











IPAF ePAL app a 'gamechanger'

IPAF's new digital app is expected to be a 'game changer' for work site safety and efficiency and marks a stride forward in IPAF's drive for greater sustainability as it shifts away from issuing plastic PAL Cards via the post.

The ePAL, which will be launched in April, will be free to use and feature a digital PAL Card, operator logbook and operator safety guides. It will also allow operators to receive the latest IPAF safety information and best practice guidance and will ultimately allow construction managers to quickly and easily verify a card holder's qualifications, while enabling operators to log and share their equipment time digitally.

The app will phase out paper certifications and time logs, while replacing the printed version of IPAF's operator safety guide. It will also speed up processing time and resources required to issue PAL Cards and certifications, which are replaced each time a new machine category qualification is added, or training is renewed.

Chief executive Peter Douglas said: "When IPAF launched the PAL Card as a credit card size identification with name, photo and categories of machine the holder was qualified to operate, it was revolutionary. Since then, technology has evolved, which makes this latest step possible. This wholesale move from a plastic to digital is a natural evolution. Developing an operator app has been a key priority for IPAF since I took up post in 2019, and we were excited to team up with Trackunit to bring its considerable technical expertise to bear to roll this out."

"ePAL will bring benefits for operators and training centres alike, while allowing us to streamline and digitise our processes, and help operators keep track of their machine operating experience via the digital logbook function. IPAF seeks to be at the forefront in driving change for our industry and involved as much as possible in shaping the future of these technological advancements. These are exciting times."

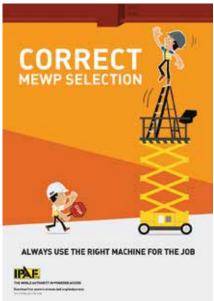
The new app will initially be offered in English with other languages to follow. It will be available for Apple iOS and Android devices and will be updated with additional features as usage demands and developing technology allows.



Selecting the correct machine

The next in IPAF's ongoing series of online workshops and seminars will look at the importance of selecting the correct aerial work platform for the job to enable work to be carried out safely and effectively. Some jobs are extremely challenging to access. Knowing which machine to apply to each given situation makes a huge difference in terms of ease of access, time taken to complete the work, and ensuring site safety. The complexities and considerations of site access will be highlighted by the speakers which include Mark Keily of

Sunbelt Rentals, who will give



an industry and rental company's perspective of site surveys, along with Brian Parker and Paul Roddis of IPAF and will be hosted by Richard Whiting of IPAF. The seminar will conclude with an overview of IPAF's new Site Assessment (For MEWP Selection) training.

This event will be broadcast via Zoom in English, with simultaneous translation into German, Spanish and Portuguese, subject to demand. Simultaneous translation is only available when watching live, using the free Zoom desktop or mobile app. For more details visit www.ipaf.org/events



IPAF IAPA winners

Around 1,000 registered for this year's virtual Summit and IAPA awards on March 18th.

The winners were:

IPAF/Access International Lifetime Achievement Award Roger Wickens - who tragically

passed away in 2019

The IAPA Innovative **Technology Prize**

Hinowa - for the TeleCrawler13 telescopic spider lift

Product of the Year - Mast Climbing Work Platforms & Hoists

Scanclimber - Heavy Duty mast climbing work platform

Product of the Year - Scissor Lifts & Vertical Mast Platforms

Snorkel - S3019E 19ft scissor lift

Product of the Year - Self **Propelled Booms & Atrium Lifts** Niftylft - HR17NE 49ft all electric boom lift

Product of the Year - Vehicle **Mounted Platforms**

Ruthmann - TB 300 30 metre truck mount

Access Rental Company of the Year

Mateco, Luxembourg

Contribution to Safe Working at Height

Outriggerpads - for its online outrigger pad calculator

Digital Development Award Riwal – for various digital initiatives

IPAF Training Centre of the Year Kompetenzzentrum für Arbeitssich-

IPAF Training Instructor of the Year

erheit, Switzerland

Andrew Williams - of UTN Training

