

Code of Conduct stresses accident reporting

IPAF says its new Code of Conduct stresses the importance of reporting accidents involving mobile elevated work platforms (mewps). The reporting of accidents has always been a requirement of IPAF's members, but it claims that not all members have been complying, partly because of the rarity of such cases.

Accident analysis provides vital information for manufacturers, maintenance engineers, owners, trainers and platform operators, while a better understanding of their causes greatly helps IPAF disseminate information that

will help to prevent accidents in the future.

In setting out standards of safety, quality and service, the Code reflects IPAF's goals of promoting best practice throughout the powered access industry. Compliance with the Code is a condition of member-

ship and includes undertakings not knowingly to misrepresent facts, or mislead any customer, or supplier, concerning any aspects of the goods and services provided. Members also agree to only market products and services that conform to specific industry standards.

JLG receives Operators' Safety Guide



JLG has become the fifth IPAF member to have the successful Operators' Safety Guide printed with its own branding, joining Nationwide Access, APS, Loxam and Planet Platforms.

Alan Hall, JLG's training director, emphasises the importance the company attaches to safety through machine design and the promotion of training. "At JLG we see it as our responsibility to practice and promote the highest level of safety standards at work, and each member of the JLG team is fully safety-trained according to their job," says Hall. "I believe that the IPAF Safety Guide will become an essential reference for all those companies wishing to work to the highest possible safety standards, and I am sure that it will be used frequently in JLG IPAF operator training courses."

New staff for IPAF



Rapid expansion of operator training, extra support for Europe and the provision of additional membership services has called for further expansion of the team at IPAF's Milnthorpe Training Administration Centre. Secretary Brenda Williams (second from left) and clerical and data processor Susan Foster (second from right) join Eleanor Morrison (left), Giles Councill, (third from left), Rupert Douglas-Jones (centre), Margaret Caton (seated) and Claire Hewitson (right).

Book early

Reservations can now be made for the IPAF AGM and Luncheon on Tuesday 15th April 2003, being held at London Heathrow Marriott Hotel. Guest speaker at the Luncheon is rugby player Willie John McBride, the most capped British Lion. Contact Jean Harrison at IPAF's

Carnthorpe Head Office for reservations.

Members and their guests can also attend the Access Summit on the same day, where topics such as 'Marketing Safety is Profitable' will be discussed. Further details will be published in the next issue of Cranes & Access (February/March 2003).

The Major Contractors Group (MCG) recently under-

lined the commercial importance of safety and training. In announcing that MCG is to take a progressively tougher line on operator cards, it was highlighted that contractors should already be insisting on properly qualified workers in pre-tender enquiry documents. It was also suggested that it may be time for a bit of positive discrimination to find suppliers that can deliver to all standards.

Paul Adorian announces retirement

Paul Adorian is to retire as IPAF managing director at the end of 2003, and the process of recruiting his successor has already begun. Undoubtedly a hard act to follow, Paul Adorian will be leaving IPAF in exceptional shape.

Although it is difficult to pick one specific aspect of the work of IPAF, operator training must

rank as a major success that is having an increasing impact on the development of the industry. In 1993, it was an idea a bit ahead of its time. Now, in the UK at least, it has become widely accepted that those who operate platforms must be able to demonstrate that they are properly trained and competent.

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