

Summit 2006

Work Safely at Height
Conference. AGM
and Annual Dinner
Whittlebury Hall,
Northamptonshire, UK
Tuesday, 4th April 2006

"Work safely at height" is the theme of this year's IPAF Access Summit. Entrance to the Summit is free and open to all interested parties, not just IPAF members. It will be held on April 4th at Whittlebury Hall, near Milton Keynes. The event will round off with a complimentary cocktail reception and dinner (at £49.95 per person, discounts for large groups available).



"We warmly welcome non-members as well as IPAF members to attend the Access Summit," said Tim Whiteman, Managing Director of IPAF. "Do bring along your colleagues and customers, and everyone who is involved in work at height. You will gain an in-depth view of the powered access industry, meet business contacts and spend an enjoyable time in a first-class location. You will also learn a lot from the panel of expert speakers that we have lined up."

The Summit

The Summit features speakers who will address issues related to safety, training, market trends and technical standards.

The speakers and their subjects

Are you working safely at height?
Gil Male, IPAF Technical Officer and



Gil Male

former HSE principal specialist inspector, analyses accident statistics collated by the HSE. Male played a key role in formulating and providing practical input and comment on health and safety regulations related to the use of mobile equipment and continues to be closely involved in developing the British standards for the safe use of MEWPs and for delivery of training for work at height.

At the Summit, he will also discuss the ongoing revision of EN280, which is expected to allow an over-ride of load and moment sensing systems to rescue trapped operators. **Will platforms be safer for it?**

IPAF issued a record 53,646 PAL Cards (Powered Access Licences) last year. Is the market for operator training reaching saturation? Kevin Appleton, CEO of Lavendon, the parent of Nationwide in the UK and Zoom in continental Europe, and the largest IPAF training provider, argues that the market is just starting to take off.



Kevin Appleton

What about the market for platforms? How many are there and how many will be sold this year?

Murray Pollok, Editor of *Access International* and *International Rental News*, has been writing about the access industry for over 10 years, and will present a snapshot of the current UK access market.



Richard Lockwood

Improving safety is not just an issue for large corporations. Small and medium sized enterprises can profit too. Richard Lockwood, Head of the Construction Division at the HSE, looks at how the HSE is encouraging small businesses to work safely at height.

Safety also means being able to select the right equipment for the job, ranging

from MEWPs to scaffolds and ladders. David Walker, Chairman, and Don Aers, Vice President, of the British Ladder Manufacturers Association, examine where and when ladders can be best used to work at height.

Mast climbing work platforms (MCWPs) are profiting from growing interest. Kevin O'Shea of Mastclimbers LLC discusses what it is like to pioneer use of the PAL Card and MCWPs in the USA.

Can aerial platform companies be a good risk? Joe Henderson, CEO of Henderson's Insurance Brokers, believes that they can.

Special guest speaker at the Summit is Oliver Favre. Oliver holds the world record for high diving, having jumped 54

metres into a Swiss lake. He reveals the intense preparations needed for a high diver to work safely and draws some general lessons to be learned. Favre will be demonstrating his skills during Intermat in Paris this April, as part of the live demonstrations hosted by IPAF.

The Summit will be followed by a cocktail reception and the IPAF Annual Dinner.

After-dinner entertainment will be provided by Quentin Willson, who is best known for his hit series *Britain's Worst Driver* on Channel Five.



Quentin Willson

He also remains one of the best known motoring authorities in the UK, recently winning the prestigious Motoring Writer of the Year award. Quentin pens a weekly column for *The Sunday Mirror*, and has appeared on scores of radio and TV shows.

IPAF Council

Several IPAF Council members are up for re-election at the AGM, while Andrew Reid of SGB-Mastclimbers is running for president, replacing Pierre Saubot, who completes his two-year term.

Bill Lasky of JLG Industries will stand for deputy president, while John Ball of Height for Hire, Ireland is standing for vice president.



Oliver Favre



**Work Safely
at Height**

14.00 Introduction from Tim Whiteman, IPAF managing director, and Andrew Reid, incoming IPAF President

14.10 Gil Male, IPAF technical officer and former head of Engineering Plant Group - HSE

What are common accidents on MEWPs and what can we learn from them?

14.30 Kevin Appleton, CEO of Lavendon

PAL Cards – are we just scratching the surface? Is the UK market for operator training approaching saturation? Nationwide is the UK's biggest provider, but Appleton thinks the market is still in its development stage.

15.00 Murray Pollok, Editor of Access International and International Rental News

How many platforms are there in the UK hire fleet? How many will be bought this year? What is the average age of the fleet?

15.15 Richard Lockwood, HSE, Head of Construction Division

Protecting decorators and SMEs from dangerous falls from height – how the HSE is encouraging small businesses to work safely at height.

15.45 Tea and coffee

16.00 Gil Male, IPAF technical officer

Will the current revision of European Standard EN280 make platforms safer? How do design requirements change as a result?

16.20 David Walker, chairman of the British Ladder Manufacturers Association (BLMA), and managing director of Ladder & Fencing Industries (Newent) Ltd, and Don Aers, vice president of BLMA and technical manager of Youngman Group Ltd

Walker and Aers enter the lion's den with a presentation about where and when ladders can be the best way to work at height.

16.40 Kevin O'Shea, Mastclimbers LLC

What is it like to pioneer the use of the PAL Card and mast climbing work platforms in the USA?

17.00 Joe Henderson, CEO of Henderson's Insurance Brokers

Henderson talks about how aerial platform companies can be a good risk.

17.20 Oliver Favre, holder of the world record for high diving

Favre became a world record holder with a 54m leap into an icy Swiss lake. He reveals the meticulous planning that is needed for a high diver to work safely and looks at what lessons can be learned.

18.30 Cocktail reception

19.30 IPAF Annual Dinner

After-dinner speaker:

Quentin Willson, from the hit TV series Britain's Worst Driver

One of the best known motoring authorities in the UK, Willson draws on his wide experience to deliver some hilarious entertainment.

HOW TO BOOK

The Access Summit is free and open to all interested parties. To register, call 015395 62444 or e-mail info@ipaf.org

Tickets for the Annual Dinner must be booked in advance and cost £49.95 + VAT per person. Book a table for 10 and get an extra ticket free. Total price for 11 tickets is £499.50 + VAT. Book a table for 25 and get a 15% discount. Please call 015395 62444 or e-mail info@ipaf.org

To book accommodation at Whittlebury Hall, call 01327 857857, e-mail sales@whittleburyhall.co.uk or visit www.whittleburyhall.co.uk. Mention the special IPAF Summit room rate and booking reference number 10352.

THE VENUE

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Set in the Northamptonshire countryside next to the world famous Silverstone formula one track, Whittlebury Hall is one of Britain's leading training and leisure facilities. It offers excellent accommodation and golf facilities, with a gym and health spa. IPAF is organising a free shuttle from London Luton Airport to the venue. Contact info@ipaf.org for details.

For further directions, visit www.whittleburyhall.co.uk



IPAF GOLF CHALLENGE

IPAF is holding its Golf Challenge on Monday, April 3rd the day before the Summit. The four-ball tournament is free and open to golfers of all standards. Do book early as places are limited.

To register, call 015395 62444 or e-mail info@ipaf.org

Time:

Meet at 13.45 on Monday, April 3rd

Location:

Whittlebury Park Golf & Country Club



EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Monday, April 3rd 2006 IPAF Golf Challenge

Tuesday, April 4th 2006 IPAF Council Meeting and AGM, Access Summit, Cocktail Reception, Annual Dinner

Wednesday, April 5th 2006

UK & Ireland MCWP Committee Meeting, IPAF Rental+ Meeting

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

1. Get valuable insights from expert speakers on issues related to work at height.
2. Learn how to select the right machine for the job.
3. Network with customers, competitors and suppliers.
4. Find out what powered access can do for your business.
5. Catch up on the latest news and trends in the industry.
6. Enjoy top-class entertainment at the IPAF Annual Dinner, the ideal place to entertain staff and customers.
7. Take up the IPAF Golf Challenge the day before the Summit.