



**INTERNATIONAL PRESTRESSED
HOLLOWCORE ASSOCIATION**

2024

**28TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MAY 23RD - 26TH
NEWCASTLE - N.IRELAND**

YOUR HOSTS:



WELCOME FROM OUR PRESIDENT

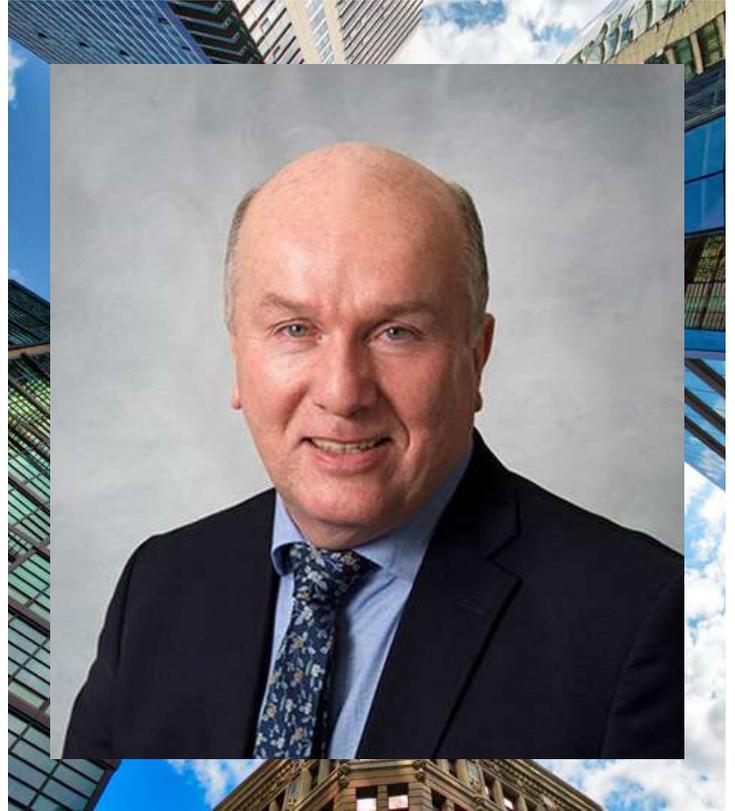
30 YEARS OF IPHA

It is with great pleasure that we extend our invite to all the valued delegates & their partners to the 28th Annual conference venue this time in Ireland. Your hosts this year will be Creagh Concrete & Combilift, both companies with their roots firmly anchored in Ireland. This year we will touch base on 'Leadership', with a focus on the qualities that are instrumental in continued success of the precast hollow core industry.

"Durability" - Just as our products offer durability, our association has done the same. The roots go all the way back to 1969, and IPHA, as we know it today, is celebrating this 30th anniversary in 2024. For over 3 decades IPHA has organized various conferences, events, and workshops to promote leadership, education, and research within our industry.

The 2024 conference is also an anniversary event aimed at celebrating 30 years of IPHA, our joined efforts advancing the continued improvement of our industry, providing a platform for industry professionals from across the globe to come together and exchange their ideas, knowledge, and best practices for bringing the industry forward.

In conclusion, IPHA has been instrumental in generating improvements within the manufacture



and use of prestressed hollow core, and with the continued team work skills of our organization will continue to do so for many more years.

The Slieve Donard Resort provides a picturesque backdrop for this discussion, and participants can take advantage of the stunning outdoor scenery to brainstorm new ideas and network with each other. We hope to meet you all, and also all the new members of our organization, on our beautiful Island.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanus M'Keaghe". The signature is fluid and cursive.

IPHA President

The IPHA logo consists of the letters "IPHA" in a bold, white, sans-serif font inside a blue square. Below this, the full name "INTERNATIONAL PRESTRESSED HOLLOWCORE ASSOCIATION" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.



CREAGH
INNOVATION IN CONCRETE

Pioneering the precast industry for over 45 years, Creagh is all about relationships - strong relationships with our customers, sub-contractors, clients, suppliers and importantly our employees.



We are one of the UK's largest producers of concrete products for a diverse range of market sectors. Creagh is leading the market with innovation in precast concrete, providing new solutions across the construction industry. We are

changing the way people think about concrete, bringing new levels of efficiency and performance to our products, with Spantherm thermally efficient flooring and Rapidres, an offsite Fastrack build system. These relationships are key to our business and our approach to working together to deliver successful projects. From initial design consultation, through project development, installation and beyond, we go hand-in-hand with our clients through the whole process.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



MARTIN MCVICAR COMBILIFT **Business Innovation**

CEO and Co-founder of Combilift Ltd, based in Co. Monaghan, Ireland. Martin now heads up a workforce of around 950 and the company exports to more than 85 countries.



MICHAEL KEATING CRH-EUROPE **Safety Leadership as an organisational lever to build operational excellence and high performing teams**

Michael is Safety Manager at CRH Europe Materials and has had responsibility for the implementation of the safety programme at CRH operations in Europe and Asia.



JOAN BELTON CREAGH CONCRETE **Innovation in challenging times**

Over 25 years as Head of Marketing at Creagh Concrete, Joan's marketing methods have helped the firm succeed and dominate the market. Her creativity, strategic vision, and leadership have helped the organisation develop and flourish.



MARTIN TIERNEY SEATING MATTERS **Lean made simple**

Martin is a Director of Seating Matters, an N. Ireland maker of clinical, therapeutic seating for hospitals worldwide. Their company has been transformed via implementing the Japanese culture of kaizen & harnessing the ideas of every single person in the business. While hosting the 2023 Global Lean Leadership Summit, their story may inspire and transform any firm.



HILDE FLØGSTAD SAINT-GOBAIN NORDIC AND BALTIC **Leadership and Team Performance**

Responsible for the Weber Manufacturing in the Nordics & Baltics with Saint-Gobain Nordic and Baltic, Hilde previously spent over 10 years as Technical Director of Precast at Contiga AS. Hilde is an experienced Production Director with a demonstrated history of working in the building materials industry.



SURPRISE SPEAKER

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Combilift is the largest global manufacturer of multi-directional forklifts and an acknowledged leader in the handling of long and awkward loads. Innovation, Flexibility and Service is the ethos on which Combilift's success has been built, and since 1998 has made us the world's fastest-growing forklift manufacturer.

We export to more than 85 countries, and today have more than 90.000 trucks in operation around the world. Combilift is a privately held and fully capitalized company, founded in 1998 by Robert Moffett and

MADE BY PEOPLE - BUILT FOR PEOPLE

An Irish gathering has been put together between our colleagues of CREAGH Concrete and we are looking forward to exchange of experiences and lessons learned at the annual IPHA conference 2024 - in Ireland

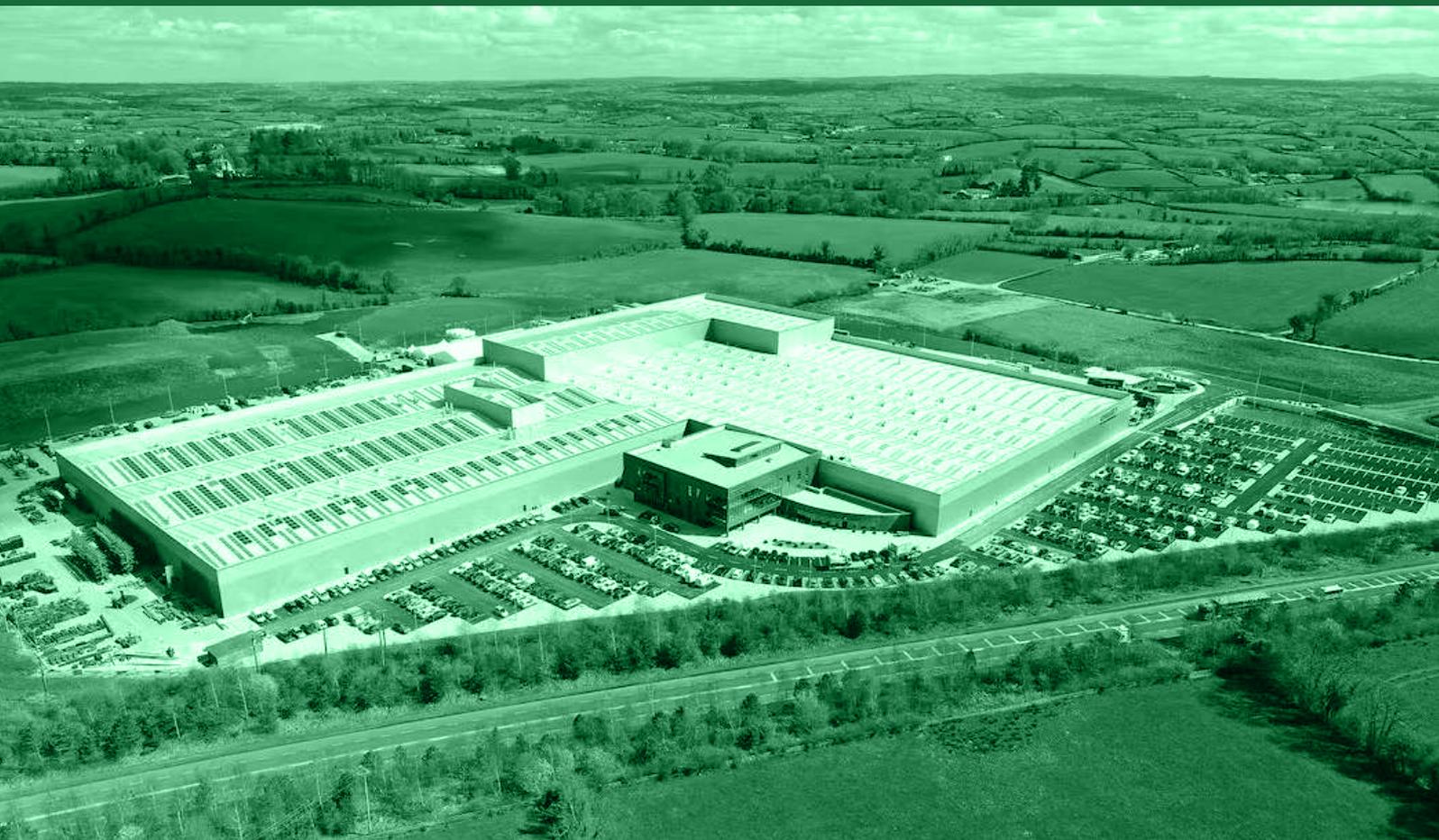
Martin McVicar - 2023 being the year of our 25th anniversary, a dedicated manufacturer of customized material handling solutions for long and awkward loads.

25 years of business, turning material handling into a safety zone - turning space into a profit zone. The ingenuity of our employees and with the knowledge of our valued clients - we always strive for more - in short, we are "doing more with less".



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SLIEVE DONARD



Steeped in history, Slieve Donard was built in 1898 and continues to offer a magnificent yet welcoming retreat for guests to start their Irish adventure - and in this case to become then venue for our Irish Gathering 2024. A fabulous range of activities and experiences await; the Mourne Mountains and stunning Tollymore Forest Park are close by and the world-famous Royal County Down Golf club is nearby too. Whiskey and gin distilleries abound, while Game of Thrones fans will be pleased to know that County Down was a location favourite.



“WHERE THE MOUNTAINS O’ MOURNE SWEEP DOWN TO THE SEA.”



For a memorable and seamless experience, together with friends and colleagues - look no further than the IPHA GATHERING 2024.

We'll deliver great times, fabulous scenery and everything in between. The first thing you'll notice on arrival is our incredible location: we're set in the stunning resort town of Newcastle, County Down, where the Mourne Mountains sweep down to the sea; where the golf courses link up with the shore.

The Irish IPHA gathering offers the perfect combination of knowledge sharing, being together on the seaside, with mountains and an unspoilt countryside. Indeed, an abundance of outdoor pursuits, adventures and off course our annual event IPHA 2024 - with all that lies in between.



ITINERARY

Thursday 23rd May

PROGRAM FOR BOARD MEMBERS

- 10:00 - 12:00 Factory Tour Creagh Concrete Products, Toomebridge
- 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch at The Elk Bistro, Toomebridge
- 13:00 - 14.30 Bus to Slieve Donard
- 15:00 - 17.00 Board Meeting @ Slieve Donard

TRANSPORT FOR DELEGATES

- 12:00 - 13:20 Bus Departure @ Aldergrove International, Belfast
- 12:00 - 14:00 Bus Departure @ Dublin Airport
- 16:00 - 18:00 Bus Departure @ Aldergrove International, Belfast
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WELCOME DINNER FOR ALL

- 19.00- 23.00 Welcome Dinner @ Slieve Donard

Friday 24th May

DELEGATES & PARTNERS

- 19.00- 23.00 Host Dinner @ Slieve Donard - Chandelier room

Saturday 25th May

DELEGATES & PARTNERS

- 19.00- 23.00 IPHA Dinner @ Slieve Donard - Chandelier room

Sunday 26th May

TRANSPORT

- 08.00- 10.00 Breakfast @ Slieve Donard, the OAK room
- 10.15-11.30 Bus departure to @ Aldergrove International, Belfast
- 10.15-12.00 Bus departure to Dublin Airport

DELEGATES ITINERARY

DELEGATES - FRIDAY 24TH MAY

07.00 - 07.30	Breakfast at Slieve Donard
07.45 - 09.15	Departure with bus to Creagh Concrete (members intro on bus)
09.15 - 09.45	Welcome by Seamus McKeague
09.45 - 11.45	Creagh Hollowcore Factory Tour - Ardboe
11.45 - 12.45	Departure with bus to Combilift (coffee on bus)
12.45 - 13.30	Lunch - Restaurant TBC
13.30 - 13.45	Combilift presentation - Auditorium
13.45 - 15.00	Combilift Factory Tour - 6 tour guides / 10 delegates
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee / Drinks
15.30 - 17.00	Departure with bus to Slieve Donard (Entertainment on bus)
19.00 - 23.00	Host dinner at Slieve Donard - The Chandelier Room

DELEGATES - SATURDAY 25TH MAY

07.00 - 08.00	Breakfast at Slieve Donard
08.00 - 08.30	Welcome by Kjell Ole
08.30 - 09.00	New member's Introduction
09.00 - 09.30	Keynote speaker #1; Mr. Martin McVicar - Lifting Innovation.
09.30 - 10.00	Keynote speaker #2; Mr Michael Keating - Safety Director CRH
10.00 - 10.30	Coffee break
10:30 - 11:00	Keynote speaker #3; Mrs Joan Belton - Creagh Concrete
11.00 - 12.00	Keynote speaker #4; Mr Martin Tierney - Seating Matters
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13:00 - 13:30	Keynote speaker #5; Hilde Flogstad - Saint-Gobain Nordic & Baltic
13:30 - 14:00	Keynote speaker #6; Surprise Guest
14.00 - 15.00	Panel Discussion - facilitated by ?
15.00 - 15.15	Coffee Break
15.15 - 15.45	Sponsor presentations (3 x 15 minutes)
15.45 - 16.15	Terry Treanor Award Presentation
16.15 - 17.00	General Assembly
19.00 - 23.00	IPHA dinner at Slieve Donard - The Chandelier room

PARTNERS ITINERARY

PARTNERS - FRIDAY 24TH MAY

- 07.00 - 08.45 Breakfast at Slieve Donard, The Oak room
- 09.00 - 10.00 Departure with bus to Belfast
- 10.00 - 12.00 Open Top Bus Tour of Belfast
- 12.00 - 15.00 Traditional Lunch and Music in The Harp Bar + Shopping Opp
- 15:00 - 15:45 Departure with bus to Slieve Donard
- 19.00 - 23.00 Host dinner at Slieve Donard - The Chandelier room

PARTNERS - SATURDAY 25TH MAY

- 07.00 - 10.00 Breakfast at Slieve Donard, The Oak room
- 9.00 - 14.00 Walking Tour of Tollymore Forest, Newcastle
- 14.00 - 16.00 Afternoon Tea @ Slieve Donard
- 19.00 - 23.00 IPHA Dinner at Slieve Donard - The Chandelier room





HOW TO REACH SLIEVE DONARD & NEWCASTLE

- IPHA will arrange shuttle buses departure 2 times on Thursday 23/05/2024 from Dublin International Airport, at 12:00 and 16:00. The travel time from airport to the hotel in Newcastle take approximately 2 hours, depending on the traffic.
- At the same time IPHA arrange shuttle buses from Aldergrove International, Belfast - 2 times on Thursday 23/05/2024, at 12:00 and 16:00. The travel time from airport to the hotel in Newcastle take approximately 1 hour 20 minutes, depending on the traffic.
- There will also be arranged shuttle buses back to both airports on Sunday 26/5/2023 at 10:15

DUBLIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - NEWCASTLE:

Approximately 2 hours depending on traffic



ALDERGROVE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BELFAST - NEWCASTLE:

Approximately 1 hour 20 minutes depending on traffic



REGISTRATION

28TH IPHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MAY 23 -26, 2023

Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, Northern Ireland



Please register the completed form no later than **Friday 23rd February 2024**:

REGISTRATION LINK

[click here](#)

The price for 3 nights in Slieve Donard Hotel include; conference, lunches, dinners, shuttle bus and social arrangements are:

- Delegate €1,150.00
- Delegate and Partner €1,450.00

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