

GOING UP IN THE WORLD

A history of Simon Engineering, the development of the powered access industry and a lifetime as an engineer, by Denis Ashworth

Ashworth was a keen engineer and from an early age found himself in at the very start of the modern powered access industry.

His book is an unusual combination of autobiography and history of Simon Engineering Dudley, a pioneer of the powered access industry and at one time, the world's largest manufacturer of aerial lifts.

The coffee table sized book, is highly readable and includes around 150 photographs and drawings from the very beginning of the industry. It is a 'must read' for anyone who is interested in powered access, the hydraulic equipment industry or in comparing modern day engineering challenges with those of an entirely different era.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION HOIST & ADVANCED INSTALLER TRAINING COURSES

IPAF has launched the Construction Hoist and Advanced Installer training courses. In order to take the course candidates must provide proof of six months of supervised experience as a hoist installer.

Operatives will learn:

- How to legally install, maintain, inspect and dismantle any construction hoist
- An understanding of safe systems of work, including risk assessments and method statements
- Technical theory and supervised on-site practice with hoists

The Installer course lasts a minimum of five days, and the Advanced Installer course three days. Candidates must have 12 months of experience

between the two courses. Each course is tailored to individual experience, offering flexible scheduling to accommodate work commitments. Successful candidates will receive a digital certificate via the IPAF ePAL app valid for five years.

Angel Ibañez, who devised the course curriculum said: "IPAF created this course with input from a committee of industry experts to provide a framework of training which draws upon the latest developments, safety guidance and legislation."



IPAF ANCHIO'IO 2024

The biennial Italian IPAF Anchio'io event was held in Bologna on May 31st. Given the persistent problem of workplace accidents, averaging three fatalities a day in Italy, the event emphasised the need for heightened awareness and responsible conduct.

IPAF managing director, Peter Douglas opened the event followed by a presentation from JLG's Nicola Pontini on low level access. IPAF'S head of safety, Brian Parker discussed the global safety campaign, 'Crushing Can Kill!', aimed at raising awareness and reducing trapping and crushing incidents.

A 'roundtable discussion' on communication was moderated by Emanuela Pirola and included Giacomo Galli, Alessandra Mainini of CTE, Paola Palazzani of Palazzani, Sara Trabucchi of Novital and Alessandro Flisi of Socage. They discussed effective communication and the impact of distorted communication on safety, and the importance of conveying work ethics, safety and sustainability.

Diego Benetton of Maber outlined IPAF's training programmes for mastclimbing work platforms and construction hoists and proposed the establishment of a working group with manufacturers and rental companies for rack & pinion systems.

Maurizio Quaranta presented the IPAF rental standard, a guide outlining best operating practices and criteria for companies renting out aerial work platforms, mastclimbers and hoists. A second roundtable moderated by Maurizio Quaranta and Pier Angelo Cantù, included Romina Vanzi of IPAF, Marco Prosperi of Assodimi, Matteo Lori of Imer and Nicola Violini of Haulotte. They discussed market drivers, state aid, tariffs and trends.



Peter Douglas, Marta Lucani, Romina Vanzi, Brian Parker, Maurizio Quaranta

IPAF ELEVAÇÃO 2024

IPAF Elevação was held on 8-9th May in Itapeverica, Brazil with 320 delegates attending from across South America.

IPAF's Peter Douglas said: "This is the highest attendance at an event that we have hosted in the country. I want to thank Antonio Barbosa, our Brazil and Portugal country manager, as well as other IPAF staff for their outstanding dedication, which was instrumental in the success of this event."

Highlights included:

- Keynote speaker: Gustavo Borges, Olympic swimming medallist, emphasising the importance of perseverance, hard work and dedication.
- Industry insights: Into sector professionalisation with presentations from Loxam Brasil CEO and director of Abrasfe, Guilherme Boog.
- Professional recognition: IPAF regional manager Antonio Barbosa was awarded the Professional Trajectory.
- Instructor excellence: Numerous instructors were recognised for their work in promoting safety and training.

Newly elected members to the IPAF Brazil Council included: JLG, Haulotte, Genie, Mills, Solutions Rental, Loxam, DC Rental and Aura Brasil.



IPAF BRAZIL PDS

IPAF Elevação was followed by a Professional Development Seminar (PDS) for IPAF trainers in Brazil, the sessions included:

- Gianfranco Pampalon, former health and safety Inspector for the Ministry of Labour discussed the importance of effective planning to save lives.
- Guesdes Rocha, training coordinator at Skyjack Brazil, emphasised the

importance of safety during the maintenance and repair of equipment.

- Diego Bustamante, IPAF regional manager for south and central America, provided updates on IPAF system enhancements.
- IPAF training manager Paul Roddis provided updates to the IPAF operator course.

LIFT TRUCK & POWERED ACCESS APPRENTICESHIP INTAKE DATES CONFIRMED

Course intake dates for the UK 'Lift Truck and Powered Access Engineer Technician Apprenticeship' have been confirmed as September 2nd and October 14th. The apprenticeship is a three year course leading to a level three qualification, with NWSLC (North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College) and MTI (MIRA Technology Institute) providing the specialist training to meet industry standards. The colleges have been working with businesses across the UK to address skills shortages for some time, offering a yearly 10 week programme with dedicated assessors providing onsite support.

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