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# IPAF operator apps

A partnership agreement has been signed between IPAF and Trackunit to develop and deliver a new digital operator app called ePAL, which will be free to use and will feature a digital IPAF PAL Card, logbook, and operator safety guides. Launch is planned for April, and it will initially be offered in English with other languages to follow. It will be available for Apple iOS and Android devices and will be continually updated with additional features added as usage demands and technology allows.

Peter Douglas said: "Developing this app is a key priority, with Trackunit bringing its considerable technical expertise to bear to roll this out in 2021, delivering a digital solution to connect IPAF and the operator for the first time. ePAL will bring benefits for operators and training centres alike, will allow users to store their digital PAL Card and logbook and to help communicate important safety and technical messages direct to the operator."

"IPAF members will be involved as much as possible, in shaping the future of technological advancements such as this. These are exciting times."

Søren Brogaard of Trackunit added: "The App will be a real game changer for the industry, allowing aerial lift and mast climber operators to store and share their training accreditation, log equipment usage, gain access to machines and geo-fenced work sites safely and securely, and to obtain important safety and technical information."



# IPAF members key part of supply chain

IPAF has assured its UK members and the wider industry that powered access operations remain a vital part of construction, facilities, processing and logistics supply chains, and as such companies should continue to operate during the latest national lockdown, in line with safety guidance.

Chief executive Peter Douglas said: "During the first lockdown last year, IPAF successfully lobbied the UK Government, Build UK and the UK HSE to secure important guidance and assurances that our members provide a vital means of safe work at height on construction sites and in maintenance, logistics and processing tasks, and as such their operatives were exempt from the stay at home advice. We have developed a safety best practice guidance to ensure day to day operations, operator training, and back office functions may continue. IPAF's Training Centre network in the UK remains open for business and can now offer the widest possible range of eLearning and remote instructor led courses."

"It is important as we move through the next few weeks and months that all IPAF member companies, trained operators, managers and delivery drivers are able to operate as usual. There is no excuse for compromising on safety when working with powered access to work at height, and IPAF can offer a range of materials and advice to aid compliance with the latest Covid security protocols."

"All of the safety guidance we have issued since the pandemic began is reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis. IPAF members and PAL Card holders can be reassured they can continue to travel to work and to access Build UK sites. Likewise, IPAF Training Centres are able to continue to assist new candidates and existing PAL Card holders requiring new category or renewal training."

Find the latest Covid-19 guidance and related materials via [www.ipaf.org/resources](http://www.ipaf.org/resources), contact IPAF if you have any specific enquiries.



# IPAF training now available in Swedish

IPAF training is now available in Swedish for the first time, to meet growing demand in the region. All instructor led training materials have been translated and is available through IPAF Training Centres in Sweden. It can also be offered in other countries, providing the instructor assessing the course is fluent in Swedish. There are also plans to develop the language into eLearning.



IPAF training in Sweden is currently offered by accredited training company Lipac, which has five locations across the country, however additional training centres are working on their accreditation. Demand across the Nordic region is connected to major international contractors stipulating that all operators on site must have IPAF Powered Access Licence (PAL) Cards or be IPAF PAL+ certified.

Regional representative Kent Boström said: "Training to this standard has not been available in Sweden before, as the domestic alternative only claims to follow the standard, without any certification to underpin that claim. Until now operators could train in Danish or English, but not Swedish."



Lipac's IPAF instructors (L-R) Johan Lorenzon, Katarina Jacobson and Mattias Eriksson

# Alimak becomes Sustaining Member

Mastclimber and hoist manufacturer Alimak has become IPAF's fourth Sustaining Member, joining Haulotte, APEX and Henderson Insurance Brokers.

