

ALLMI milestones - Operators' Forum

As part of marking ALLMI's 40th Anniversary, we continue to report on the Association's numerous milestones from the last four decades, this time by taking a look at the establishment of the Operators' Forum in 2006.

Having only ever granted membership to manufacturers, service companies and ancillary equipment suppliers since its formation in 1978, 12 years ago ALLMI opened its doors to fleet owners by founding the Operators' Forum division. The move has proved to be a great success, playing a significant role in the growth and development of the association, and further enabling it to raise standards throughout the lorry loader industry.

ALLMI chief executive, Tom Wakefield, said: "In 2005, we received interest from several fleet owners regarding membership, and this coincided with discussions we were already having concerning ways in which we could expand the association and be even more effective in achieving our core objectives. The solution was obvious and in February 2006 we held the inaugural meeting of the Operators' Forum. Since then, the Forum has gone from strength to strength and it now comprises approximately 50 percent of the membership."

Steve Frazer-Brown, health & safety Director for David Watson Transport, has been the chairman of the Forum since its inception, and added: "ALLMI has always done an excellent job of improving industry practices, but incorporating fleet owners into the membership enhanced its ability to take this further, facilitating greater interchange of ideas and opinions, and as such the identification of important issues affecting safety."

Recent years have seen particularly impressive increases in Forum membership, and membership growth on the whole shows no signs of slowing, with the 2017/18 results confirming another excellent period in terms of manufacturers/service companies and fleet owners joining. Demand has also continued into the new fiscal year, with a record number of membership applications pending.

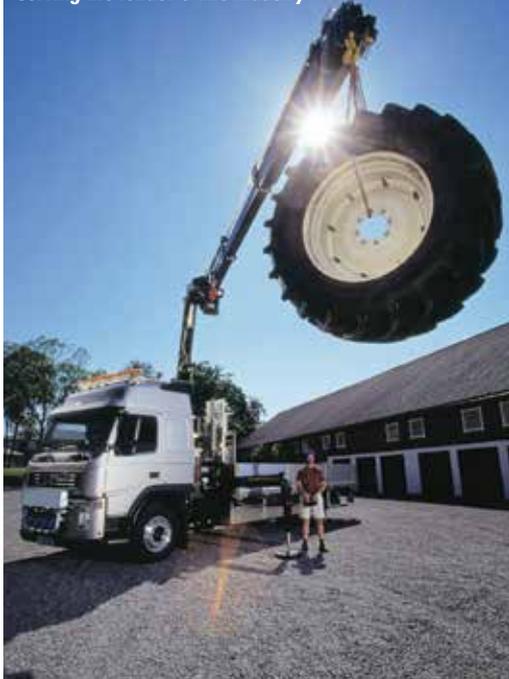
Wakefield continues "It's increasingly the case that companies operating outside of the membership are seeing the significant benefits of joining ALLMI. Membership adds a great deal of

credibility to any business; the stringent joining process, as well as ongoing auditing, guidance and support, means that the ALLMI logo really does signify quality, safety and standards, whether it's in

relation to crane installations, service and repair, or the running of lorry loader fleets. We would encourage any company involved with lorry loaders to contact us in order to learn more about being part of the association, as we remain focused on continued progress and expansion, to ensure that best practice and the highest standards reach every part of the industry."



ALLMI is celebrating 40 years of serving the loader crane industry



Increased demand for instructor accreditation

The importance and credibility of ALLMI's training accreditation continues to be proven, with more than a 50 percent increase in new instructor registrations during its latest financial year.

ALLMI technical manager, Keith Silvester said: "These figures reflect the record training levels we experienced last year for our lorry loader operator and slinger/signaller courses, as demand for the ALLMI card continues to grow. Instructor course candidates come to us qualified and experienced in instructional techniques, lorry loader operation and slinging/signalling. We then build upon that with a comprehensive training programme that increases their expertise and adapts their knowledge to the delivery of the ALLMI scheme. This course is followed with the provision of a range of quality training aids and material, as well as ongoing technical support, auditing and CPD, all of which results in the highest calibre of instructor who is equipped to deliver the UK's leading lorry loader scheme."

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Audit team expansion

Industry professional, Leo Taylor has joined ALLMI as an auditor, he said: "I have been an ALLMI instructor for nearly 10 years, delivering training to a wide variety of end users and industry sectors. I have obviously undergone many audits of my own during that time and have always seen the value in the association operating such a comprehensive monitoring process. I am, therefore, delighted to have successfully completed the Auditor Development Programme, and to be part of a team providing support and guidance to ALLMI's expanding instructor network."



New auditor, Leo Taylor

ALLMI App - phase two development

In addition to the redevelopment of its website, 2018 will also see the Association further enhance its digital services with improvements to the ALLMI App. Developments being discussed include new tools facilitating pre-operational checks, product familiarisation, test load calculation and safety system requirements. Please contact ALLMI, should you have any ideas or suggestions in relation to the App.

ALLMI is adding further Calculator Tools to its App



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