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The NASC Code of Practice product audit applies to new product at point of entry to the UK. NASC supplier members are audited on system scaffold, tube, fittings, timber board and aluminium beam products. From 2015 the audit will incorporate unit transoms and high tensile 3.2mm tube

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One million PAL Cards

To celebrate the one millionth PAL Card ever issued, IPAF is calling for all valid PAL Card holders to enter a draw for the chance to win a free trip to the IPAF Summit and International Awards for Powered Access this March.



Five verified card holders will win the draw - which includes free flights, accommodation and gala dinner - for the event which is being held on the 25th and 26th March at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, just outside of Washington D.C., USA.

There are currently more than 500,000 valid PAL Cards worldwide.

The draw closes on 26th January, with the winners announced on 1st February. All valid PAL Card holders are invited to enter the draw by verifying their PAL Card at: www.ipaf.org/checkpal

Smart PAL Cards

IPAF has announced that all PAL Cards issued from 1st January onwards will be machine-readable Smart cards.



IPAF's new Smart PAL can be used to prevent untrained operation as well as fraudulent use.

The new card is marked by a wireless icon and has a chip embedded in it which stores basic information such as the operator's name, number and the categories they are trained in. This information will also be printed on the card to allow it to be used as a standard card.

The data in the chip is able to be read by a card reader fitted to the platform, which can be programmed to ensure that only trained operators can use aerial work platforms and mast climbers on site. The card can also be used to track which machines operators have used, as well as the duration spent on the machine, helping prevent fraudulent use.

"It is not compulsory to fit card readers on machines and the PAL Card is a recognised qualification on many job sites," said IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman. "The smartcard technology brings more options and opens up possibilities to make machine access safer and machine use more secure."

The validity of a card can be checked by using the online verification tool at: www.ipaf.org/checkpal

Judges announced for IAPAs

The judging panel for the International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs), being held on 26th March in Arlington, just outside of Washington, has been announced.

The six judges making up this year's panel are:

- Alan Dotts, sales manager - special products, Toyota Material Handling, USA
- Daniel Duclos, owner and chairman of French manufacturer ATN and rental company Acces Industrie
- Alastair Robertson, owner and president of Universal Equipment, USA
- Søren Rosenkrands, chief operations officer at Netherlands-based rental company Rival
- Alexandre Saubot, chief operating officer, Haulotte, France
- Chris Wraith, technical & safety executive, IPAF
- Non-voting chairman of the judges: Euan Youdale, editor of Access International.



For more information on the IAPAs visit: www.iapa-summit.info

IPAF's Middle East convention will be held at the Address Hotel Dubai Marina in Dubai



IPAF targets Middle East

The very first IPAF Middle East convention will be held on the 25th and 26th January 2015 at the Address Hotel Dubai Marina in the UAE. Confirmed speakers include Ali Salem, a director at the UAE ministry of labour, Mathew Cox - chairman of the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management - Middle East and IPAF's Tim Whiteman.

Jason Woods, IPAF's representative in the UAE said: "The UAE construction sector is growing at a fast pace, and so is the use of powered access equipment. Along with that, there is increased interest in finding much safer and economical ways to work at height and this brings with it challenges for safe operation of equipment. IPAF's first Middle East convention aims to address the growing interest and needs of this region."

Book your place now at: www.ipaf.org/meconvention

UK regional meetings



IPAF regional meetings take place four times a year across the UK

Don't miss the easy and cost-effective way to learn about the powered access industry at IPAF's UK regional meetings this year:

- 11th February 2015
Scotland regional meeting hosted by Nationwide Platforms
- 29th April 2015
North East regional meeting hosted by Trainrite
- 9th September 2015
West Midlands regional meeting hosted by IAPS Group
- 2nd December 2015
West London regional meeting hosted by AFI-Uplift

Details at: www.ipaf.org/events

Save the date!

IPAF will host a UK member event on 15th October 2015, which will combine discussions on safety and good practice with networking in a relaxed setting. More details can be found at: www.ipaf.org/events