Welcome to the tenth LEIA newsletter. In this edition we feature the launch of the latest instalment of the ‘Liam Loves’ children’s safety campaign – ‘Liam Loves Escalators’. We report back from our Annual Technical Seminar and Interlift 2017, and welcome our new presidential team for 2018.

**News items**

**BS 8486-3 standard for testing new lifts published**

We are pleased to announce the publication of BS 8486-3: 2017, the British Standard for test and examination of new lifts to BS EN 81-20. This is a very valuable standard for our industry which has gone through the BSI development process in near record time owing to the efforts of the sub-group of the BSI lifts committee and the BSI editorial team.

**Record turnout for Annual Technical Seminar**

The day after publication of BS 8486-3, the new standard featured in our Annual Technical Seminar in Northampton. Members were updated on issues to do with the implementation of BS EN 81-20 and progress of forthcoming standards EN 81-21 (new lifts in existing buildings), EN 81-70 and BS 8300 (accessibility), EN 81-40 (stairlifts), EN 81-41 (enclosed lifting platforms) and EN 81-42 (lifting appliance with enclosed carrier).

The seminar was fully booked with 102 delegates who gave us some great feedback.

**New presidential team announced**

We are pleased to announce our new presidential team for 2018. Warren Jenchner of Apex Lifts succeeds Kevin Taylor of ThyssenKrupp Elevators as President, David Sharp of Schindler Lifts is appointed Vice-President. Both appointments are effective 1 January 2018.

Warren has over 35 years’ experience in the industry, has served on the LEIA Board for 16 years, including a term as President over ten years ago and is Managing Director of Apex Lifts.

Nick Mellor, LEIA Managing Director said: “On behalf of the Board and the Members of the Association I would like to extend our thanks to Kevin Taylor for his commitment and focus he has brought to the Association during his term as LEIA President. Our rotating Presidency is a strength and we look forward to working with Warren Jenchner and further developing the Association during his term.”
**Strong showing from UK at Interlift 2017**

It was good to see such a strong showing from UK component and homelift/lifting platform manufacturers at Interlift 2017, Augsburg. LEIA Personal Lift Group (PLG) members Wessex Lifts, Terry Group and Pollock Lifts were showing through-floor homelifts on their stands and attracting strong interest. Many other manufacturers including Thyssenkrupp Access were showing “home lifts” with shaft surrounds one of the trends from the exhibition.

Elsewhere component and system providers Avire, Kollmorgen and NDC Drives were attracting great interest for their products.

Looking forward to 2019, LIFTEX will be the place to be and we are pleased that many of our members we saw have already committed to being at LIFTEX 2019.

**Safety matters - Trespassers**

Lift owners and others occupying a building have a responsibility to everyone in a building, even to uninvited trespassers.

LEIA has become aware of videos available on YouTube showing an individual gaining access to premises - typically office and residential premises and unoccupied buildings, and undertaking hazardous and irresponsible activity, including riding on lift car tops and balance weights, and interfering with the controller.

There are clear safety implications for the perpetrator and others who may imitate him, particularly the young or impressionable. There could also be danger created for lift users and those working on lifts, following his visits should he have tampered with the control system. Although those involved in this type of activity may be at risk of criminal and civil proceedings should an incident occur as a result of this unsafe behaviour, lift owners and managers have a responsibility in law to consider the safety of third parties that might be at risk from this type of activity.

Read the safety information sheet at: [https://www.leia.co.uk/safety/information-sheets/](https://www.leia.co.uk/safety/information-sheets/)

**Dates for the diary...**

**2017**

31 DECEMBER: Deadline for LIFTEX 2019 exhibition stand Early Bird rates

**2018**

2 JANUARY: LEIA distance learning semester start

2 FEBRUARY: LEIA distance learning end test

**Do you have a passion for education and training?**

To help carry the LEIA Distance Learning provision forward, we are looking for tutors to deliver and revise the existing units, and to develop new units. If you have a passion for education and training and want to help us take lift distance learning to the next level then please email lawrence.dooley@leia.co.uk

**A warm welcome to our new members**

We are delighted to welcome three new members who joined us over the summer:

**www.mkmelevators.co.uk**

**www.opalelevators.co.uk**

**www.ukliftandescalator.co.uk**

Don’t forget to follow the [LEIA LinkedIn](https://www.leia.co.uk) page for weekly industry news and updates

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New children’s safety campaign off to a flying start

We are delighted to announce that our ‘Liam Loves Escalators’ children’s safety campaign is now in full swing and gaining tremendous support. The latest instalment in our ‘Liam Loves’ children’s safety campaign series aims to raise awareness around the issues of child safety when it comes to escalators, to help prevent future incidents.

Following on from last year’s successful safety campaign, ‘Liam Loves Lifts’, we have once again launched a free children’s story book (and this time a poster too), aimed at educating children (and parents) about how to use escalators safely. Since its launch on 25 September, over 17,500 books have been distributed across the UK.

Commenting on the success of the campaign, Lawrence Dooley, Safety and Training Manager said: “We are extremely delighted with the positive public response and high-level of demand for Liam Loves Escalators. The initial response has far exceeded our expectations!”

The campaign has partnered with ‘Mother & Baby’ magazine and used social media channels to maximise its reach and exposure – ‘Liam Loves’ now has over 580 followers on social media.

Dooley added: “Please support our safety campaign by sharing the details with industry colleagues and if you can, follow us on social media.”

To request a free copy of the book (and poster) visit www.liamlovesescalators.com If you would like to order a batch of the books (and posters) please contact us (enquiries@leia.co.uk) and we can arrange this for you. There will be a charge for delivery.

Follow Liam Loves on Facebook: www.facebook.com/liamloves/ Follow Liam Loves on Twitter: https://twitter.com/Liamloves

Don’t forget to follow the LEIA LinkedIn page for weekly industry news and updates
Stands are now available to book for LIFTEX 2019, the UK’s leading lift, escalator and access industry event, which is organised by LEIA. Held only once every three years, LIFTEX 2019 runs from 15 – 16 May 2019 at London’s ExCeL.

“The show enables owners, FMs, specifiers, consultants, contractors and users to find out what’s new, keep up to date with the latest changes, network and learn from market leaders on a wide range of industry issues” explains LIFTEX 2019 Event Director, Oliver Greening.

LIFTEX 2019 comprises an exhibition of over 100 exhibitors and a comprehensive free seminar programme tackling industry issues. Stand space is offered to LEIA members in the first instance, and is then opened to the wider industry. Key names already confirmed include: Alimak Hek, Gartec, Global Lift Equipment, International Lift Equipment, Jackson Lift Group, Sassi Lift Systems and Terry Lifts.

LIFTEX 2016 was officially the best event yet in the show’s 28-year history with a 20% increase in exhibitors and a 15% increase in visitor numbers. Greening adds: “The floorplan is looking impressive, with a number of stands already snapped up. It’s shaping up to be a great event, even at this early stage. We would urge anyone planning to attend the show to start planning now to avoid disappointment.”

A special Early Bird rate is available until 31 December 2017.

To book a stand contact: stephen.ingram@liftex2019.com
www.liftex2019.com

Distance Learning Course
open for January intake

We are now taking bookings for our January intake to our Distance Learning Course. Our course provides a technical training programme of study which aims to extend the learner’s knowledge of lift and escalator engineering. Both Full and Half units of study are available, allowing the learner to tailor a programme to their specific needs.

Most of our learners start with the Introduction to Lift Technology followed by Fundamentals of Lift Technology. A total of 11 units of study are available to choose from covering subjects including Advanced Lift Technology; Electronic Systems & Controls; Lift/Escalator Contract Management; IOSH Managing Safely; Escalators and Stairlifts.

Full course details including the subjects covered, unit timetables and pricing are available here.

January is fast approaching, so register now to secure your place.

Please note that the deadline for registrations is 15 December. The course commences 2 January 2018.