

Date of Reported Meeting: Wednesday 28th March 2018

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 17th May 2018

Seatbelts on Piling Rigs

There was some discussion about installing seatbelts on piling rigs. It was decided to contact John Underwood at HSE for his opinion on this matter.

Concrete Blowing Out

John Chick from Expanded has confirmed he is happy for their Concrete Blowing Out Decision Tree to be circulated to members. There was some discussion about whether the Concrete Pumping Guidance document should be used as a code of practice, which would give expectations of being legally enforceable, or whether the document should remain as guidance, which would give companies freedom to use other methods.

Mutual Recognition of Rig Driver Qualifications

It was reported that the EFFC is looking to set up a European Rig Drivers License. A working group is to be created within the EFFC and will be looking into existing standards for use in creating new ones. This will bring together manufacturers, contractors and training providers.

EN16228

It was reported that the rig standard was released in 2014 and introduced guarding as a requirement on all rigs within the EU. Whilst the UK use these as standard, there are several European countries that do not and who are still resistant to change. France are proposing to reduce the height from EN16228's standard of 1500, however the UK is looking to reject this. Technical solutions to putting guards on rigs are being looked at. Current regulation is to protect the worker from machinery and that there will be greater risk if the guard is reduced

Rod and Auger Handling- Casagrande Presentation

Giuliano Peressini from Casagrande gave a presentation on their process of automating manual handling. He highlighted the three key items that Casagrande focused on when producing their tool; safe, modular, and universal. There was some discussion about how this tool could be adapted and automated further however it was concluded that this would then affect its universality.

Apprenticeship for Plant

There was discussion about a Plant apprenticeship as a way of improving the quality of training in the industry. This would need to be designed in line with the Trailblazer scheme. The end goal of the apprenticeship was discussed, and it was decided to come up with role profiles for Plant Technicians and Operators as a basis for designing training. There was much emphasis on the need to attract individuals to the industry and to ensure training for upwards progression is made available.