 2014 for manufacturer/service companies, which updated members on a range of industry issues as well as a host of ALLMI activities, including an update on ALLMI's training scheme review, new whole vehicle type approval guidance, a membership audit/review process planned for 2015, and new guidance information for sites on the requirements for lorry loader documentation and stabilizer deployment.

ALLMI fleet owner members also recently convened for the second time this year for an update on key industry issues, with Hannah White of Transport for London delivering a presentation on the Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) and Construction Logistics and Cyclist Safety (CLOCS), looking at the aims of the initiatives and how they tie together. Copies of the presentation are available from ALLMI and can be supplied upon request.



The manufacturer/service company members meeting was held at the Heritage Motor Centre in Gaydon

Membership review

As a result of a recent meeting of the After-Sales Working Group (ASWG), ALLMI will carry out an extensive review of its existing membership base next year.

The group's secretary, Alan Johnson, said: "A great many matters and opportunities could be addressed by a review or audit of existing members and this will be a key project for ALLMI in 2015. The review has the potential to yield a number of benefits, including unique one to one engagement with members, benchmarking businesses against the industry as a whole, and identifying further services which members may wish to receive from ALLMI."



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Market statistics

ALLMI has published its loader crane industry sales statistics for the first half of 2014, confirming an ever increasing trend in the demand for wireless remote controls, with over 60 percent of all loader cranes sold during the six months being equipped with them. The figure was as high as 93 percent for one particular sector of the market.

ALLMI chief executive, Tom Wakefield, said: "The figures demonstrate the increased popularity of remote controls and the benefits they bring to loader crane operation. However, as we have highlighted before, it is important to remember that they can create some significant potential hazards if used incorrectly and so we encourage industry stakeholders to obtain a copy of the ALLMI "Safe Use of Remotes" guidance material."

BS7121 Part 1 - update



The BSI committee, MHE/003/11 - Crane Safety & Testing, met on the 3rd December in order to work on the revision of BS7121 Part 1 and build on the progress made at the last meeting in September.

The ALLMI representative on the committee, Alan Johnson, said: "Since the initial meeting in September, a lot of work has been carried out by email consultation, with members of the committee completing early drafts of various sections. This has now been collated into a draft revision which was discussed at the December meeting, with significant progress being made on a number of fronts, most notably in gaining an appreciation over the level of clarification and explanation which will be necessary in the standard when addressing the issues of categorising lift complexities and subsequent planning requirements."

The next meeting is scheduled for mid-February with the target of producing a draft for public comment during the second/third quarter of 2015.

New WVTA guidance

Coinciding with the final stages of whole vehicle type approval (WVTA) coming into effect, ALLMI has released the third edition of its guidance to members on this subject. This edition of the guidance follows a page by page review of the previously issued information, with the aim of removing ambiguity, creating consistency of activity and, at the same time, answering a number of questions raised by ALLMI members in recent months.

Demand doubles for ALLMI manager courses

During 2014 demand for ALLMI manager courses increased 100 percent compared to 2013.

Tom Wakefield of ALLMI said: "The provision of manager courses is part of our on-going efforts to improve the level of knowledge, awareness and competency within the industry."

Demand for the courses is increasing, as companies recognise that those managers and supervisors who attend are gaining an even better understanding of the technical, legislative and operational issues relating to areas of the business for which they are responsible. The knock-on effect of this is that standards are then raised throughout the company."

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- Slinger/Signaller
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