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Wishing you all a very happy Holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous year in 2018.

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IPAF welcomes new standards

IPAF has welcomed the introduction of updated British standards regarding the safe use of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms and Mast Climbing Work Platforms. The new standards - BS8460 and BS7981 - supersede the 2005 and 2002 versions respectively which are withdrawn.

Some of the main changes to BS8460 include: enhanced guidance on risk management, loading and unloading machines, understanding new safety features and fall prevention during machine maintenance. There is additional guidance on warning symbols and annexes in the standard on self-familiarisation and rescue plans. The new standard takes account of EN 280 which specifies design calculations, construction standards, stability criteria, safety, examination and testing requirements and was drawn up with the participation of HSE representatives and feedback from IPAF and its members. The new standards can be purchased online at <https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=00000000030341838>

Andrew Delahunt joins IPAF

IPAF has appointed Andrew Delahunt to head its global Technical & Safety department. Starting in January he will be based at IPAF's office in Basel, Switzerland and joins the federation from Haulotte where he is currently worldwide safety & homologation manager at its headquarters in France. Prior to taking up his current role in 2015 he was product safety manager Asia, based at Haulotte Australia in Melbourne, having joined the company in 2011. Before that he spent more than a decade as an engineer with Kenworth Trucks and Volgren Australia.



Andrew Delahunt

Chief executive Tim Whiteman said: "We are delighted to announce Andrew's appointment, following an exhaustive recruitment process to source the best talent for the role. IPAF is the go-to organisation in the powered access industry when it comes to technical guidance and developing and interpreting new safety standards, so it was vital to appoint the right person to this role. Once he is on board, IPAF's Technical & Safety department will be fully staffed again and will continue to provide an invaluable resource to members and support IPAF in its ongoing mission to ensure powered access is as safe and effective as it can possibly be."

Delahunt added: "Everyone in the powered access industry is aware of IPAF and the vital role it plays in promoting the safe and effective use of powered access equipment for all types of work at height, so I am thrilled to accept this role. The work IPAF does is absolutely critical and I believe I will be able to bring skills and experience garnered over many years in the industry to help move the global technical and safety agenda forward. My background as a qualified engineer who has worked for a major manufacturer will provide a useful perspective for my IPAF colleagues, as we are seeing increasingly sophisticated technical specifications, capabilities and standards across our industry. I look forward very much to taking up this new challenge in my career."

PDS programme keeps IPAF instructors up to date

IPAF has concluded the UK portion of its annual Professional Development Seminars with 250 attendees across the two events at the Metro Centre Gateshead, on 18th October and Abingdon, Oxfordshire on the 7th November. Speakers included Dr Ioannis Toutoungi, a safety and behavioural consultant who works with Network Rail, Daniel Campling, test & validation engineer for Niftylift who talked about advances in hybrid technology as well as members of IPAF's training, audit, technical & safety departments. Other PDS events are scheduled for other countries during the remainder of 2017 and into 2018.



IPAF's 'Powered Access'

IPAF has announced that its annual Powered Access magazine will be published and distributed in the last week of February. More than 30,000 copies will be printed and distributed in the UK along with the March 2018 issue of Construction Manager, the magazine of the Chartered Institute of Building.

Matt Fearon to speak at Elevação

Terex AWP president Matt Fearon will be the headline speaker at IPAF's annual Elevação conference in São Paulo, Brazil this February. As in previous years, the event is spread over two days, with Monday 5th February comprising a conference with lectures on safety, technical guidance, business insight and the economics of the powered access sector. IPAF's Brazil Country Council will also hold its AGM that day. The following day consists of a Professional Development Seminar (PDS) open to all instructors and managers from IPAF Training Centres across the region. The event will feature simultaneous translations in Spanish, Portuguese and English. For more details please see www.ipaf.org/events



Matt Fearon