

## IMPRESA PIETRO CIDONIO S.p.A. BECOMES PLATINUM SPONSOR OF PIANC AND RECCOM



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In May 2010 a discussion started amongst Mr. **E. Van den Eede**, President of PIANC, Mr. **L. Van Schel**, PIANC Secretary-General, Mr. **E. Ciralli**, Chairman of RecCom and Mr. **O. Mazzola**, President of Impresa Pietro Cidonio S.p.A. (IPC), in relation to the intention of IPC to become a PIANC Platinum Sponsor with particular interest to sustain the activities of RecCom. This was officially announced by Mr. **Van den Eede** during the last AGA, held in Liverpool on May 10, 2010. At this occasion, Mr. **Van den Eede** presented the company and its activities.

The Impresa Pietro Cidonio S.p.A. (IPC, [www.cidonio.it](http://www.cidonio.it)) is an Italian construction company specialised in maritime works and in the technology of concrete caissons. IPC was founded in 1918 and focused mainly on hydraulic works construction and land reclamation. In 1963 the company became part of an important Italian governmental holding (IRI-Italstat), and within this group IPC was in charge of important maritime works. For thirty years, IPC made important port infrastructures works, both in Italy and abroad, collaborating with public and private authorities. In more than three decades, the company developed significant experience and achieved high-level professional competence, increasing more and more its reputation, reliability and recognisability. In August 1995 the company returned to private ownership. Nowadays, IPC has significantly increased its personnel and its know-how in the maritime field, focusing its professional competence on the engineering and construction of large-scale reinforced concrete cellular caissons, thereby affirming its leadership in this specialised field. As a specialised company, IPC has been in charge of construction works of the most important Italian port as Venice, Genoa, Livorno, Civitavecchia, Naples, Cagliari, Palermo, and others.

Presently, IPC is actively participating in the on-going works, worldwide known as 'MOSE Project', for the protection of Venice against flooding. In the last few years, IPC developed the interest in the field of marinas, not limiting its services only to the construction and supervision but also financing and providing marina management services. IPC started at the end of the nineties with the construction of the Marina of Ostia (Rome). After this successful experience, the company decided to invest more in the sector of marinas, both financially and professionally. Between 2005 and 2007 IPC built the Marina of Policoro (Matera), in the South of Italy, located in a very sensitive area, environmentally protected, in which particular attention was paid to the environmental impact of the marina infrastructures. Between 2007 and 2009 IPC designed and built the Marina of Rodi Garganico (Foggia, Italy), the first marina directly owned and managed by IPC. Other marina projects are Marina of Capraia (Livorno, Italy), Marina of Imperia (North of Italy), and Marina of Maddalena (Olbia, in Sardinia), one of the most beautiful islands in the Mediterranean Sea. Ongoing marina projects include Marina of Vieste (Foggia, Italy) and Marina of Formia (Latina, Italy). The last one is a project financing including design, construction and management services, for a total contract value of 60 million euro.

Impresa Pietro Cidonio is strongly and continuously connected to Universities (f.i. University of Rome 'La Sapienza', University of 'Roma 3', University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria), financing both degree and PhD researches in maritime engineering, supporting academic activities and experimental projects. Since 2005 IPC is the founding partner of Wavenergy.it s.r.l., an academic spin-off company providing integrated engineering feasibility studies, design, implementation, testing, and management of new plants producing electricity from waves and from renewable energy sources in the marine environment. At present, Wavenergy.it s.r.l. is the exclusive licensee in Europe and Italy of the REWEC3 patent (No. 1,332,519), of which the inventor and holder is Professor **Paolo Boccotti**. The patent is entitled 'Dam frames to absorb the wave energy and convert it into electricity', with the European Patent EP 1518052 - B1.

PIANC and RecCom are proud to have IPC amongst the PIANC Platinum Partners and they are glad to give to Mr. **Mazzola** and his team a warm welcome on board!