

CoCom Annual Report 2007

1. Introduction

This Annual Report presents the activities of CoCom in 2007 and describes the progress made with respect to the CoCom Action Plan 2006-2010.

2. The Commission

The following changes of the membership occurred in 2007:

- Mr. John R. Headland replaced Mr. Shiv Batra as representative of the US. Section.
- Mr. Ali Dastgheib replaced Mr. Randa Hassan.
- Mr. Hanno Scheffer died on 12 August 2007. He was not only active in the PIANC-COPEDEC Int. Org. Committee, but was the motor behind CoCom WG2 on Shoreline Stabilisation Methods, having prepared its TOR in 2006 and starting it as Chairman in the 1st half of 2007.

In December 2007 the Norwegian Section proposed Mr. Trygve Isaksen as their representative in CoCom

The CoCom-membership as per end 2007 is shown in Appendix 1 to this report.

3. CoCom Meetings

In 2007 2 meetings were held of the Commission: in April in Cochin, India (parallel with the AGA) and on 20 October 2007 in Brussels.

The most important subjects discussed during these meetings were the activities in the SubCommittees as reported in Item 4 below. In the October meeting the Chairman's concern about the general level of activity of the Commission was discussed and several ways to improve this agreed.

4. SubCommittees

- SC1 (Working Groups)

CoCom 1 on Small Island Ports submitted its Draft Final report during the year, which was subsequently approved by CoCom and sent to HQ for editing. This first report of a CoCom Working Group will be published early 2008 by PIANC (as Report no.97) and by IAPH.

CoCom 2 on Shoreline Stabilization Methods had its 1st meeting in June 2007 under the chairmanship of Hanno Scheffer. After his death in August Mr. Karsten Mangor took over as Chairman.

The TOR for **COCOM 3** on Training were approved by ExCom in October 2007 and sent to National Sections for nomination of members. The Task Group on existing training programs for CiT became effective in October, with the aim to collect information for the WG.

- **SC2 (Regional Groups and Qualifying Members)**
Argentina started as a National Section in 2007 with a healthy membership, including many Young Professionals. CoCom's Chairman visited the NS in June for meetings with the Board and a presentation to a Technical Seminar, attended by the Subsecretary of Ports and Waterways.
Brazil became **Candidate** Qualifying Member in 2007 via direct contacts with PIANC-HQ (**QM in January 2008**).
Serbia also became Qualifying Member in August 2007, through the contacts made during the European Inland Waterway Conference.

The Austrian Section organized in June a workshop of the **Regional Group on Central and Eastern Europe** in conjunction with the EIWN Conference in Visegrad, Hungary. The meeting was attended by representatives from all Danube countries, including Serbia which soon after the meeting applied for Qualifying membership and attended the Council meeting in October. With the same objective PIANC gave an opening address during the Port Development and Coastal Environment Conference in Varna, Bulgaria, in September 2007, followed by a round table on PIANC activities.

The Japanese Section organized again a meeting with representatives from Korea and China during the 6th Northeast Asia Port Symposium in November 2007, in Gwangyang, South Korea. Although both countries have a National Section, individual and corporate membership does not exist in Korea and China. The formation of a **Northeast Asian Regional Group** does not make any chance under these circumstances.

As in the past 2 years, the French National Section co-organized a francophone colloquium in December in Paris entitled "Les grands aménagements maritimes et fluviaux". Although this is seen as an excellent opportunity for CoCom to develop contacts in the French-speaking countries, the results in this respect have remain well below expectation. Earlier hope of the formation of a **North and West African Regional Group** seems to be unrealistic, unless the efforts in this respect are increased.

There was no progress on the (re)formation of the **South Asian and Southern Africa Regional Groups**.

- **SC3 (PIANC-COPEDEC Conference)**
The IOC had 1 meeting in Dubai during the year, in preparation of the VII Conference in Dubai, February 2008. The Third and Final Announcement for the Conference was issued. CoCom and YPCoM started preparations for a (joint) presentation during the Conference with the aim to enlist PIANC membership among the participants.
- **SC4 (Logistical and Financial Support)**
The Cooperation Fund is available, but not widely announced within the organization. Hence only one application was received and approved. The organization of SC4 must be improved in 2008 with an eye on the 2010 Regional Events in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

- **SC CoCom-YPCoM**

This joint SubCommittee was proposed to and approved by ExCom with the aim to combine and streamline the efforts of the two commissions with respect to attracting membership of YP's from CiT. The SubCommittee comprises two (YP)members of CoCom and two members of YPCoM. They have started their task enthusiastically with preparations for PIANC-COPEDEC in February 2008.

5. Action Plan 2006-2010

The progress and status of Actions is shown in the last column of Appendix 2.