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Manitowoc goes with CM Labs simulators

Manitowoc has commissioned Canada's CM Labs to develop crane simulators for its Crane Control System (CCS), which is now used on most of its Grove, Potain and Manitowoc cranes. The CM Vortex simulators are intended to help distributors educate crane operators on the use and benefits of the CCS system and are being delivered to distributors, large contractors and training operations such as the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE).

The simulators incorporate a range of true to life jobsite applications, while replicating the functionality and behaviour of the crane. The first units are based on a Grove RT540E Rough Terrain crane. All Terrain crane service director John Alexander said: "We selected CM Labs because they are the leader in crane simulation, with their top quality solutions already widely deployed at training organisations. Many of our clients are already using CM Labs simulators every day."



Huisman & ATC offer API training in Singapore

Dutch heavy crane manufacturer Huisman has signed a partnership agreement with Australasian Training Company (ATC) to offer training packages, including offshore crane operator, offshore rigger, offshore crane inspector and other training packages and competency assurance solutions in Singapore.

Huisman and ATC claim to be the only parties offering American Petroleum Institute RP2D and Spec 2C training courses for crane operators, riggers and inspectors in Singapore, and thus the only service providers in the wider region offering offshore crane training and qualifications to Australian, British and American standards from a single location.

Huisman Far East Services managing director Nuphar Notschaele said: "ATC Offshore and Huisman Far East Services have recognised the need for certification and qualifications in accordance with multiple international standards and regulatory bodies. We understand the challenges faced

when trainees are obliged to attend multiple locations and providers to obtain or revalidate existing licensing and qualifications."



IPAF training in Russian

IPAF has launched its first Russian language training programme leading to the issue of its PAL card.

The launch was announced at the International Rental and Construction Forum in Sochi, Russia shortly after the new training material was used for the first time at an accredited training centre in Kazakhstan.



A-Plant apprentice award

A-Plant has won the North West regional employer of the year apprenticeship award in the UK government's National Apprenticeship Awards.

Head of training Bob Harper said: "Apprentices are a vital part of A-Plant's future and this latest acknowledgement is testament to the company's commitment to training the next generation of future leaders. Last year we invested more than £2 million in our apprenticeship programme and we currently have over 150 apprentices in all areas from engineering and customer service to plant maintenance and driving."

LEEA training scholarship

The Lifting Equipment Engineers Association (LEEA) has launched the Derrick Bailes Scholarship scheme in which LEEA members can nominate candidates to undertake initial training provided by LEEA's Academy eLearning portal.

The scholarship is a one year programme in which six selected candidates – one from each of the association's six regions – will be able to take up two eLearning courses currently provided by LEEA free of charge.



Who trained him then?

Spotted by a reader in Wellingborough, UK, a man standing on a pallet atop a fork attachment on a telehandler to reach the roof, with seemingly no safety equipment or harness. There is also an empty scissor lift right next to him which would have been much more suitable! After being caught in the act, the man was briefed by our correspondent on the risks he was taking and pointed towards IPAF training.

