

## Technical Tours

The guided tours arranged for Wednesday 22nd Feb 2012 will include visits to important coastal protection sites, major ports and desalination projects. More details of the Technical Tours will be given in the Third Announcement.

## Pre-and Post Conference Tours

The LOC will make necessary arrangement with an authorized travel agent and the tour packages will be displayed in the website. Similarly, for accompanying persons, tour packages to places of interest will be arranged with the same travel agent.

## Accommodation

A Block booking of hotel rooms at conveniently located hotels will be made for delegates. Hotel reservation forms outlining the special rates obtained will be included in the Third Announcement. Reservations must be made through the Local Organizing Secretariat. Prices for the categories which will be available are in the following range (per person on a double occupancy basis). The rates are tentative and should serve as only a guideline.

Category A (5 Star) US\$120 to US\$400

Category B (4 Star) US\$ 80 to US\$ 150

Category C (3 Star) US\$ 50 to US\$ 100

Category D (Budget) US\$ 25 to US\$ 50

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement

# PIANC – COPEDEC VIII

Eighth International Conference  
on Coastal and Port Engineering  
in Developing Countries

IIT Madras, Chennai, India  
20-24 February 2012

**“Meeting the Challenges of the Coastal Environment”**

## IIT Madras Director's welcome message

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) is pleased to host PIANC-COPEDEC VIII on the IIT Campus, Chennai from 20 to 24 February 2012. The conference has already made an enormous global contribution towards empowering coastal and port engineering communities in developing countries to take charge of their own development. The merger of PIANC and COPEDEC has greatly enhanced world-wide professional interest and participation in the Conference now under the banner of PIANC-COPEDEC. The leading role India is playing in contributing to and catalysing the global post-recession recovery, with massive investments in transport infrastructure including ports, makes it the right time for us to host PIANC-COPEDEC VIII at IIT Madras, India's Centre of Excellence in Coastal and Ocean Engineering. It is my pleasant duty to invite you to Chennai not only to participate in this conference but also to enjoy the culture of South India and the IIT Campus which is an oasis within a bustling city.

## The Conference

The success of the First International Conference on Coastal and Port Engineering in Developing Countries (COPEDEC), held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in March 1983, resulted in the creation of a Permanent Secretariat (PS) to organize this special conference once every four years in a developing country. Subsequent conferences were held in Beijing, China (September 1987), Mombassa, Kenya (September 1991), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (September 1995), Cape Town, South Africa (April 1999), Colombo, Sri Lanka (September 2003) and Dubai, UAE (February 2008).

During the COPEDEC VI conference in Colombo, on September 19th, 2003, a merger agreement between PIANC, the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure, and COPEDEC was signed and consequent to this agreement, a new International Organizing Committee (IOC) was formed. The merger of PIANC and COPEDEC resulted in a tremendous response during the VII COPEDEC conference held in Dubai, UAE during February 2008 and was the first COPEDEC Conference held under the aegis of PIANC. The Eighth International Conference on Coastal and Port Engineering in Developing Countries (PIANC-COPEDEC VIII) is to be held in Chennai, a vibrant port city of south India during 20 - 24 February 2012. This is the first time that the Conference will be held in a developing country where the National Section of PIANC is actively participating in the event.

This is the Second Announcement and Final call for papers for PIANC-COPEDEC VIII. A Third Announcement including detailed practical information as well as registration and hotel booking forms, will be issued in August 2011. Those wishing to ensure the receipt of the Third Announcement are requested to log into the conference website [www.pianc-copedec2012.in](http://www.pianc-copedec2012.in) to indicate their interest.

## Registration

The Registration fees for the conference participants and accompanying persons are yet to be finalized. However, it is tentatively fixed as follows:

Registration fee	Until 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2011	From 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2011
Participant	US\$600	US\$650
Presenting author	US\$550	Not applicable
Accompanying person	US\$300	US\$350
Full time student (letter from Parent institute required)		US\$400
Pre-conference short course		
- for PIANC-COPEDEC VIII delegates	US\$200	
- for non PIANC-COPEDEC VIII delegates	US\$400	

PIANC members are eligible for an additional reduction of US\$50. Some Indian delegates will be eligible for a reduction, depending on the provision of a subsidy from different government agencies.

For participants, the Registration fee includes Participation in all conference technical sessions; one set of proceedings; transportation between airport and hotel and between designated hotel (s) and the conference venue, on specified days; reception and banquet as well as guided tours arranged for Wednesday and other special tours offered for accompanying persons.

Firm details, registration and hotel booking forms will be included in the Third Announcement. Information is also available on the conference website: [www.pianc-copedec2012.in](http://www.pianc-copedec2012.in).

## Important Dates and Information

The Conference date: 20th to 24th February 2012 in India, Tamilnadu, Chennai. All information and practical details regarding registration, participation may be obtained from.

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Abstracts and Fellowship Applications must be submitted before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

## Fellowships

To meet the main objective of the conference, a greater number of fellowships is being planned to be made available by the sponsors.

Any professional, student or scientist living and working under a local labour contract in a country in transition is entitled to apply for a fellowship. The fellowship will only be provided to individuals on application, not to institutions. Fellowship application forms may be downloaded from the conference website. Prospective fellows are encouraged to solicit other local funds first, as in principle only part funding will be given. Participants able to partially support themselves through own or other funding will be given preference by the Fellowship Awards Committee. Exceptions may be made for needy participants. Funding is restricted to international air transport, and/or conference registration fee and accommodation. **Funding will be provided primarily for authors and emphasis will be on young active professionals.** Chairmen of technical sessions and invited key persons are also eligible for fellowships, if funds are available.

The former Permanent Secretariat has decided to use surplus funds from previous conferences to award five fellowships in memory of the late Summa Amarasinghe the founder of COPEDEC. . These will be made available to authors of Sri Lankan origin who are living and working under a local labour contract in a country in transition.

Each application will be evaluated by the Fellowship Award Committee against a set of criteria to determine the level of funding to be granted. Those interested are requested to fill in and submit the Fellowship Application form which can be downloaded from the conference website at the time of submission of abstracts. Applicants will be informed in mid-June 2011 whether their applications are successful. Additional fellowships are being arranged by PIANC and other sponsors. Other sources for grants are also being sought.

## Short Course

Following the huge success of the short course organized in connection with each of the previous three conferences, the conducting of a pre-conference short course is under consideration. This will only take place if sufficient interest is shown by participants in their responses to the pre-registration questionnaire on the website. The course will be conducted by internationally recognized specialists and is intended to support the theme and philosophy of COPEDEC. It will be aimed at improving skills in coastal and port engineering with particular application to developing countries. The final programme for the Short Course and the associated costs will accompany the Third Announcement. The course numbers will be limited.

## Venue

The Conference will be held in Chennai, India at the IC & SR building in IIT campus, surrounded by trees, and providing an ideal environment for stimulating technical deliberations. The IIT-M campus is self-contained with all the facilities of an international university. The campus of the institute extends over an area of 2.5 sq.km in Chennai, the capital city of Tamilnadu, and is rich in flora and fauna.

## Objectives

The active mission of the PIANC-COPEDEC Conferences is:

- 1.to provide an international forum where coastal and port engineers from developing countries can exchange know-how and experience amongst themselves and with their colleagues from industrialized countries;
- 2.to enable the developing countries to have a sustainable human resource pool of coastal and port development professionals.

The overall theme for COPEDEC VIII is:

### **“Meeting the Challenges of the Coastal Environment”**

As with previous conferences, the emphasis on technical subjects remains. Papers will focus on practical applications, planning, management and environmental aspects of coastal and port engineering in developing and industrialized countries, including documentation of case studies.

## International Organizing Committee

Conference planning is being coordinated by the International Organizing Committee, whose members are:

- Ranjit Galappatti, Chairman (Sri Lanka)
- Louis Van Schel, Secretary General, PIANC (Belgium)
- Vallam Sundar, Chairman of LOC (India)
- David A.Y. Smith (Jamaica)
- Freddy Wens (Belgium)
- Gary Mocke (South Africa)
- Hartmut Bruehl, (Germany)
- Rakesh Srivastava (India)

## Call for Papers

Papers will be presented in the following seven broad themes with special reference to the needs of countries in transition.

- Port and Coastal Infrastructure Engineering
- Port, Harbour and Marine Planning and Management
- Coastal Stabilization and Waterfront Development
- Coastal Sediments and Hydrodynamics
- Coastal Zone Management and Environment
- Coastal Risk Management
- Coastal and Inland Shipping
- Marine Data Acquisition and Management

Papers need not be limited to the above themes and topics pertaining to allied areas will be accommodated. Selection of papers for presentation will be based on a one or two page abstract, provided as a digital copy (e-mail document) which shall be either submitted through our web portal or forwarded to the paper selection Secretary by email to: [copedec2012@iitm.ac.in](mailto:copedec2012@iitm.ac.in) **before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**. For any clarifications, the delegates can contact the PIANC-COPEDEC 2012 secretariat.

Email: [copedec2012@iitm.ac.in](mailto:copedec2012@iitm.ac.in).

## Main Sponsors

This series of Conferences supports the participation of delegates from countries in transition. In order to facilitate this, support is sought from various sponsors. The sponsors can hold Platinum, Diamond or Gold status depending on the extent of their financial contribution towards various events and the award of fellowships. The main Platinum sponsorship for PIANC-COPEDEC VIII has been overwhelmingly undertaken by the Government of Flanders, Belgium, however other sponsors are necessary and welcome. Those who support lunches, dinners and technical tours get the status of co-sponsor. Details of all of these donors and sponsors are being finalized and can only be fully outlined in the Third Announcement.

## Language

The Language of the Conference will be English.

## Submission of Abstracts

The abstracts should be formatted in accordance with the template that may be downloaded from the conference website. The deadline for abstract submission is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. Authors will be notified of the acceptance/rejection of papers for presentation or for display as posters in mid-May 2011. Authors whose abstracts are accepted for presentation after modification or amendment will be required to re-submit the final digital copies of their formatted abstracts by July 2011 and the final paper before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The full set of papers will be published in digital form on Compact Disc and the abstracts will be printed in the form of a book of abstracts. All images contained in the abstracts should be legible when printed in black and white. Images in the full paper may be prepared in colour.

Instructions regarding approved software, formatting, layout, typing and submission of papers will be forwarded to authors whose papers are selected for presentation. This information will also be posted on the website.

Papers have to be presented at the conference by one of the authors. The main author must guarantee such a presentation. Presenting authors will be required to register early to ensure inclusion of their papers in the technical programme.

## Proceedings

A book of abstracts of all the papers to be presented at the Conference will be distributed among all registered delegates, together with a CD containing all the papers accepted at the time of registration.

## Paper Selection Committee

The following persons are members of the paper Selection Committee:

Prof. Kees d'Angremond, Chairman (The Netherlands)

Prof. Charitha Pattiarachchi (Australia)

Dr. Gary Mocke (South Africa)

Prof. Ron Cox (Australia)

Prof. Sören Kohlhase (Germany)

Prof. Tomoya Shibayama (Japan)

Prof. Vallam Sundar (India)

Prof. S.A. Sannasiraj, Secretary of the PSC (India)

The Committee will meet in May 2011 to review and evaluate all the abstracts received and to make the final selection of papers.

