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*IPAF's Women in Access meeting*

# APEX 2026

Leaving the ongoing discussion regarding the number of equipment exhibitions aside, Apex, the powered access show, and the International Rental Exhibition (IRE) returned to Maastricht in early June.

**As in the last few years, the European Rental Association held its annual conference, convention and awards dinner at the venue, while IPAF held its AGM following the postponement of its Summit and awards dinner earlier this year due to the war in the Middle East.**

Attendance figures have yet to be published, however, a good few exhibitors commented on the lack of visitors, although day two seemed busier than the last event and the seniority of those attending was very good.

From a location point of view, Maastricht is not the easiest place to get to, unless you live in the Netherlands or the border areas of Germany and Belgium. This, coupled with public holidays

in Sweden, Germany and Italy and a rainy three days, may have deterred some. Those who felt it was quiet then started commenting on the number of 'International' shows, and the proliferation of local shows such as Vertikal Days in the UK, Platformers Days in Germany, JDL in France and Platform Günleriall in Turkey, all of which will be held in September, along with GIS in Italy. On these, they seemed more positive suggesting it is the future... let's see what happens with Internat next year.

This year's Apex was also smaller than previous events, and while there were no groundbreaking new products, there were plenty of product updates. Apex 2023 featured a large number of domestic Chinese lift manufacturers, and only a



*Part of the ELS Lift stand*



*JLG hosted its evening event at the Landgoed Kasteel de Hoogenweerth*

few returned this year. However, there were a handful of new/unknown Chinese names this year with me-too products, some of which will never be seen in Europe again.

## **IPAF'S WOMEN IN POWERED ACCESS**

On the second morning, IPAF held its second, well attended Women in Powered Access event with representatives from manufacturers, rental companies, trainers and members of the press, including JLG, Dinolift, Snorkel, Genie, Palazzani, Vertikal, Boels, Lolex, KHL, International Platforms and of course, IPAF. The breakfast was hailed a major success by those who attended, providing valuable networking opportunities in a more informal setting. Many felt that the absence of male colleagues created a less intimidating environment, encouraging more open discussion and stronger connections among participants.

## **SHOW HIGHLIGHTS**

Over the following pages is an extensive pictorial roundup which hopefully provides a flavour of the show.



CFMG's stand



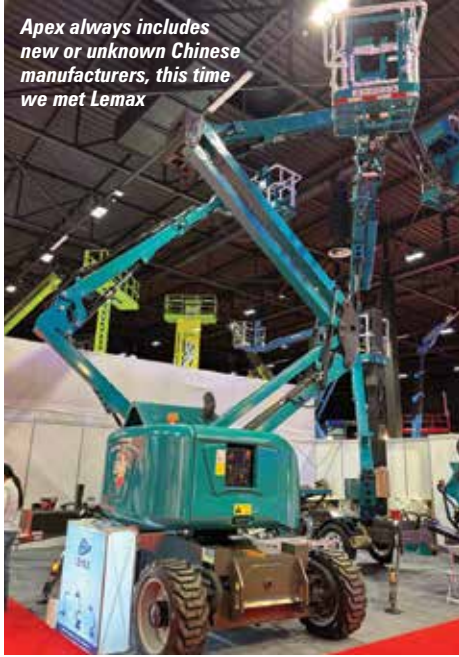
Axolift unveiled the Munk Flexlift branded machine



JLG's 1.2m Lift Pod



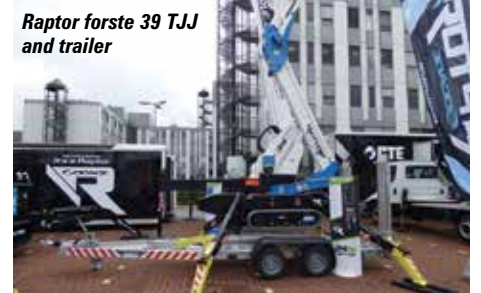
Snorkel's 38ft A38E electric articulated boom lift



Apex always includes new or unknown Chinese manufacturers, this time we met Lemax



Chinese aerial work platform manufacturer King Lift



Raptor forste 39 TJJ and trailer



Maeda mini and spider crane stand



Palazzani TZJ160 spider lift and trailer



Sinoboom hosted an evening party at La Caverna, an old limestone quarry and a very unique party venue



Dennis Van Hoef (L) and Arjan Van Der Hoef with the new 7t Hoefflon C30eL with increased reach



The Genie stand always appeared busy



The Neargrid stand with battery storage system



Part of a varied XCMG stand



Teupen Leo24T and trailer in front of the 72m Altec Teupen TE720 truck mounted lift



Noblelift showed off its new Chinese built SC06E scissor - being less than 6m it attracts zero tariffs



The Axolift stand



The Palfinger 25m, 300kg PT 25 TJ



The MECC Maastricht



IPAF stand



Genie held a party to celebrate its 60th anniversary at the Tapijn restaurant in Maastricht



The Leguan stand



Versalift VA 200-F 20m, 3.5 tonne truck mounted lift



The Niftylift stand



Ox Power's Ramon Steltman and Jan van Rhee



MPMC GSB-20-40 20kVA, 40kWh hybrid power pack



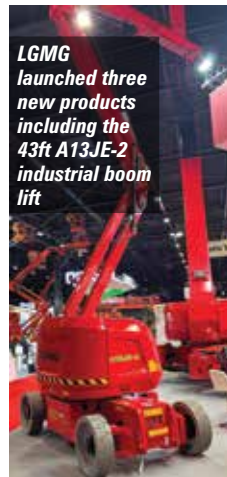
Norwegian load moving equipment supplier Liftroller



Dino Lift's updated 85ft 290RXTE which debuted at Bauma



LGMG's 33ft S1008SE-2 electric scissor



LGMG launched three new products including the 43ft A13JE-2 industrial boom lift



Axolift launched its 4.9 metre P300X self-propelled dual deck low level scissor lift



Sany STH625e electric telehandler



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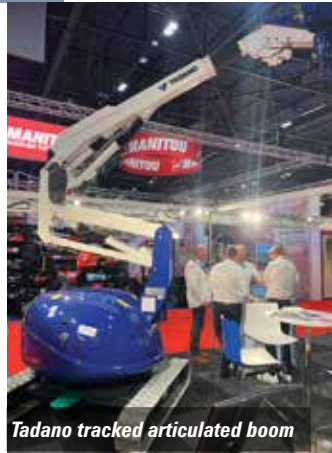
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**Kai Schliephake,**  
IPAF's new president



**Tadano tracked articulated boom**



**LGMG's 6m/2,500kg H625E telehandler launched at Bauma last year**



**Kiwi start up company Crane Power with its E-gen generator**



**Skyjack launched the 40ft all electric SJ6940 RTE compact Rough Terrain scissor lift**



**Another new Chinese manufacturer - Kingda - has a range of scissors and boom lifts as well as telehandlers**



**The Chinese manufacturer Hangcha launched a high voltage lithium 9.8m/2,500kg 35-100 telehandler**



**Manitou's new 32ft SE1212, further models are on the cards**



**The 57m Ruthmann Steiger T570 HF 4A truck mount**



**Platform Basket displayed its 30m 30.14 spider lift launched at Bauma last year**



**Platform Basket Heron 10 SB mast boom**



**Magni's 8.6m, 3,500kg TH3.5.9**



**Manitou's range of three -19ft, 26ft and 32ft SE - slab electric scissor lifts**



**Snorkel's new S3220 Mini scissor lift**



**Zoomlion's new safety helmet with sensors on the back, front and top, to protect from overhead obstacles, and front mounted camera.**



**Hyrax 71.12 self levelling tracked boom and trailer weighing less than 3,500kg**



**MEC Micro 26-XD on the Dingli stand**

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Omme 2750 spider lift



The Leguan evening event was at the classy Michelin starred Baluga restaurant in Maastricht



Zoomlion showed the first units from its new facility in Tatabánya, Hungary including the 19ft ZS0607AC-Li



Italy's CMC spider lifts



The 28 metre Klubb PT280 telescopic 3.5 tonne truck mounted lift launched a couple months ago



Part of the MoteLift stand



The remote controller for the Omega 40TSE



The Noblelift stand with forklift and scissors



Dingli mast and articulated booms



Dumarey battery power packs



The Hoefflon stand



Elma CR 30-H tracked carrier on the Platform Basket stand



Under the hood of Hangcha's high voltage electric telehandler



The JLG stand



Tracked booms on the Aichi stand



Teupen Leo24T and trailer



Haulotte HA20 Pro



Snorkel's Andrew Fishburn talking about utilisation



Snorkel's 27ft narrow S2755RT, launched in 2021



Genie's 60th anniversary picture board



A MoteLift mast boom



Abosn Europe was showed its range of outrigger pads, track and road pads



LGMG's latest scissor lift - the S1008E-2



Telematics software company - Powerall



Another new Chinese manufacturer - Kinglift



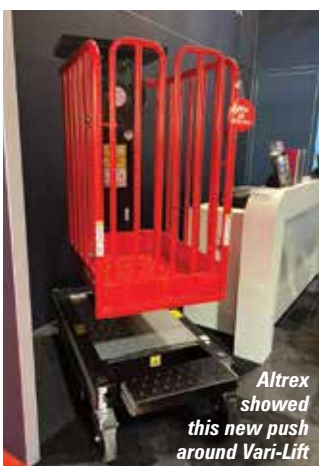
The 3.5m Genius People Lift Baby 1-1500



Hered's 14m lithium electric HA12CEA with 6.55m outreach and 250kg capacity



Noblelift stock picker



Altrex showed this new push around Vari-Lift



JLG Power Towers' Andy Menham

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# APEX SHOW

Alp Lift showed its new 4m Desk Surfer weighing 68kg and with a 150kg capacity, as well as the Navigator Ranger being distributed in the Netherlands



A busy TVH-Mateco stand



Bravi lifts including the new Residential 170



Chinese manufacturer Fronteq



CTE spider lifts



Chilling on the Haulotte stand



David Smith (L) with Brandon Wood of CranePower



Corrado Gentile (L) and Mercer Nafe of Gewit the latest 5.89m GS 1332m micro scissor claimed to be 30% lighter and 25% shorter than standard scissors



Danish telematics and tracking company Trackunit



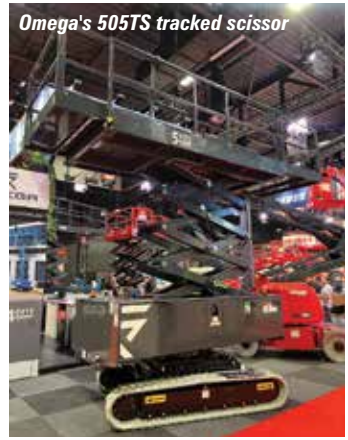
Chinese manufacturer Lemax's glass handler



Klaas' 3.5t 25m, 250kg Theo 25V



Smartlift SLX2000 glazing robot



Omega's 505TS tracked scissor



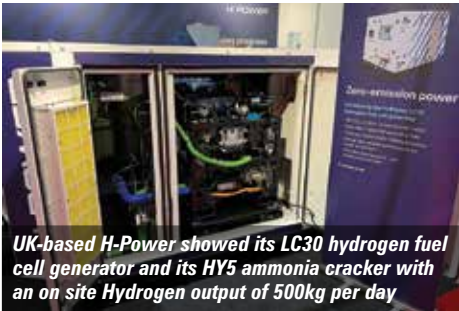
(L-R) Paul Crane of Altec, David Dillon of Aldercote and Grant Gardener of Altec with their copies of Cranes & Access



The Sunward stand featured scissor lifts, booms and telehandlers



The Fronteq stand



UK-based H-Power showed its LC30 hydrogen fuel cell generator and its HY5 ammonia cracker with an on site Hydrogen output of 500kg per day



The CFMG stand