

ALLMI chairman to retire

Further to his retirement from the lorry loader industry in 2019, Mark Rigby will soon step down as ALLMI chairman after 14 years in the role.

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "ALLMI has a tremendous amount to thank Mark for, he has served a longer term than any chairman in ALLMI's history and has overseen huge progress, growth and development. His tenure has been underlined by his selfless hard work and dedication, all in the interests of furthering the association and raising standards throughout the lorry loader industry. I know I speak on behalf of all members when I say how grateful we are for Mark's time as chairman, and how we wish him a very happy, healthy and peaceful retirement."



Rigby added: "It has been a great honour and privilege to carry out the chairman's role for the past 14 years, having the opportunity to work with the board and wider membership, for the betterment of the industry. I am extremely proud of all that we have accomplished and would like to thank members for their continued support during my time as chairman, the association's longevity, evolution and success is a testament to their attitudes and commitment, and a genuine desire to see standards continually improved. I look forward to welcoming my successor into the position. ALLMI, today, is stronger than ever, and I have no doubt that this progress will continue for years to come."

The association is currently carrying out the election process for the chairman's position, as well as the wider board of directors. Look out for updates in the next issue of ALLMI Focus.

EN 12999 Update

ALLMI technical manager, Keith Silvester, attended the recent CEN meeting of Working Group (WG) 18, the committee responsible for developing EN 12999, the European product design standard for loader cranes. The meeting in Stockholm looked at final edits to the draft of the latest revision of EN 12999, prior to it being submitted to CEN/TC 147 for Formal Vote to publish. The revised version of EN 12999 looks to contain amendments covering a range of areas, including safety systems on remote controls, stability testing, and improved mapping against the Essential Health and Safety Requirements of the Machinery Directive. Look out for further updates as the Standard reaches publication.



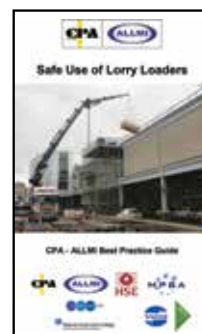
ALLMI/CPA Best Practice Guide update

An eclectic group of industry experts, representing numerous lorry loader sectors, recently got together for the second revision meeting of the ALLMI CPA Best Practice Guide for the Safe Use of Lorry Loaders. Endorsed by a wide range of leading organisations, the Guide is a highly regarded, pan industry document that provides guidance on an array of lorry loader activities and aims to expand upon the requirements of BS7121 Part 4.

ALLMI technical manager, Keith Silvester said: "With the Best Practice Guide reaching its 10 year anniversary in 2020, there is a need to bring the document further up to date in terms of product development and industry practices. In addition, the impending revision of BS7121 Part 4, scheduled for later this year, means that a full review of the Guide is perfectly timed."

"The document is an incredibly useful industry resource, covering a wide range of topics, including planning, personnel, training, siting, safe operation, maintenance, inspection and thorough examination. However, as well as updating and enhancing any applicable sections, new material is being developed on subjects such as hybrid lifts, lifting team monitoring, medical fitness, and tag lines, to name but a few, making the Guide an even more important source of advice."

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield added: "The revision is progressing well and once we are further along in the process, a draft will be made available for public comment. We would, therefore, encourage interested parties to contact us, should they wish to register their interest in this phase of the project, as it's an ideal opportunity to have input into a publication that will continue to shape good practice throughout the lorry loader industry."



The Best Practice Guide Working Group Meeting.



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