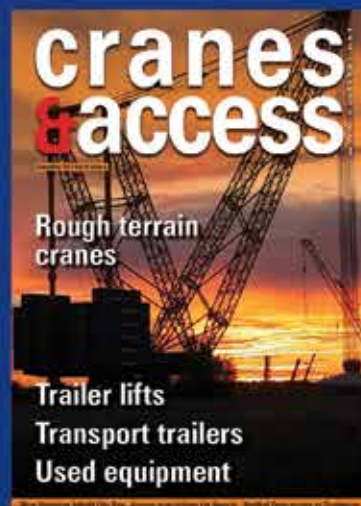
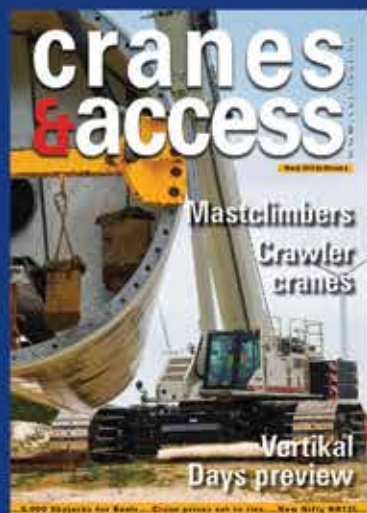


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Don Kenny to speak at Europlatform

Don Kenny, chief executive of Loxam's Access business has been confirmed as the keynote speaker for IPAF's annual Europlatform conference to be held at the Europa Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland, on 11th October.

Kenny will talk on 'What makes a successful access business?' Other speakers include: Nina Aasland of Naboen, Brad Boehler of Skyjack, Ian Cameron of Diesel Progress International magazine and Julie Houston Smyth of Highway Plant and chairman of the IPAF Irish Council.



Don Kenny

There will also be a panel discussion, entitled 'Electrifying your fleet', involving Jos van Grootveld of Smart Platform Solutions, Arnold Grootveld of Dutch rental company Hoogwerkt, John Ball of the Access Link and Velocity Rental Solutions and Stéphane Hubert of Haulotte.

See www.europlatform.info for details.

IPAF to host new event 'Elevation'

IPAF will host a new UK conference and dinner at the DoubleTree Hotel in Coventry on 25th September.

Speakers will include: Jo Fautley of Build UK, Mark Noonan of the CITB, Ray Cooke of the Construction Sector Safety Unit of the HSE, Malcolm Bowers of Lifterz and Paul Lindup of Network Rail Infrastructure's Construction and Engineering Air Operations.

The conference will be followed by a dinner which will include a number of competitions involving the association's new VR training simulator and to find the best promotional video for IPAF training. Send submissions to: Faith Cobaine: faith.cobaine@ipaf.org by 15 September.

visit www.ipaf.org/elevation for more details and prices.



IPAF at Work At Height Seminar

IPAF attended the London Work At Height Seminar on 6th July at London's Guildhall to highlight updates to its training, along with news about IPAF's input into new British standards and the All Party parliamentary group of MPs looking into falls from height.

IPAF was represented by Richard Whiting and Paul Roddis, who discussed the latest innovations in IPAF PAL Card operator training, including an update to the New Generation (eLearning) module and the upcoming overhaul of the MEWPs for Managers course. They also took part in an informal Access Industry Forum (AIF) question & answer session, aimed at those with queries about safety and training matters relating to temporary work at height using powered access equipment.



Richard Whiting on the mike



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IPAF focus

First IPAF Rental+ workshop held

IPAF has held the first of a series of special workshops aimed at helping rental members in the UK make the transition to the minimum audit standard in line with IPAF Rental+ requirements, which has been mandatory since 1st September last year. The workshop was held at Spanset's offices in Cheshire, with around 15 rental companies represented.

Richard Whiting, IPAF's UK market general manager, welcomed attendees, while Lynn Price, IPAF's audit and quality manager, gave additional background and led discussions about the process as it stands. Delegates provided suggestions as to how IPAF could better support members, and one of IPAF's UK auditors went through the audit questions and gave practical advice on what could be provided for each in order to demonstrate compliance.

For a full list of IPAF Rental+ workshops and to book your place see ipaf.org/events

IPAF responds to UK Parliamentary inquiry

IPAF is a key contributor to the UK All Party Parliamentary Group, led by Alison Thewliss - the member of parliament for Glasgow Central - that is looking at falls from height in the work place. IPAF members were asked for input to the initial consultation by the group, which helped formulate IPAF's official input.



Alison Thewliss

"Falls that cause injuries or fatalities when working at height are usually because it is temporary work at height, with a specific time frame, often requested of someone not used to carrying out work at height. Many people do not realise that powered access is the safest way to carry out such work, and that it should be properly planned and executed by trained operators using the correct equipment for the job."

"IPAF advocates the use of an approved mode of powered access for all temporary work at height, other types of equipment should not be used to carry out work that they are not designed for."

IPAF's response to the inquiry also stated that there should be more training for operators and managers of work at height using aerial work platforms or mast climbers, better site supervision, and tougher enforcement. Companies asking employees to complete temporary work at height should be sanctioned if putting untrained staff in unfamiliar situations without the right equipment or Personal Protection Equipment.