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# NEW SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR INTERMAT

IPAF highlighted its new safety campaign, 'Crushing can kill!' at Intermat in Paris last month. The new campaign which focuses on the dangers of collisions with overhead obstacles such as beams while using an aerial work platform, offers various resources including technical guidance, advisory leaflets, safety posters, and Toolbox Talk site briefings.

IPAF's head of safety Brian Parker said: "What motivated the campaign is our accident data, which highlighted crushing incidents in the industry. By working with our members and partners we hope to achieve a global reduction in entrapment incidents and fatalities."



# NO FALLS WEEK

The annual 'No Falls Week' campaign held in May, is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of working safely at height and equipping staff with the necessary knowledge needed to prevent falls. Falls from height are the leading cause of workplace fatalities across Europe. Recent statistics from the UK's HSE shows that 40 individuals lost their lives due to falls from height last year, accounting for 30 percent of all workplace deaths.

Participants can expect:

**Educational Resources:** Access educational materials such as articles, guides and videos covering work at height topics, including safety regulations, best practices, and technologies to prevent falls.

**Real Stories, Real Consequences:** Learn from real life stories of people impacted by falls from height, highlighting the critical need for safe work practices at height.

**Community Engagement:** Connect with safety advocates, professionals and peers across sectors to share experiences.

**Interactive Challenges:** Participate in educational challenges designed to test knowledge and reinforce safe working practices.

No Falls Week is organised by the No Falls Foundation, a UK based charity exclusively devoted to the work at height sector: [www.nofallweek.org](http://www.nofallweek.org).



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The IPAF AGM was held prior to the annual Summit in Copenhagen during which a smooth transition of leadership took place with Karin Godenheilm of Dinolift handing over the president's chain of office to Karel Huijser of JLG, having served a full two year term. Prior to her departure, she presented the IPAF President's Award to IPAF Brazil and Portugal Country Manager, Antonio Barbosa and the Founder's Award to Mark Keily of Sunbelt Rentals UK who has served as founding chairman of IPAF's International Safety Committee.

The meeting also confirmed the appointment of new officers, they are:

**President:** Karel Huijser

**Deputy President:** Kai Schliephake

**Vice President:** Pedro Torres

**Directors:** Ben Hirst, Julie Houston Smyth and Jacco De Kluijver

Peter Douglas said: "IPAF extends its gratitude to Karin Godenheilm for her leadership during her tenure as president. We welcome Karel Huijser as our new president and look forward to collaborating with him to advance IPAF's diverse initiatives worldwide."

Karel Huijser added: "Safety is at the heart of our IPAF organisation. It is reflected by our mission to enable safe and effective use of powered access equipment worldwide. Put simply, safety not only concerns today but also the future, I call this sustainable safety. This involves implementing measures and practices that not only address immediate safety concerns but also aims to prevent potential hazards and risks."

# IPAF ANNUAL REPORT 2023

IPAF has published its annual report for 2023, which highlights the federation's achievements and progress as well as the continued growth of the powered access industry.

Highlights from annual report:

- **President's report:** Departing president Karin Godenheilm provides insights into the year's achievements and welcomes Karel Huijser as the new president.
- **Chief executive report:** Peter Douglas provides key updates on the powered access industry.
- **IPAF in numbers:** A statistical overview presents a snapshot of IPAF's global impact, featuring data from 81 countries.
- **Women in Powered Access:** The Women in Powered Access initiative continues to champion diversity and inclusion within the industry, celebrating the invaluable contributions of women and inspiring future generations.
- **IPAF training:** Tailored harness training courses launched addressing safety concerns and ensuring operator competence.
- **Audit and quality:** The IPAF Audit Department reports increased activity in supporting training centres, instructors and rental companies.
- **Rental:** The introduction of the IPAF Rental Standard marks a milestone in promoting industry best practices and enhancing safety compliance.
- **Safety & technical:** IPAF's efforts in data gathering and safety improvement initiatives result in a reduction in fatalities, reflecting the organisation's commitment to safety and collaboration.
- **Communications and membership:** IPAF's expanded engagement efforts, including increased event hosting and global outreach.
- **Milestones:** A month by month overview of key achievements.
- **Financial summary:** IPAF reports an increase in revenues driven by growth in training and events income.

