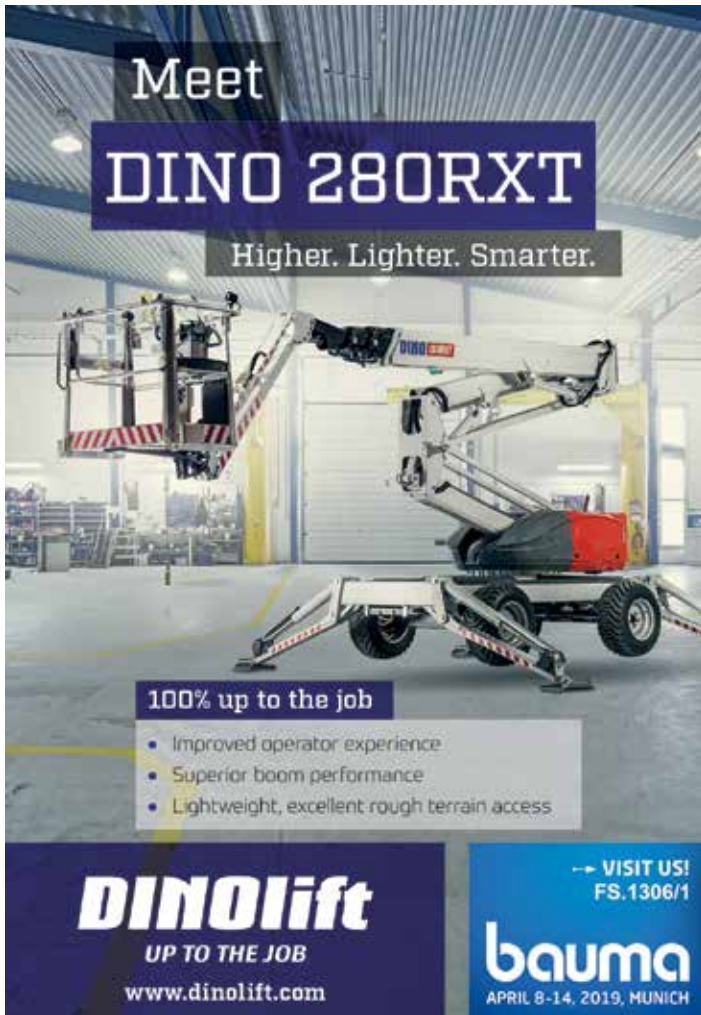


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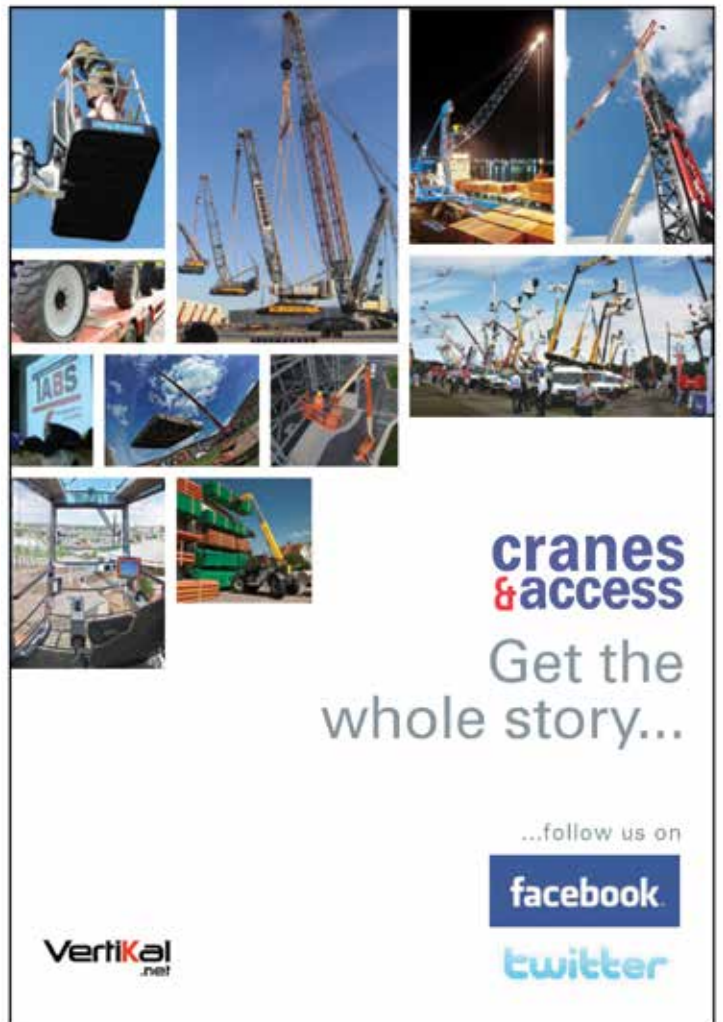


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# New reporting and possible financial penalties for workplace falls in UK

A more robust system of reporting workplace falls, overseen by a new independent body and a major review of work at height culture that will consider the introduction of tough financial penalties for safety breaches are just two of the key findings of an All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) led by Alison Thewliss MP.



Alison Thewliss

IPAF contributed to the consultation into safe working at height and was represented by UK market general manager Richard Whiting and ex-IPAF board member Peter Douglas. Among the recommended steps to curb falls from height in the workplace are improvements to the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) system to better capture data on falls from height, to create a true picture of the number of falls that occur and the reasons behind them.



The report also advocates the creation of an independent body to oversee the reporting of falls, and tax breaks for companies that invest in safety technology, while rolling out an equivalent to Scotland's Fatal Accident Inquiry system across the UK.

## IPAF reverses deficit

**IPAF experienced a strong year in 2018, growing across the board in terms of membership, training, territories covered and an 8.5 percent rise in revenues helping reverse its 2017 deficit. Improved income from events and a 5.8 percent increase in training revenue contributed to the turnaround. The figures - detailed in IPAF's Annual Report, published in eight languages including Chinese - shows membership increased from 1,322 at the end of 2017 to 1,335 last year, extending IPAF's footprint into 66 territories worldwide, including Kazakhstan, where training was translated and delivered for the first time in Russian.**

Last year 165,787 people successfully completed an IPAF course - increased demand for training was particularly pronounced in Ireland, Spain, Denmark, the Middle East and the Quebec, where IPAF members were able to offer French language tuition.

Speaking at IPAF's AGM president Nick Selley said: "IPAF continues to work tirelessly to improve standards and reduce accidents and has made strides in identifying pathways to apprenticeships and qualified service technician status, which define new career paths in our industry."

Chief executive Tim Whiteman added: "Thanks to the dedication of IPAF's board, council, committees, members and staff working across almost 70 countries, the deficit reported at the end of the 2017-18 financial year was reversed. As a result, IPAF entered 2019 more resilient, able to adapt to growing global demand for its quality training, technical and safety guidance, and to embrace exciting new opportunities."

The IPAF Annual Report 2018 is available now in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Chinese and Spanish, and free to download from [www.ipaf.org/annual-report](http://www.ipaf.org/annual-report)



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## Dubai Summit

The 2019 IPAF Summit & IAPAs was held in the Middle East for the first time earlier this month, with speakers including Matt Fearon of Genie, Erhan Acar of Rent Rise, Jim Colvin, of Serious Labs, Benjamin Legg of SHE, Prakash Senghani of Aecom, and Peter Schrader of Zeppelin Rental. The topic of the conference was getting ready for digitisation and issues such as telematics, virtual and augmented reality, Lean management principles and business sustainability were prominent themes.

In the morning of the Summit Nick Selley of AFI Uplift stepped down as president, having served his two year term, handing over to Brad Boehler of Skyjack. Norty Turner of United Rentals was appointed deputy president and Karin Nars of Dinolift vice president.

In the evening of the Summit the annual IAPAs prizegiving ceremony and dinner, saw John L Grove, founder of JLG, receive the Lifetime Achievement award posthumously, while Jean Harrison IPAF's long serving membership officer & event coordinator, received the IPAF President's Award, for her contribution to the federation in a variety of roles over more than 25 years with IPAF.

Other awards included:

**Product of the Year - Vehicle/trailer-mounted:**

Bronto Skylift, for its 35 metre S35EM truck mount.

**Product of the Year - Scissor Lifts and Vertical Masts:**

Hybeko, Norway, for its Tunnel 3390 RT scissor lift

**Product of the Year - Self-propelled Booms & Atrium Lifts:**

Almac, for its Jibbi 1250 Evo tracked boom.

**Product of the Year - Mast Climbing Work Platforms/Hoists:**

Alimak for its Mammoth TM

**Innovative Technology:** Skyjack for its Elevate On App

**Training Instructor of the Year:**

Charlie Ellis - Nationwide Platforms, UK

**Training Centre of the Year:** ALS Safety, UK

**Contribution to Safe**

**Working at Height:**

Proud2bsafe, UK

**Powered Access Pioneer:**

Dingli, China

**Digital Development:**

JLG Industries, for its BIM library

**Access Rental Company of**

**the Year:** A-Plant, UK

Next year's IPAF Summit will be held in London, on 23rd April.



Norty Turner, Karin Nars, Brad Boehler and Tim Whiteman