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# LOLER and PUWER Approved Codes of Practice released

Last month ALLMI members were provided with the latest editions of the HSE's recently re-published LOLER and PUWER Approved Codes of Practice (ACoP).

The ACoP for LOLER was revised last year and ALLMI members provided significant input into the draft for public comment. The ACoP for PUWER was also amended

in 2014 and both documents are now available. It is important to point out that it is only the ACoPs which have been revised and not the actual regulations. Most of the updates relate solely to the clarification of previously ambiguous areas, or references to other revised legislation and standards where applicable. ALLMI has also reminded



members that, with regard to the keeping of documentation relating to loader cranes, it continues to advocate retaining all prior Reports of Thorough Examination as part of a 'cradle to grave' file, contrary to the two year rule stated in LOLER.

*The HSE has recently amended its LOLER and PUWER ACoPs.*



## Alan Roberts R.I.P

ALLMI recently received the news that Alan Roberts, one of its long-standing committee members, has passed away. Formerly of Atlas Cranes UK and then later with AR Training, Alan was one of the founder members of ALLMI's Training Committee and played a vital role in the development of many ALLMI courses.



Alan Roberts

ALLMI chief executive, Tom Wakefield, said: "Alan was an incredibly dedicated and loyal servant to the association and he had key involvement in the writing of the ALLMI Lorry Loader, Slinger/Signaller, and Thorough Examiner courses, as well as making valuable contributions to many other ALLMI activities and projects over the years. He was always very quick to devote his time and energy for the sake of raising standards and was an absolute credit to the lorry loader industry. Alan will be very sorely missed by all."

## ALLMI app

As a project which has been in discussion for some time, ALLMI plans to progress the development of a smart phone app in 2015. The intention is for the app to contain a range of features for use by all those working with or interested in loader cranes, including:

- Details of ALLMI training courses
- Guidance and safety documents/bulletins
- Industry news
- Training provider/member directories and search functions
- Course booking facilities
- Various calculator tools to assist with industry job roles

The association is looking for feedback on other features which could be included in the app – should you wish to contribute ideas or suggestions then please contact ALLMI.



*ALLMI plans to develop a smart phone app later this year.*

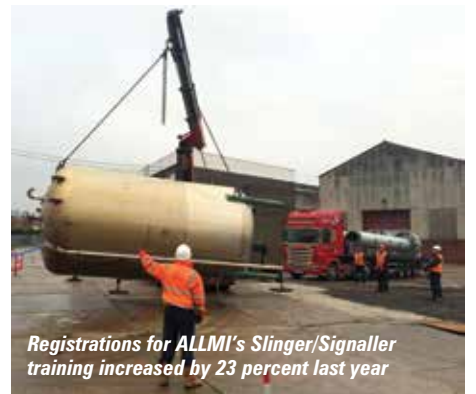
## Demand for Slinger/Signaller training

Following a huge increase in ALLMI Slinger/Signaller registrations during 2013, demand for the association's course rose a further 23 percent last year, with growth set to continue in the year ahead.

ALLMI technical director, Alan Johnson, said: "Slinger training is a very important issue and we have been raising awareness of this subject for many years. Unfortunately, many employers believe that putting their operators through a lorry loader course provides them with a sufficient level of skill, knowledge and understanding to act as a slinger – this is not the case. Specific training and assessment should be undertaken in order to be proficient in this area, and this is a requirement under the Health & Safety at Work Act, PUWER and BS7121 Part 4."

ALLMI chief executive, Tom Wakefield, added: "The use of inadequately trained slingers can be a major cause of accidents. Even if such accidents do not cause a fatality or an injury, there's every chance they will lead to costly legal action or damaged equipment. A properly trained slinger is also a more profitable one, providing higher levels of efficiency and less down time, as well as a safer working environment."

For further information on the association's Slinger/Signaller course, please contact ALLMI.



*Registrations for ALLMI's Slinger/Signaller training increased by 23 percent last year*

## New course schedule

ALLMI recently released its new course schedule for the year ahead. Whilst Operator and Slinger/Signaller courses are delivered by ALLMI's training provider network, the association also offers a range of training programmes on a direct basis:

- Crane Supervisor
- Instructor
- Manager - PUWER 9.2
- Appointed Person
- Thorough Examiner

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