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ROTO AND PANORAMIC RANGE

The PANORAMIC and ROTO Range design has inspired the construction market over the years, and is now introducing a new generation of wider cabs, improved cab comfort levels and a multitude of new features. The ROTO range has changed the movement method for telehandlers by introducing the rotating turret system that can rotate 360 degrees without having to reposition the machine. Merlo have skilfully evolved during time with exclusive technological innovations and an unparalleled level of performance, safety and efficiency.



IPAF Elevation

The Elevation 2019 conference held in Coventry on November 27th began with a number of IPAF working group meetings and a 'drop in session' to explain about the move towards IPAF Rental+ as a minimum standard for UK members.

The afternoon kicked off with a welcome from IPAF's new chief executive Peter Douglas who said: "The UK is where it all began for IPAF and is also the world's most advanced powered access market from a safety perspective."

Darren Nash of the UK HSE gave an overview on the scope and progress of its project evaluating secondary guarding systems, while Kevin Howells of Datatag talked about protecting construction machinery from theft.

Julien Micheli of Haulotte, spoke about the rise of smart, clean platforms. Katherine Roberts of F-Tec, explained how his company is working with TVH on engineer training and with IPAF to qualify service technicians. Sarah Garry of Build UK highlighted how IPAF's PAL Card is leading the way in CSCS scheme audits on Build UK sites in terms of smart cards, security and fraud protection.

Graham Brown of Arpas - the UK Drone Association - discussed the benefits of drones while stressing that they are not a direct competitor of aerial work platforms. PASMA's Peter Bennett spoke of the work that the No Falls Foundation is doing, while Jim Maccall, of Hire, an IPAF recognised training provider helping deliver the IPAF Roadmap to qualified technician status provided an update and IPAF's Paul Roddis updated delegates on the wide range of training initiatives the federation is working on.

The day concluded with a dinner, complete with entertainment and a collection for the No Falls Foundation, which raised almost £800. Presentations from Elevation 2019 are online at www.ipaf.org/elevation, while photographs can be viewed and downloaded from the IPAF flickr feed.



Peter Douglas



Sarah Garry

IPAF adds new board members

IPAF has seconded Ben Hirst and Julie Houston Smyth to the board, joining Pedro Torres, who was seconded during the summer. The new members will be confirmed at the AGM in April, taking the board to 10 members.

Ben Hirst is the founder and managing director of Horizon Platforms, based in Wakefield, West Yorkshire. He is currently vice chairman of the UK Country Council and has participated in various working groups in recent years. In that time, he assisted in the implementation of the decision to mandate IPAF Rental+ as a minimum standard for all UK hirer members.

Hirst said: "I look forward to working with my energetic and enthusiastic colleagues to further the Federation's aims and ambitions, especially in providing insight into the challenges faced by SME providers of access services."

Julie Houston Smyth was previously a director of Highway Plant in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and earlier this year established new venture Lolex - a specialist independent service, maintenance and consultancy firm following Highway's acquisition by Balloo Hire. As well as her involvement in the IPAF UK Country Council and International Council, she has chaired the IPAF Irish Council which is made up of members from Northern Ireland and the Republic.

Pedro Torres was appointed as chief executive of Rival this summer, following the departure of Norty Turner in late 2018.

IPAF president Norty Turner said: "With almost 1,500 members around the world, IPAF is truly an international organisation. We warmly welcome Ben, Julie and Pedro to the board, each brings valuable knowledge and experience that will greatly benefit the Federation as we plot our course for the future."



Pedro Torres



Ben Hirst and Julie Houston Smyth

IAPAs 2020 judging panel announced - deadline extended

The judging panel for the 2020 International Awards for Powered Access has been confirmed, while nominations have been extended to 22nd January. This year's panel is as follows:

Erhan Acar of Rent Rise, Turkey.

Malcolm Bowers of Lifterz, UK

Ian James of Bronto Skylift

Norty Turner of United Rentals and current IPAF president,

Dan Vorsholt of GSV Materieludlejning, Denmark.

The judges will meet in February to draw up a shortlist, with the winners announced at the awards ceremony held in London, UK, on 23rd April, following the IPAF Summit.

For more information visit www.iapa-summit.info

