

PIANC'S DE PAEPE-WILLEMS AWARD 2008

PIANC's annual De Paepe-Willems Award (DPWA) is being given in honour of Professor Gustave Willems, who was president of PIANC from 1956 until his death in 1982 and Robert De Paepe, PIANC president for seventeen years, who fostered the international spirit and the professional development of PIANC. In 2002, it was decided to merge the "Foundation Robert De Paepe" with the Gustave Willems Award. Since 2003, the former Gustave Willems Award is known as the "De Paepe-Willems Award".

This prestigious award consists of an amount of € 5,000 and free membership of PIANC for a five-year period. It is granted to an individual candidate (not having reached the age of 40 on 31 December of the year of submission) at PIANC's Annual General Assembly (AGA). This year, the award goes to William Glamore from Australia for his paper entitled "A Decision Support Tool for Assessing the Impact of Boat Wake Waves on Inland Waterways". He will be invited to present his paper at PIANC's upcoming AGA in Beijing on May 26, 2008. His submission will be published in PIANC's magazine "On Course", as well as on the international PIANC-website with a curriculum vitae and a summary of the submission.

Contestants for the prize are required to submit a paper on subjects in the fields of design, construction, improvement, maintenance of operation of inland and maritime waterways (rivers, estuaries, canals, port approaches), of inland and maritime ports and of coastal areas. The paper must be original and a practical application of technology (state-of-practice). The judgement of the submissions lies in the hands of a jury, appointed by PIANC's Executive Committee (ExCom) and composed of one member of ExCom who chairs the jury and three especially invited experts on the subjects covered in the submitted papers. Papers should be submitted before August 31 of the preceding year.

The award represents a unique platform for young professionals in their early careers. Not only is it a nice opportunity for young professionals to build up a reputation in the technical world, it is also an ideal springboard for them to be able to gain more experience, for example through participation in one of PIANC's Technical Working Groups, the very core business of the association. Moreover, the voice of the Young Professionals is also heard through their own commission (YP-Com).

For more information about this award, please log on to the PIANC website. Here you can find more detailed information, as well as an application form and the rules for entering the competition.