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2016/17 review

ALLMI has reported yet another year of significant growth and progress, with a further rise in membership and a record year for training activity, along with developments on a number of project related fronts.

Chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "We are extremely pleased with the 2016/17 financial year results, as well as the level of positive and high-profile activity we have been engaged in during the period. Demand has risen for all of our lifting team related training courses, and an increasing number of companies are recognising the value of being part of the ALLMI membership."

Chairman, Mark Rigby, added: "As well as meeting the demands of our ongoing growth, we have taken significant steps forward in a number of areas, from strengthening our position in the construction sector by way of Build UK membership and CSCS approval, to the development of guidance documents and standards on a raft of issues affecting lorry loaders. We have also made excellent progress on the ALLMI smartphone app which is currently out for final-stage beta testing, as well as a host of other IT related projects that will benefit members and training providers, and will come to fruition in 2017. In addition, we have new faces on the ALLMI board and have further developed the association's committee structure, all of which helps to improve the flow of information and expertise coming from within the membership, standing us in good stead going forward. We would encourage anyone interested in training or membership, or requiring general assistance with lorry loader related matters, to contact us."

ALLMI in the wind turbine sector

ALLMI's involvement in the wind turbine sector has been strengthened, with Boston Energy joining the association as a Service Company member.

Already a provider of ALLMI training, Boston Energy carries out assembly, commissioning, service and maintenance work on over 1800 wind turbines throughout Europe, many of which are fitted with loader cranes inside the turbine's nacelle. Jason Kennan, the company's technical & training manager said: "We pride ourselves in working to high standards, and a commitment to quality, health and safety throughout all aspects of the business. Joining ALLMI was, therefore, a natural progression for us, especially as we have been using the association's training programmes for some time.

Membership provides us with an excellent level of support and guidance, which assists us in keeping abreast of technical and legislative developments. It also ensures that our interests are represented in an industry which is crucial to our business."



Uptake of ALLMI's Crane Supervisor Course increased by 78% in 2016/17

Increased demand for Crane Supervisor training

The importance and credibility of ALLMI's Crane Supervisor course continues to grow, with the association experiencing a 78 percent increase in demand during its 2016/17 financial year.

ALLMI training officer and lead crane supervisor instructor, Jon Kenyon said: "The Crane Supervisor controls the lifting operation and is responsible for ensuring that it is carried out in accordance with the Appointed Person's safe system of work. The ALLMI course is designed to assist employers in meeting their obligations under BS7121 Part 4, and it equips those looking to fulfil the Crane Supervisor role with the required technical and legislative knowledge, as well as a high level of practical skills."

Modular building supplier SiBCAS has put several members of its team through the ALLMI programme. One of the course candidates was safety, health and environment advisor and training manager, Morven Maclean, who said: "Safety and standards are paramount at SiBCAS and so the ALLMI Crane Supervisor course was a logical choice for us. We were very impressed with the quality of the content and documentation, and the way in which the training constantly refers back to the requirements of BS7121 Part 4. In my opinion, it was extremely worthwhile and I would recommend it to others looking to fulfil this lifting team role."

Market statistics released

The ALLMI loader crane industry sales figures for 2016 have now been published. Compiled by an independent third party, with the involvement of the majority of manufacturers, the statistics are broken down into categories based on the tonne/metre rating of the equipment, as well as by application.

Demand for remote controls continues to grow, with over half of all cranes invoiced now equipped with them - and as high as 98 percent in one particular sector of the market. The continuing popularity of remote controls reflects the benefits they bring to loader crane operation. However, it is important to remember that they can create some significant potential hazards if used incorrectly. Therefore, users are encouraged to take note of the association's freely available "Safe Use of Remote Controls" material, which includes a web-based video, an information leaflet aimed at operators and supervisors, and a ready-made toolbox-talk template. For copies, visit www.allmi.com.

