

# IPAF training goes Caribbean

The Barbados Agricultural Management Company (BAMC) based in Warrens, Barbados now has seven IPAF-qualified MEWP operators in the categories Mobile Vertical (3a) and Mobile Boom (3b), thanks to training delivered by IPAF approved training centre Rapid Platforms Ltd of the UK.

Chris Buisseret, Rapid Platforms training manager, presenting first qualifying trainee Marlon Munroe, maintenance manager BAMC Portvale, with his IPAF cap, flanked by Don Trotman, maintenance manager BAMC Andrews.



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IPAF focus

## GLA requirement

The Greater London Authority (GLA) has been discussing with industry its requirement for diesel particulate filters on plant with diesel engines above 37 kW used on large, high-profile demolition and construction sites. The requirement is outlined in the GLA's Best Practice Guide to the Control of Dust and Emissions for Construction and Demolition.

The GLA has said that there will be no exemptions and no Eligible Equipment List. However, IPAF understands that plant already exempted under the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) may not be affected by the requirement. IPAF is working with the Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA) to obtain clarification.

IPAF technical officer Gil Male confirmed that the GLA requirement could affect diesel-engined self-propelled booms and scissor lifts that are above the 37 kW limit. IPAF members with further queries are advised to contact Gil Male.

## Summit venue announced

The next IPAF Summit will be held on 2 April 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Northwood in Dublin, Ireland. It will be preceded by an informal networking event on the evening of 1st April at a well-known Dublin attraction. IPAF has arranged special room rates at the Crowne Plaza Northwood and the Holiday Inn which is just next door.

The special rates expire 1 February 2009. For booking details, see [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)



## IPAF targets youngsters at APEX

IPAF is launching a major campaign to attract young people to the access industry, starting at the APEX show in Maastricht where IPAF has stand 1145.

A sub-group led by Roger Bowden, chairman of Niftylift, is developing an IPAF engineering apprenticeship designed to lead to a "technician" level qualification.

IPAF is also launching the Job Access challenge among colleges in Europe. The not-for-profit trade federation is looking for manufacturers and rental companies to sponsor 18-year-olds from technical high schools who will be trained to operate access platforms safely and through that process, to obtain a PAL Card (Powered Access Licence) as proof of training. Job Access will

culminate with a competition on the IPAF stand at Intermat 2009, where teams of young people will have to complete various tasks using access platforms safely.

IPAF will give a 30-minute presentation on Job Access at the APEX Conference on the morning of 17 September.

**Other IPAF meetings during APEX include:**

IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee Meeting (members only) 18 September, 9:00, MECC, Berlin Room

IPAF Mast Climbing Work Platform (International) Committee Meeting 18 September, 14:00, MECC, Berlin Room

IPAF European Rental Forum 18 September, 14:30

## A plus for Light

Exeter based Light Hire has qualified for the IPAF Rental+ quality mark.

"We work hard to provide our customers with the best possible level of service and support," said Brian Light, managing director of Light Hire.

"The achievement of the IPAF Rental+ quality mark is recognition of this."



Brian Light (left), managing director of Light Hire, receives the IPAF Rental+ award from IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman.

## Europlatform focuses on futuristic rental companies

"The access rental company of the future" is the theme of the second Europlatform conference in Maastricht on 16th September, the day before the APEX show.

Speakers include Chris Wraith from Lavendon Access Services, who will present a zero tolerance approach to accidents, Jeff Eisenberg from Riwal, who will look at financing a rental business the

modern way, and Anders Collman and Martin Frelund from Cramo, who will show the benefits of being an ethical rental company.

The conference is being held at the Grand Hotel de l'Empereur, opposite Maastricht's main railway station and within walking distance of the town centre. See the programme and booking details at [www.europlatform.info](http://www.europlatform.info)

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## Driver CPC

IPAF has prepared basic guidelines on how the Driver's Certificate of Professional Competence might affect MEWP users. See [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)

## PDS on 24 September

IPAF instructors should not miss the Professional Development Seminar on 24 September at the Best Western Moat House, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 5BQ.

IPAF has arranged for a discounted room rate of £99 including breakfast. Book four weeks before the PDS and quote "IPAF Seminar". Call the hotel direct on 0870 225 4601. See programme and registration details at [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)

## New regulations for the supply of machinery

New regulations that implement the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC in the UK come into force on 29 December 2009. More information at [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)



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All training centres above offer IPAF approved and audited courses for Operators of Mobile aerial work platforms, European directives require that all staff are fully and adequately trained in the safe use of the equipment they operate.

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