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PASMA Conference

2019 In September, a record 170 representatives from the scaffold tower industry came together for PASMA's annual conference. The theme of the day was how towers can be used safely in a surprisingly wide range of work at height scenarios.

As well as a jam packed programme of presentations and breakout sessions, delegates were able to explore an outdoor Tower Showcase, a display of towers being used in smart, innovative ways - from the simplest podiums

and mobile access towers, to more complex structures involving cantilevers, bridges and stairs and finally, non standard configurations that are built to specification by PASMA's Hire & Assembly members.







appointment he said: "Having literally grown up in the access industry, I joined the family company in 1990 and since then I have worked in every area of the business from the warehouse to sales, through to purchasing, and today as managing director. During this time, I have witnessed huge change in the market and TB Davies has always

focused on the long term with tower scaffold a cornerstone of the portfolio. I would like to bring that experience to PASMA to assist in whatever way possible to maintain a safe and sustainable environment for the user and wider industry."

New chairman for PASMA

Gillian Rutter's term as PASMA chairman came to an end in September, with Roger Verallo, managing director of Euro Towers taking over. He has been involved in the sale and manufacture of aluminium towers since 1977 and his close involvement with PASMA goes back to 1985, when he became a committee member. He was first elected chairman in 2009 and takes on the role for a third time

Speaking at PASMA's Annual Member's Meeting, he said: "I believe that working safely at height should be the aim of everyone who is involved in this industry, whether it's on a tower, a ladder, or an aerial work platform. Safe products, safe working practice, save environment and safety training should be not just a wish but a right."



PASMA helps prepare for **Brexit**

PASMA will be helping the industry prepare for a 'No Deal' Brexit on 31st October, having received funding from the government's Business Readiness Fund, as part of a joint application by Hire Association Europe (HAE), the Event Hire Association (EHA) and the Access Industry Forum (AIF), of which PASMA is a member.

PASMA instructor training upcoming dates

Anyone wishing to become a PASMA instructor should contact karen. oneill@pasma.co.uk to enquire about availability on the following instructor training courses:

- 21 25 October (Kent)
- 25 29 November (Gloucestershire)
- 16 18 December (Essex)

PASMA instructors looking to upskill can book places on the following courses, which are being held in Essex:

- 26 November (Low Level & Work at Height)
- 19 December (Towers with Cantilevers)

AIF Conference set to shape the work at height agenda

A total of 13 speakers will address the Access Industry Forum's (AIF's) second national conference Working at height: Access for life on Thursday, 14th November at the A J Bell Stadium, Salford. They will talk about the issues and topics set to shape the future of work at height safety in a sector which saw 40 fatalities in 2018/19 according to figures released by the Health & Safety Executive.

The keynote address 'Working at height: State of play' will be delivered by Sarah Jardine, acting head of the HSE's Construction division, who will talk about the UK's current position and standing on safety generally, the latest trends and developments and, significantly, the HSE's formal response to the inquiry recommendations of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Working at Height.

The conference will include presentations from AFI-Uplift, Arup, RoSPA, Transport for London, the **Government Office for Product** Safety and Standards, the Health and Safety Lawyers' Association, the No Falls Foundation charity and the National Farmers' Union (NFU). The speakers, which include Jason

Anker, Paul Blanchard and Dylan Skelhorn of the No Falls Foundation, they will cover topics ranging from access and the role of virtual reality to mental health awareness and managing risk. Delegates will also learn about the latest and impending standards, guidance and legislation in the work at height sector. Tickets are available from accessindustryforum.org.uk/aifwork-at-height-conference-2019/ conference



For more information about the Access Industry Forum (AIF) and the No Falls Foundation charity for working at height, please visit www.accessindustryforum.org.uk and www.nofallsfoundation.org