

# Checkpoint

The newsletter of the Amusement Devices Inspection Procedures Scheme

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**T**he new *Advice for Design* guidance to be published by ADIPS will be officially launched at this year's International Leisure Industry Week (LIW) exhibition, to be held at the NEC in Birmingham from September 26 to 28.

The event will once again host a health and safety seminar at which speakers, including ADIPS representatives and others from the Health and Safety Executive, will provide updates on a range of issues, and the

## Advice for Design to be launched at LIW

opportunity will be taken to officially launch the new guidance in the presence of both operators and manufacturers from the UK and overseas.

It has also been confirmed that Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, parliamentary under secretary of state for the Department of Work and Pensions, which controls the HSE, will provide a

keynote presentation at the relevant seminar and will be asked to launch this latest ADIPS guidance.

It is anticipated that the new *Advice for Design* will be translated into a number of languages and promoted overseas, grants for which are available and being sought from UK Trade and Industry.

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## 'UK Ready' project gathers momentum

THE importance of what ADIPS is referring to as the 'UK Ready' project has once again been highlighted by problems relating to rides that have been imported recently that failed to meet various UK operational and pre-use requirements.

"We need to promote the high safety culture of our industry overseas and elsewhere," noted ADIPS Chief Executive Geoff Robson. "There are grants available to us to do this and it is vital that we continue to get information out to the wider industry abroad so we can spread our message and ensure it reaches the right people."

"The project has created a lot of interest in the ride supply industry and elsewhere," continued Robson. "Manufacturers have indicated a particular interest in a new membership option where they can become involved and assist us with our development of safety and guidance."

A presentation was provided on the subject at the Euro Attractions Show (EAS) in Vienna in February, with plans for similar opportunities to be taken at other industry events in the future. One of these will be at the International Leisure Industry Week (LIW) exhibition in September, where ADIPS will be taking stand space on the show floor as well as providing various presentations on this and other relevant subjects within the seminar programme.

## Megger to provide software template

ELECTRIC test equipment provider Megger has agreed to develop an ADIPS electrical inspection template in its software packages for electrical inspections for use with its Powersuite software, which will produce the forms required exactly as per the ADIPS system.

ADIPS will fund the development costs for this template, which will be owned by ADIPS/ADSC and issued free of charge to electrical inspectors. If individual electrical inspectors wish to use the template they will be required to purchase their own versions of Powersuite to use with it, but this will not be compulsory.

WELCOME to the first issue of *Checkpoint*, the newsletter of ADIPS Ltd. This has been created as part of a new initiative by ADIPS to communicate further with the amusement ride industry and to keep everyone involved informed of a variety of developments and activities.

The newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis and will feature articles on a wide range of topics, along with items on other relevant subjects as and when they arise.

As ADIPS continues to work on the development of standards and working practices aimed at the ongoing improvement of safety and control within the amusement ride industry, *Checkpoint* will be just one outlet utilised to keep the industry up to date on these and other key issues. I trust you will find it of use.

**Geoff Robson,  
Chief Executive,  
ADIPS Ltd.**

## THE on-going development of the ADIPS scheme has led to the decision to review existing Service Quality Schedules (SQS).

Since its inception, registration with the scheme has been done by the application of SQS' developed by the engineering council and referenced by BS EN 45004. The schedules were specifically drafted to suit their application with the fairgrounds and amusement device inspection regimes.

However, as the application of the scheme has developed and experience has been gained in the decision process required for the assessment of applicant qualifications and experience, it has become clear that the application of the schedules is not in line with current thinking and may be over complicated.

The purpose of the project, therefore, is to review the existing SQS' and report on recommendations for changes which

## Service Quality Schedules to be reviewed

should result in the assessment task being easier to operate. The report will also consider the suitability of the assessment criteria as a method of attaining registration and to make recommendations for any changes.

Additionally, the report will provide recommendations for an updated method for the assessment of amusement ride inspectors which is transparent, easy to understand and capable of being used into the future.

An internal industry task

group will be set up as part of the ADSC project programme to review reports and make final recommendations to the industry, this group to include not more than three ADSC members, one of whom will be the project manager.

This work will be put out to tender and it is the intention that the entire process be carried out in order that any changes to the assessment procedure can be applied for the 2007 registrations.

## Business as usual for inflatable inspections

**ADIPS has moved to reassure operators that the inspection of inflatables by ADIPS registered inspectors continues to be an accepted method of providing for operation throughout the UK.**

The move follows instances in Scotland where some local

authorities have taken it upon themselves not to accept ADIPS registered inspections, despite the fact that ADIPS is the officially recognised national scheme.

Controllers should be in no doubt that a properly carried out ADIPS inspection is all that is required.

## Design review update on Frog rides

ADIPS has revealed that it has negotiated a way forward for operators of Safeco Frog rides following a period of uncertainty over the safe operation of these attractions.

Having met with inspection bodies, and subsequently with operators, a way forward has been successfully concluded, in conjunction with IBs, that will allow for the continued operation of Safeco Frog rides under specific parameters that also ensure safety integrity.

"ADIPS has worked extremely hard with IBs and operators, as well as the manufacturer, to help them find a way forward with the situation surrounding Safeco Frog rides," said Chief Executive Geoff Robson. "We are delighted these attractions can now continue to operate, with the approval of the HSE, as a result of the considerable time and effort many of us have dedicated to resolving the matter."

He confirmed that any UDRs issued on such rides would be removed and that ADIPS would take action to ensure operators were made aware of any requirements they needed to comply with in order to continue operating.

**SEVERAL members of the ADSC attended a recent seminar organised by the HSC on the subject of stakeholder partnerships, the synopsis of the presentations being to recognise that the HSE is faced with increasing challenges and reducing resources.**

As a result, the HSE is looking for industry in general and other stakeholders, including local authorities, to achieve empowerment in the lower end of health and safety responsibilities. Generally, the models demonstrated were from the perspective of employer trade union safety representatives in

## HSC holds seminar on stakeholder partnerships

industry. It did, however, also cover the type of self-regulated system already in existence within the fairground industry.

There were encouraging words about partnerships, although no mention of how these would be funded, and the ADSC representatives were able to discuss various matters with Bill Callaghan, Chairman of the HSC.

**A MEETING of the Fairgrounds and Amusement Parks Joint Advisory Committee (FJAC) was held towards the end of 2005, with various topics coming up for discussion.**

Taking the minutes and matters arising, Chair Tim Galloway of the Health and Safety Executive reported that all actions outlined at the previous meeting 12 months earlier were complete, with the exception of the FJAC terms of reference which were ongoing.

Additionally, the HSL containment project was discussed and it was agreed that HSE would prepare a video of passenger behaviour observed during the project.

The HSE's Barry Baker then provided an update on NFIT work in 2004/05 and accident statistics. He revealed that the NFIT had carried out fewer visits (to

date) during the year (2005) than in the previous year with an increase in the number of Enforcement Notices. However, he noted that the increase was predominantly due to the number of Notices issued in relation to electrical safety.

He also reported that the time allocated to NFIT remained the same as in previous years at 1,200 days.

#### First Aid

The HSE's Julia Soave reported on a House of Commons adjournment debate she had attended on the provision of first aid to members of the public

## FJAC meeting covers numerous key subjects

on fairgrounds. The main recommendation made was that FJAC should consider how best to promote first aid for the public among its members and following further discussion it was agreed that FJAC would remit the formal response of the industry to HSE on this matter to ADSC.

From the industry's point of view, it was felt that the majority of parks and fairs already had significant first aid cover, which exceeded any statutory requirements, although it was agreed that the minimum requirements necessary would be added to the guidance.

#### Design review

Among other subjects discussed were the ongoing attempts to encourage European manufacturers to buy into the UK system of design review. It was agreed that the second edition of *Safety of Amusement Devices: Design* would allow ADIPS to promote the related messages elsewhere in Europe.

Additionally, it was revealed that the revision of HSG 175 continues apace, with the long awaited revue nearing completion. This, of course, will be a welcome step for those who need to understand the guidance and although there is still a significant workload ahead, the scheduling of many meetings over the summer months will ensure it is completed.

Among the final items to be discussed, ADIPS Chief Executive Geoff Robson outlined the on-

going work of the ADSC and the continuing work of the ADIPS Bureau. A huge step forward for the industry had been taken with the achievement of ISO 9001 accreditation, while the subsequent six monthly auditing of the ADIPS Bureau had gone well.

#### Self-regulation

"Industry self-regulation is here and is here to stay," he said, adding that a review of the quality of Service Quality Schedules (SQS) will take place during 2006, with an audit protocol for RIBs also being developed. He noted that the quality of DOCs submitted was improving each year, with fewer queries, and also outlined several challenges for the future.

These were to develop the ADIPS system further and improve the layout and system for completion of DOCs; to influence manufacturers, and in particular foreign ride manufacturers; and to increase the profile of ADIPS within the industry, both in the UK and overseas.

Finally, the number of man hours given up by unpaid volunteers within the technical working group was also noted. Volunteers sat for over 3,000 hours in total last year for the benefit of the industry as a whole, working on subjects such as Advice for Design, Advice for Inspection, the Vetting Committee, the NDT subgroup and other groups. The huge amount of time given up by these volunteers was recognised.

## Technical projects under review

A NUMBER of projects came up for discussion at the most recent meeting of ADSC.

In addition to the official launch of the Advice for Design guidance, which is scheduled to take place at the LIW show in September at the NEC, Birmingham, ADIPS company secretary and director Richard Barnes revealed that he had met with representatives of the world-renowned Faraday Centre in Middlesbrough, and had secured their services to write the syllabus for and provide an amusement ride electrical inspection course.

It is intended that the course be held over a period of three days, with one day for assessment, with the proposed cost for participants being £350 per person.

"The new ADIPS electrical programme promises to provide candidates with an excellent method of bringing their electrical skills up to date," commented Faraday Centre Managing Director Barry Thomas. "All of us here at Faraday are looking forward to the first course and expect the skills and industry experience of Faraday lecturing staff will help the fairground industry as a whole improve its electrical standards."

Other projects discussed included HSG 175, HSE representative Barry Baker stating that two and a half chapters of this had now been completed, and passenger containment, work on which was still on-going.

The current situation regarding the Advice for Inspection guidance and progress on this to date was also reviewed, it being agreed that this would be included in the programme of work on-going, with relevant budgets also being prepared.

## Simulators to come under ADIPS scheme

**SMALL** simulator attractions have sometimes wrongly not been included under the full ADIPS scheme but it is known that such pieces of equipment can include similarities and components as critical to safety as larger rides.

To ensure that these small devices are given the correct level of inspection, BACTA and the ADSC have agreed a clearer definition for small devices and the result is that any rides, including small simulators and the like, whose designs have

structural or safety implications, should be dealt with under the full ADIPS Scheme and have a Design Review, Assessment of Conformity and an Initial Test. They should also be inspected yearly as would a normal ride.

## New forms for electrical inspections

THIS year a new electrical form has been provided to electrical inspectors which was originally drafted by the HSE and was done so to bring the amusement device inspection industry in line with all the other required electrical inspections carried out in other industries.

Feedback from users of the new form indicates that it takes longer to fill out but that it is very helpful in ensuring that all the necessary items are covered.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, ADIPS has undertaken a project to provide very simple methods of filling in forms in conjunction with a well-known testing equipment provider. Although this year may have been regarded as a form of trial for these forms, the final versions will be compulsory.

A VAST amount of work on technical projects has been completed to date, but the amount still required to be carried out means ADIPS is to look at how this is achieved.

It was suggested at the March meeting of ADSC that some work be put out to tender, but with the ADIPS office continuing to have input into the project support so as to ensure compliance with the requirements of the ADIPS scheme.

## Changes proposed to technical working

A programme of required technical projects has been drawn up by the ADIPS office, covering key areas such as costs, timings, etc., for ADSC members to comment upon.

## ADIPS board structure

AT the December meeting of ADSC the delineation of responsibilities between the ADIPS Ltd. Board, the ADSC and the HSE was reviewed, a number of issues being highlighted, among them the structure of the ADIPS board.

It was subsequently agreed that the structure of the board should remain the same with the control of the various working groups now being passed to ADIPS. Additionally, the HSE is to continue to fund the JAC and certain committees as required.

## ADIPS appoints PR representative

WITH a view to promoting ADIPS and its activities to a wider audience, as well as ensuring existing users are kept informed on a regular basis, the ADSC has appointed Andrew Mellor to act as the ADIPS PR representative.

Mellor has been involved in the business for over 26 years, having started his career with the World's Fair Ltd., publishers of, among other titles, the World's Fair newspaper. He has edited a number of industry publications during this time and for the past 10 years has run his own PR and marketing agency, as well as being a regular contributor to trade publications in the UK and overseas. He is well-known to many operators, manufacturers and others within the business.

His initial remit will be to help promote ADIPS throughout the UK industry and further afield, submit regular items to trade and other publications on ADIPS activities, act as the first point of contact for the media and to produce four ADIPS newsletters per year.

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