



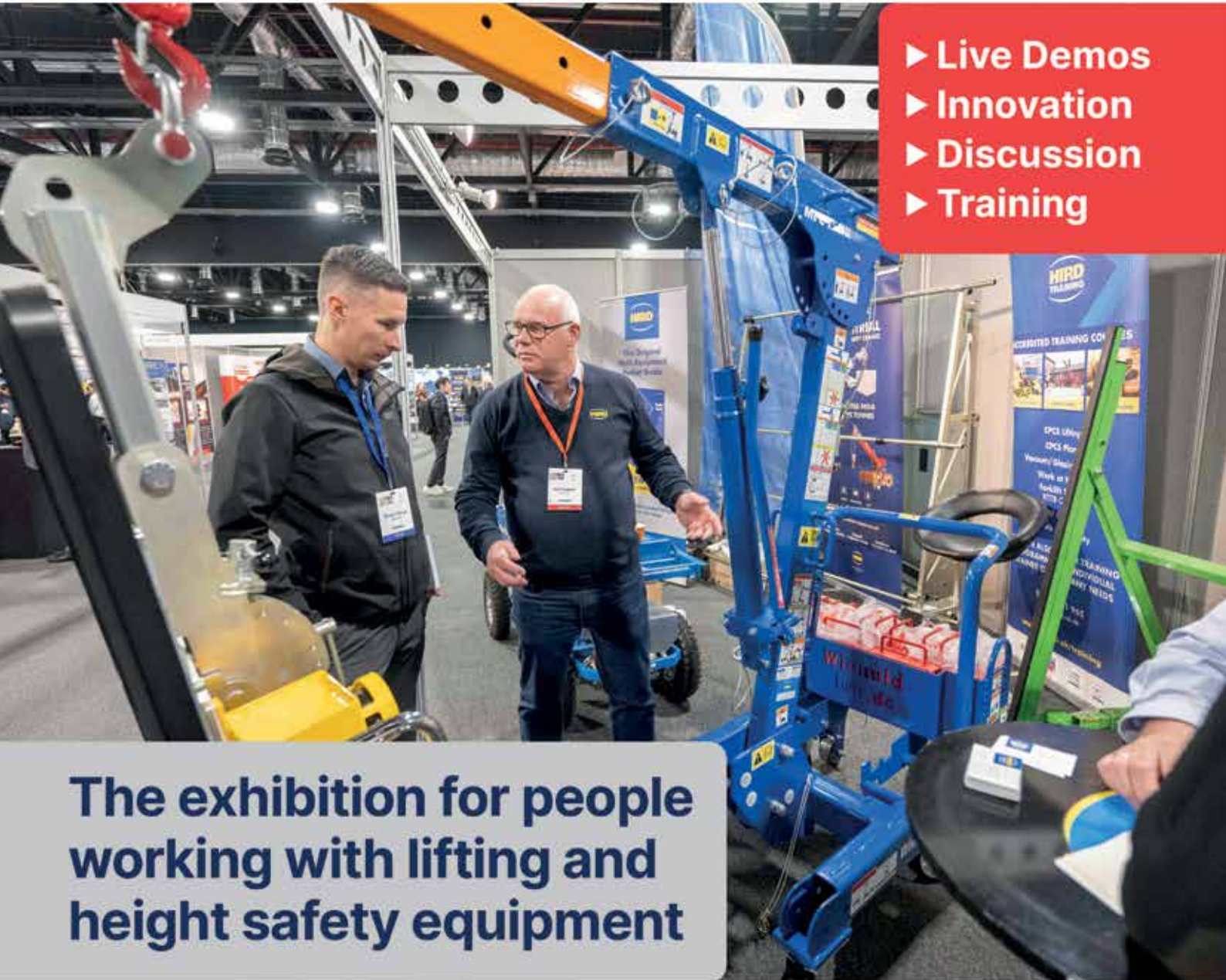
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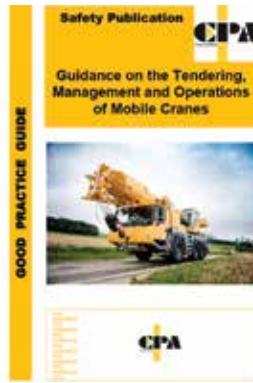


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NEW CRANE INTEREST GROUP PUBLICATION

The CPA's Crane Interest Group - in collaboration with the Industry Lifting Lead AP Group - has released a guide titled 'Tendering, Management, and Operations of Mobile Cranes.' It offers guidance on the expected standards of operator and user responsibilities when renting mobile cranes.

The guide includes checklists for crane providers, contract lifting and on-site crane arrival information. It also covers legal requirements and encourages responsible sourcing of equipment and expertise from mobile crane suppliers. You can download it for free at www.cpa.uk.net.



INDUSTRY LEAD LIFTING AP GROUP

ILLAPG's annual open day in September was hosted by GGR at its Haddenham location near Thame. Attendees participated in presentations from a wide range of speakers and were supported by Emerson Crane Hire, Laing O'Rourke, ALLMI, NOCN Group, CITB, Liebherr, Radius, Speedy, Ainscough Crane Hire, Lloyds British, Select Plant Hire, the Metropolitan Police and Xwatch Safety Solutions.

There were also demonstrations from Ainscough Crane Hire, Flannery Plant Hire, Torquer Lifting Solutions, Crosby and Hoistech. Group chairman and founder David Borley said: "At the open day, we saw a real enthusiasm for products and ideas that will bring the industry into the future."

The ILLAPG was established to bring together construction industry professionals to encourage collaboration, communication and coordination. Its overriding goal is to enhance industry standards, particularly in technical and training aspects, to ensure safer and more efficient lifting practices. The membership now includes lifting professionals from contractors, manufacturers, rental companies, trainers and Appointed Persons of all levels. The CPA is acting as secretary to the group.



ECO TRAINING FRAMEWORK

The PSRO (Plant Sector Representative Organisation) and SCSS (Supply Chain Sustainability School) have launched their 'Eco-operations Training Delivery Framework'. This supports the construction industry's efforts to achieve net zero emissions by addressing the environmental impact of machine usage.

The framework identifies specific course content and delivery methods for various roles in the construction industry, aiming to ensure that participants achieve a solid understanding of reducing machine-based carbon emissions and take personal responsibility for emission reduction.

The framework is divided into three sections - Part one outlines the aims and principles of the framework, Part two identifies the delivery aspects for the relevant occupations and Part three specifies the learning outcomes and training specification. The framework can be downloaded for free from www.pсро.org.uk or at <https://www.supplychainschool.co.uk/>



TOWER CRANE INTEREST GROUP OPEN MEETING

The CPA's Tower Crane Interest Group will hold its next open meeting on Wednesday 22nd November at a location within the London area. Please contact Rob Squires at rob@cpa.uk.net to reserve a place.

CPA PRESIDENT TO JUDGE INTERMAT 2024 INNOVATION AWARDS

CPA president Brian Jones has been selected as a judge for the Intermat 2024 Innovations Awards. Other judges include Michel Petitjean of the European Rental Association (ERA), Maria Moreno of the Association of Infrastructure Construction Companies and Concessionaires (SEOPAN), Alessio Rimoldi, secretary general of the Federation of the European Precast Concrete Industry (BIBM), Massimiliano Ruggeri of Italian research institute Imamoter, Michele Levati of Lombardini 22 Civil Engineering and Heinz Rittmann of German export association Deutscher Auslandsbau Verband.

The judging panel will assess entries that provide a breakthrough in the areas of cost savings, technical design and technology employed, operation, usage and environmental protection across five categories along with four special awards.



Brian Jones

HS2 CANCELLATION

The CPA issued a formal response to the UK government's decision to cancel the northern leg of the HS2 high speed railway.

Chief executive Stu McInroy said: "The news that the Manchester leg of HS2 is to be cancelled is extremely disappointing and a significant blow to the UK construction sector. This decision shall undoubtedly further undermine confidence and impact future investment at a time when the economy remains fragile."

"Whilst in no way likely to offset the negative effect of cancelling the Manchester leg of HS2, it is imperative that Mr Sunak's commitment to completing the HS2 line to Euston and diverting Manchester leg funding to a plethora of other projects aimed at boosting transport infrastructure in the north, are actioned without delay. Construction is a key driver of economic growth and CPA members will now be watching very closely what the Government does next."

"Failure to follow through with current infrastructure plans has already damaged confidence in UK construction and impacted on the UK as a destination for international investment. We can ill-afford the government to repeat this failure again."