

Exiting the platform at height

IPAF has released updated guidance on exiting the platform at height. The E2 document states that aerial work platforms are specifically designed to lift people to a position where they can work at height safely within the confines of the platform and are not designed for the purposes of transferring people to upper levels.

Users should therefore only enter or exit the work platform at ground level or at an access position on the aerial work platform chassis.

The document also outlines criteria for exceptional cases where aerial work platforms may be used to gain access to a work area at height, where exiting the platform at



The E2 guidance illustrates the correct way to exit the platform at height where necessary.

height to reach a specific job may be permitted. It highlights which hazards should be considered in the risk assessment, and what control measures should be taken. To view the guidance, visit the Publications/ Technical Guidance section of: www.ipaf.org

Skanska Romania trains managers

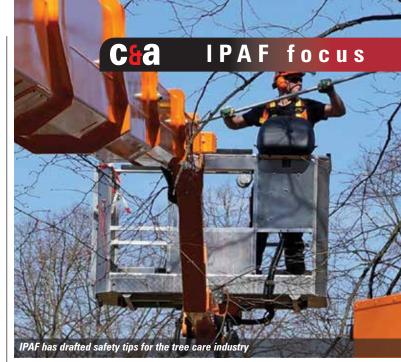
20 managers from Skanska Romania have successfully completed IPAF's MEWPs for Managers course, which helps supervisors and managers to prepare for and safely coordinate the use of various types of aerial work platforms on site. The course was conducted by IPAFcertified instructor Martin Wraith and was held at IPAF rental member Industrial Access Romania.

Mircea Bosie, Skanska Romania environmental, health & safety coordinator, who attended the course, said: "The structure of the training module was good and allowed us to enter step by step into the subject, without bringing a huge amount of information all at the same time. The content of the training was very clear, easy to understand, and was presented in an interesting way with the use of videos, case studies and animations. The biggest plus was the instructor who was very well prepared and delivered the

course effectively."

The course is available in English, German, French, Italian, Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese from approved training centres around the world. Held over one-day, the course is not about operating equipment, but about planning, supervising and effectively managing the use of aerial work platforms on site. It ends with a written test that candidates must pass in order to obtain a certificate. More details can be found at www.ipaf.org/m4m





Guidance for the tree care industry

IPAF has drafted safety tips for the use of aerial work platforms in the tree care industry. Requested by members in both Europe and North America, the industry-specific guidance has been written in response to the increasing number of fatal incidents involving tree care workers while using aerial work platforms.

A draft version of the document was published with calls for comments, several of which were received and are being considered for incorporation into the final document which will be released shortly.

UK member event in Harrogate

IPAF's second UK Member Event was held on 15th October 2015 at the Majestic Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG1 2HU.

The event started with an afternoon of management seminars and included a talk from Brian Stead, managing director of Loxam Access and chairman of the IPAF UK Country Council, with an update on current and planned activities of IPAF. Luke Merrick of Bolt Learning provided insights into IPAF's new eLearning operator course, while Rupert Douglas-Jones, IPAF research & development, explained why load/unloading training is vital. Chris Wraith also shared the latest statistics from IPAF's accident reporting project. The evening featured dinner, networking and entertainment.

For more details, visit: www.ipaf.org/events

Save the date

The 2017 IPAF Summit and International **Awards for Powered Access will take** place on 4th April 2017, with the venue being announced on 17th March 2016 at the end of the 2016 summit, which is being held in Madrid, Spain.

More details on this event can be found at: www.iapa-summit.info



