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Wishing you all a very happy Holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous year in 2019.

From all of us at the Vertikal Press

IPAF PAL Cards can carry CSCS logo in 2019

From 2019 IPAF will be able to offer the CSCS logo on its PAL Card operator licences in the UK. The move is in line with a requirement from Build UK - which represents some of the country's largest contractors - restricting site access to holders of such cards. The system allowing IPAF to produce PAL Cards with a CSCS logo should be available from 3rd January.



Not every operator that holds a PAL Card requires access to construction sites, while others may already hold an associated trade or recognised CSCS partner card. However IPAF acknowledges that in some instances aerial work platform operators, installation engineers, training instructors, or delivery drivers may be required to have the CSCS logo on their PAL Card to allow access to UK construction sites.

Giles Councill of IPAF said: "From 2019 it will be possible to apply the CSCS logo to PAL Cards issued in the UK, provided the holder has undertaken a CITB or other recognised Health, Safety & Environment test, valid at the point of application for the card."

PAL Card holders who need even occasional access to major UK Construction sites and who do not already hold another accreditation recognised under the CSCS partner scheme are advised to contact the training centre where their card was issued. While candidates undergoing training or refresher courses should ask the training centre how to obtain a PAL Card with CSCS logo.

Haulotte becomes IPAF sustaining member

Haulotte has become the first sustaining member of IPAF, a new membership category for organisations that wish to emphasise commitment to the ongoing aim of promoting the safe and effective use of powered access. Sustaining membership includes all of the company's 20 subsidiaries worldwide.

For more information about becoming a sustaining member of IPAF, please email members@ipaf.org

IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman said: "The new membership category is designed to recognise the importance of IPAF's initiatives and how they contribute to the success, health, sustainability and profitability of the powered access industry. We are pleased that Haulotte has become the first manufacturer to become a sustaining member by signing a new comprehensive global group membership agreement."

Stéphane Hubert of Haulotte (L) with IPAF's Tim Whiteman.



New safety publication

A safety document entitled 'Rescue of Persons from MEWPs' is now freely available. Published by the UK's Strategic Forum Plant Safety Group the 10 page publication provides guidance to put plans in place to rescue powered access users if they ever become stranded at height.

IPAF technical and safety director Andrew Delahunt said: "We now have a simple document to guide users and managers in how to plan for rescue situations. Planning is critical to use a platform safely at height. By including rescue planning and the appropriate methods to recover personnel if necessary, this potentially life saving action can be properly prepared for."

The publication can be downloaded free of charge from IPAF's website www.ipaf.org/guidance



IPAF Summit and IAPA nominations



A reminder that the 2019 IPAF Summit will be held at the Radisson Blu Dubai Deira Creek Hotel, Dubai, UAE, on Wednesday 6th March, while nominations for the International Awards for Powered Access are set to close this week. Entry forms are available at www.iapa-summit.info.

Attendees can also join a tour of the Dubai depot of local rental company Manlift. Numbers are limited and can only be booked in conjunction with the IPAF Summit & IAPAs. A non refundable charge will apply.

Instructors' 2018 PDS programme completed in the UK

IPAF's annual Professional Development Seminar (PDS) programme for its accredited instructors and training managers has been completed in the UK, with three events in Leeds, Luton and for the first time in Scotland.

More than 200 delegates attended the events and heard from a variety of speakers including representatives from the CITB, the Mast and Tower Safety (MATS) group and TVH, as well as IPAF's own training staff.

It is important that accredited IPAF instructors engage with the PDS programme, which helps ensure they are up to date with the latest developments, while allowing them to give input and feedback on IPAF's training and updates. PDS events are still underway around the world, with one in Mexico month, and further events in Germany, Switzerland and Brazil in the new year.

Andrew Delahunt IPAF Director of Technical & Safety.



Elevation 2019



IPAF has confirmed that it will hold the second Elevation conference in the UK at the same venue as this year - the DoubleTree hotel in Coventry on Wednesday, 27th November.