



CBIP goes into voluntary liquidation

The Certification Board for Inspection Personnel has gone into voluntary liquidation throwing future certification of crane inspectors into confusion.

At a special general meeting in April representatives from the Department of Labour and the Ministry of Economic Development told the board that the government had ceased funding because it preferred a user-pays, private sector organisation to undertake certification.

We are unsure of the implications for our industry.

CBIP says it will continue to examine candidates who have partially completed the certification process and who will finish within the next 12 months. New applications have been refused since 12 April. CBIP says it's happy to work with any organisation wishing to set up a certification regime. We are concerned because the regulations require that cranes have annual inspections and if there are no new inspectors coming forward there may be consequences for our industry.

We have offered to develop National Certificates in Crane Inspection and also to be the Qualification Issuing Agency. This would merely be an extension of our current activities through either the Association or the ITO.

Helping employers and employees

We have received only one expression of interest on the new policy relating to the financial assistance for training. The ITO is prepared to offer assistance to members to try to attract new people into the crane, scaffolding, rigging and industrial rope access industries. We've begun discussions with the Ministry of Social Development (WINZ) on the options available to our industry to get additional people into work.

They have a "pool" of people, not all of whom are suitable for work in our industry. We'd want only those prepared to work, not just take people "off the books" to improve the unemployment statistics. We are hoping to run some pre-employment courses which will prepare these people and at the same time we are looking at some specific training in, for example, health & safety and first aid so that when "offered" to employers they will have some basic grounding. If you wish to discuss the detail please contact the office. If the timetable works out we may be able to start this programme in the second half of the year.

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Code of Practice for Cranes



The new Code of Practice for Cranes was signed by the

Minister of Labour last week. The Code will be in the Gazette on Thursday 3 May and it becomes effective in 28 days.

From the President

A big contingent from our Association attended last month's Bauma, the world's largest display of heavy machinery and cranes. We were among the 500,000 who came to Munich, Germany to see the expo. Fully a third of attendees came from outside Germany. With more than 3,000 exhibitors spreading their wares over 540,000 square metres there was certainly enough to tempt all budgets to bursting.

Interest in our conference is building with 84 delegates and partners registered. It's pleasing that we've attracted 14 registrants who haven't attended a crane conference before and we sincerely hope that they enjoy it. There are only 13 seats left on the Saturday train trip to Christchurch so if you're interested you need to register quickly. If you've lost the forms contact the office for more.

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Development of New Unit Standards

The Association council, in conjunction with the ITO, have considered requests from the industry relating to the need for some additional Unit Standards. It has determined that the following are required

- Operate a crawler crane and lift and place loads
- Twin winch operation
- Multi crane lifting
- Operate articulated cranes and lift and place loads. This relates to Franna and Hamilton type machines which lift off rubber as opposed to outriggers

It is anticipated that the first three listed above will also be included in the National Certificate for Advanced Mobile Crane Operation, which we are currently reviewing. It will also include the two recently registered units for lifting tilt slabs.

Would anyone who has time available to assist in the development or review of the proposed units and the associated training material please advise our office.

Bridge Engineering Self Supervision

Good progress has been made to advance the Unit Standard on Bridge Engineering Self Supervision. The system should go live later this year.

We have worked closely with the New Zealand Heavy Haulage Association and Transit to develop the standard and there'll be workshops on its implementation at the conference.

Because of the need for administration of the Unit Standard to be consistent and accountable, our ITO (Opportunity Training) will not accredit assessors.

All assessors will be registered through Tranzqual.

Any of our members who would like to be considered for training as assessors of people wishing to gain the Unit Standard should approach the NZ Heavy Haulage Association office for the details of the requirements. Note that everyone currently on the BESS register will need to undertake and attain the new Unit Standard within two years, hence the need for assessors.



Bauma 2007 - Messe Munchen - Photo: Alexschelbert.de

The skyline at Bauma, held last month in Munich. Displays covered 540,000 square metres. Bauma 2007 set a new record for visitor numbers – around 500,000 attended this year. The proportion of visitors from outside Germany increased strongly, reaching around 160,000, which is approximately 30 percent of the total.

Weighload Trophy

Most Association members will be aware that the Weighload Trophy is awarded at the annual conference to the person or firm considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the crane industry in the previous twelve months.

This year we're selecting the recipient slightly differently and we would welcome suggestions from members on the name of any individual or company that they believe should be considered for the award.

Please advise our office if you have an opinion on who has deserved the award this past year.

Australian Conference

The Crane Industry Council of Australia have advised that their conference will be from 6th to 8th September in Adelaide. Further details are not available yet but we will supply them as they become available.



New Association members

We welcome the following new members to the Association:

- Ewing Construction Ltd
- Utilitech Training Centre

Crane Project of the Year

It is shaping up to be the best Crane Project of the Year yet. We already have some entries and are expect a few more. Many thanks to those companies who have spent time on producing entries. For others please look at the future and see whether or not you could put in an entry.

Crane Register with the printers

The latest crane register is currently being printed and will be sent to all members shortly. It has increased in size from previous years and we have had to move to a spiral bound version this year to accommodate the extra entries.

We would welcome suggestions from members after they receive their copy on whether or not they consider there is too much information contained in the register.

To keep control of the size, let us know whether you feel any sections can be deleted without detracting from the register's usefulness.