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# Global fleet nears 1.5 million

The powered access rental market is still booming, with the worldwide fleet nearing 1.5 million units, but uncertainty clouds longer term outlooks, according to the latest market analysis from IPAF.

For the past two years, IPAF's Powered Access Rental Market Report was positive across the board, with the US exceeding expectations, while the European market also sustained growth across most key indicators. In the UK and some Nordic countries, however, growth stalled and outlooks have become more pessimistic. In the UK intense competition and uncertainty linked to Brexit caused rental rates to fall two percent. Rental companies in Nordic countries, especially Denmark and Finland also faced strong overall pressure on rates, which remained static. Platform rental still outstripped construction growth in Denmark, Germany, Sweden and the UK.

The Powered Access Global Rental Market Report is compiled each year by DuckerFrontier for IPAF. The 2019 edition is available to buy now, while last year's can be purchased at a discount and older versions downloaded free at [www.ipaf.org/reports](http://www.ipaf.org/reports)



## New 'Super PDS' format for UK training instructors

A newly formatted annual IPAF Professional Development Seminar for all training instructors and managers in the UK will be held on 17th September at the Holiday Inn Birmingham. Speakers will include Ray Cooke, head of the HSE's Construction Sector Safety Team, and Richard Lofts of Nationwide Platforms, current chairman of the IPAF Training Committee.

Training operations co-ordinator Susan Foster said: "The PDS programme is an important part of how IPAF keeps its instructors and training managers up to date with the latest industry developments and improvements to IPAF courses and training materials. Last year we responded to requests for smaller, bespoke events in different locations around the UK, this year in order to get as many of our instructors together in one room and to continue to attract a high calibre of speaker, we decided to change the format to a single 'Super' PDS, but will still host multiple regional PDS events in alternating years."

Booking will open shortly with a special B&B rate of £100 for those wishing to stay at the hotel ahead of the event.



## First speakers confirmed for Europlatform

The first speakers have been announced for Europlatform 2019, at the Hotel Le Negresco in Nice, France, on 3rd October. Speakers will include: Olivier Colleau of Kiloutou, David McNicholas of AFI-Uplift, Clotilde Jouette of Avesco Rent, Audrey Courant of DuckerFrontier and Valeriy Klimenko of FortRent and president of the Russian Construction Equipment Association - NAAST.

Tim Whiteman of IPAF said: "Last year's Europlatform in Belfast was the best attended yet and heard from a superb line-up of speakers. This year's event in Nice will once again present an exceptional line up, I urge all those interested in excellence and innovation in the powered access industry in to book now." Visit [www.europlatform.info](http://www.europlatform.info)



## IPAF partners with Henderson insurance

Henderson Insurance Brokers, an AON company, has been appointed as IPAF's preferred insurance partner in a move that will benefit IPAF members in the UK and Ireland. The company also becomes the third IPAF Sustaining Member. Henderson has committed to working with IPAF to help find insurance deals for IPAF members, offering a 'one stop shop' for a range of products. IPAF and Henderson will also explore the possibility of an extended range of employee benefits including health insurance.

IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman said: "It was a key objective of Nick Selley, IPAF's Immediate past president that we should explore such opportunities to increase the range of member benefits IPAF offers, this new partnership does just that."

## Jean Harrison retires

Jean Harrison has retired from IPAF after more than 27 years' distinguished service in a variety of roles. She stepped down from the role of membership officer and events & committee coordinator following a rousing send off at the IPAF Scottish Regional Meeting in Glasgow, and a celebratory meal with around 30 colleagues past and present.

Chief executive Tim Whiteman said: "Jean has had many roles during her time with IPAF, and has always embraced new responsibilities and technological innovations with enthusiasm. From helping to make the first ever IPAF PAL Cards after she joined in the mid-1990s, to demonstrating a VR Simulator, the industry has certainly changed during her time at IPAF and Jean moved with the times. On behalf of members and colleagues, thank you Jean and very best wishes for an enjoyable and well-earned retirement!"

