



**PIANC**  
**The World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure**

**Recreational Navigation Commission**

**Annual Report 2009**

**1. General**

The PIANC Recreational Navigation Commission (RecCom) had two meetings in 2009:

- 53<sup>rd</sup> on 5<sup>th</sup> February in PIANC HQ, Bruxelles, Belgium;
- 54<sup>th</sup> on 25<sup>th</sup> of September in Principality of Monaco.

In this year new Chairman (Mr. Elio Ciralli), Vice-Chairman (Mr. Jack Cox) and Secretary (Ms. Fabiana Maccarini) were nominated.

Members are the following:

Elio Ciralli	Italy, Chairman
Jack Cox	USA, Vice-Chairman
Fabiana Maccarini	Italy, Secretary
Harald Andreassen	Norway
Michael de Jong	The Netherlands
Arnaud Guillard	France
Jorge Flores Guillèn	Spain
Dirk Gunst	Belgie
Frans Kapp	South Africa
Takeo Kondo	Japan
Robert Nathan	USA
Hans Nickels	Deutschland
Lars Odhe	Sweden
Jessica McIntyre	USA, PIANC YP-Com
Andrei F. Popescu	Belgium, ICOMIA
Peter Jansen	Italy, ICOMIA/IMC
Roberto Perocchio	Italy, ICOMIA/IMC
Louis Van Schel	PIANC ex officio member
Eric Van den Eede	PIANC president

As follows the activities performed by the Commission during the year 2009 are summarized.

## **2. RecCom Action Plan 2010-2014**

During RecCom meeting 54<sup>th</sup>, the Commission approved the Action Plan 2010-2014, prepared according to PIANC strategic plan as a guide. In particular, RecCom strategic goals were identified as follows:

1. *Enhance RecCom's worldwide credibility and recognition in technical field*
2. *Increase the attractiveness of the Commission and its activities worldwide*
3. *Promote Funding of the Commission and its Activities*

To reach the abovementioned goals, RecCom has proceeded with the following activities:

### a) Restructuring the Commission's Organization and Monitoring of its Activity

RecCom approved the establishment of several Sub-Committees (with a Responsible and at least 3 members), each with different commitments for different RecCom activities (refer to Annex 54\_f):

#### *a1) Communication and Editing Sub-Committee (C&E Sub-Committee)*

The C&E Sub-Committee has the following principal duties:

- monitoring, control and continuous updating of RecCom related information news in the PIANC website;
- press releases on RecCom activities and spreading and monitoring their publication;
- news and articles for "Sailing Ahead" and "On Course";
- news and articles for specialist press;
- collection and continuous updating of database with contacts and details;
- proposal and integration of promotion activities;
- any other related activities.

#### *a2) PIANC Marina Excellence Design Award "Jack Nichol" Sub-Committee (MEDA "Jack Nichol" Sub-Committee):*

During meeting 54<sup>th</sup>, RecCom approved a complete renovation project of the award (as reported in the Section 3) for which the MEDA "Jack Nichol" Sub-Committee follows the discussions and developments. Sub-Committee's members are part of the Jury, among other recognized members according to the Award new rules.

The MEDA Sub-Committee's duties are the following:

- defining the communication plan for the Award success, also with collaboration of specialists;
- propose to RecCom new rules and requirements;
- preparing calls for the award to spread, also with the support of C&E Sub-Committee;
- supervision and management of the main Award regulations and activities;
- submission to RecCom of the Jury's reports;
- any other related activities.

#### *a3) PIANC Marina Designer Certification Sub-Committee (MDC Sub-Committee)*

RecCom approved a document (see paragraph b) of this section), to be re-submitted to ExCom with revision, where a proposal has been done to establish a PIANC Marina Designer Certification. This Sub-Committee has been set-up to:

- publish and update of “Requirements and Rules”;
- collect and select of applications;
- coordinate the activities for training, certification, maintaining;
- coordinate the final qualification activities;
- any other related activities.

b) Establishment of “PIANC Marina Designer Certification”

RecCom approved a document (refer to Annex 54\_k) for the establishment of PIANC Marina Designer Certification. With this Certification, PIANC-RecCom “would recognize an individual to have obtained and demonstrated enough knowledge about the design of a marina and marina system to assure a safe and properly operating facility, considering aesthetics, landscaping, and environmental and urban sustainability - in short, good quality and best practice in planning and design of such infrastructures.”

The document has been submitted to ExCom that, after analysis and comments, requested to re-submit the document revised.

c) Review and restructuring of “PIANC Marina Excellence Award” in order to make the award recognized worldwide

RecCom approved a complete renovation project of the Award, renamed “PIANC Marina Excellence Design Award (MEDA) “Jack Nichol”. Details are provided in Section 3 (see also Annexes 54\_1 a&b).

d) Increase the Meetings attractiveness

Members agreed to have one of the two yearly RecCom meetings in an attractive location with the possibility to have interesting technical visits and participate to important maritime events, RecCom related, to increase the attendance and attractiveness.

### **3. PIANC Marina Excellence Design Award (MEDA) “Jack Nichol” (previously Jack Nichol Award, JNA)**

#### 3.1 Jack Nichol Award 2009

In 2009 RecCom assigned the Jack Nichol Award 2009 to Charleston City Marina, Charleston, SC, USA. The Jury considered that Charleston City Marina best represented the technical, functional, aesthetic, and environmental award criteria.

#### 3.2 Award Renovation Project

Since few years RecCom discussed about means to improve the Award reputation and prestige, so that the Award would be recognized as a significant and important commendation among members of PIANC and other navigation-related organizations.

During RecCom 54<sup>th</sup> meeting, members approved a complete renovation project of the Award (refer to Annexes 54\_1 a&b), renamed PIANC Marina Excellence Design Award

(MEDA) “Jack Nichol”. Scope of the renewal is to make the Award a really important event in the marina field worldwide. In this scenario, the Award will contribute in boosting the recognition of PIANC worldwide and will guarantee revenue for PIANC and for RecCom activities. The award, for which there will be an application fee, will be supported by institutional high level sponsors.

Amongst other aspects, the renewal includes a specific Communication Project to launch the Award, for which RecCom needs the support of a professional Company in media communication. In this sense, preliminary contacts have been established with Seatrade, leader Company in field of maritime publication, conferences, exhibitions, training and other special projects (<http://www.seatrade-global.com/>). To reciprocate Seatrade effort, PIANC would offer the possibility to organize and manage the events related with the PIANC Award and the eventual related publication products, if the project gains success. Discussion between Mr. Hayman, Chairman of Seatrade, and RecCom Chairmanship are presently ongoing to celebrate the next MEDA “Jack Nichol” 2010 during the Seatrade Med Event 2010.

### 3.3 PIANC MEDA “Jack Nichol” 2010

For PIANC MEDA 2010, RecCom received two applications, one from Mr. Roxie Comstock, on behalf of Bellingham Marine and Bahia Mar Yachting Center, and one from Mr. Larry Ryan, on behalf of W.F. Baird and Associates Ltd, for Mc. Kinley Marina. On 13 November 2009 the MEDA Subcommittee communicated to Mr. Ryan that Mc. Kinley Marina has been short-listed and full application is expected by the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2010.

## **4. Working Groups**

In 2009 one Report has been published: PIANC WG 105, formerly known as RecCom WG 15): "The use of alternative materials in marine structure construction".

Three new WGs were approved by RecCom:

- WG147: Guidelines for facilitation and integration among recreational, fishery and commercial navigation (joint RecCom- MarCom WG)
- WG148: Environmental impact aspects of recreational navigation infrastructures (joint RecCom- EnviCom WG)
- WG 149: PIANC Guidelines for marina design

The above WGs were approved by ExCom on October 2009 and called on November 2009. A setting up of the new WGs is presently ongoing.

Other 5 working groups (WG130, WG131, WG132, WG133, WG134) are on progress. The Commission continued to review the activities of the current active working groups. A summary of each WG follows:

- WG130: Anti-sedimentation Systems for Marinas and Yacht Harbours (Chairman: Mr. Cox, US)

The WG started delayed, due to difficulties to find the Chairman. Chairman was finally appointed on October 2009 (Mr. Jack Cox) and kick-off meeting was held on January 2010, through conference call. Because of the cost of travel, the members agreed that most meetings will be by phone or electronic means. New expected date for report delivery is November 2011.

- WG131: Catalogue of prefabricated marina elements (Chairman: Mr. F. Prinzivalli, Italy)

The kickoff meeting was held in Bruxelles HQ on November 2008. The WG is actively ongoing and other 2 meetings, one in June 2009 and one in January 2010, have been held. Next meeting is planned on April 2010.

- WG132: Drystack Storage (joint WG with ICOMIA/IMC; Chairman: Mr. E. Biondi, Argentina)

The kickoff meeting was held through conference call on September 2009. The WG had a difficult warming up due to low participation of members. A new member of ICOMIA was identified to participate to the WG.

- WG133: Economic Aspect of Recreational Navigation (Chairman: Mr. E. Mahoney, US)

The WG had a very difficult starting due to the assignation of the Chairman. The Chairman was appointed on January 2010 and kick off meeting, trough conference call, is expected to be held in a few weeks. New expected date for report delivery is March 2012.

- WG134: Design and Operational Guidelines for Superyacht Facilities (Chairman: Mr. R. Nathan, US)

The kick off meeting was held on June 2009. In September 2009, members were invited as observers to attend the 54<sup>th</sup> RecCom meeting, in Principality of Monaco. In that occasion they presented to RecCom members the update of the status of WG. No other meetings were held.

## **5. Other Activities**

### 5.1 Technical Visits

The last 54<sup>th</sup> RecCom Meeting was organized in the Principality of Monaco. RecCom Members were kindly invited by Dr. Borea d'Olmo, General Director of Société d'Exploitation des Ports de Monaco, and Mr. Bouchét, consultant of the Ministère d'Etat of Monaco, both also members of RecCom WG 134, to have the meeting in the offices of Société d'Exploitation des Ports de Monaco and an exciting program of three days of technical visits was proposed, in a very interesting nautical district. Visits included Port Hercules in Monaco and the semifloating breakwater, Port of Nice, Port of Villefranche-sur-Mer, Port of Cannes, Porto Sole in San Remo. Members had also the occasion to visit the Monaco Yacht Show.

Details of the visits have been reported by the RecCom C&E Sub-Committee on "On Course 138.

## 5.2 Participation to Seatrade Middle East Events, Money & Ships (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009)

RecCom Chairman and Secretary was kindly invited by Mr. Chris Hayman, Seatrade Chairman, to attend the conference “Seatrade Middle East Events, Money & Ships” and to participate to the Gala Presentation Dinner for the 2009 Seatrade Middle East & Indian Subcontinent annual regional awards. This was an important occasion for RecCom Chairmanship to attend an award event organized by Seatrade, within the intent to promote, through Seatrade, the RecCom Marina Excellence Design Award “Jack Nichol”. Details have been reported by the RecCom C&E Sub-Committee on “On Course 138”.

## 5.3 Promoting Activities and Conferences

The following activities were carried out in order to promote PIANC and its activities (details can be read on RecCom article “On Course 138, Sailing Ahead August 2009, Sailing Ahead December 2009):

### Dubai, UAE

RecCom Chairman and Secretary were kindly received by:

- Dr. Louay Mohammad, General Manager of Marine Works, Nakheel Northern Projects in Nakheel Offices in Palm Deira, Dubai, UAE; technical visit in Palm Deira was carried out;
- Captain Tony Crabbe, Marine Superintendent of Platinum Yacht Management, and Captain Mike Meyer, Fleet Manager of Platinum Yacht Management ([www.platinumyachts.ae](http://www.platinumyachts.ae)); followed visit of the “Dubai” (the biggest Motoryacht in the world) and the “Dubai Magic” Sailing Megayacht. The visit was the occasion to have interesting technical discussion about megayachts management and operational aspects. Captains expressed their interest to be directly involved in PIANC RecCom activities and to this regards, on behalf of Platinum Yachts Management, it was preliminary discussed the possibility to hold one of the next RecCom meeting at the “Dubai Magic” Megayacht;
- H.E. Dr. Rashid Ahmad Bin-Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water of UAE ([www.moew.gov.ae](http://www.moew.gov.ae)) and Dr. Saad Al Numairy (Environmental Advisor at the Federal Environment Agency) to discuss the importance and opportunity to have UAE as PIANC qualifying member.;

### Manama, Bahrain

RecCom Chairman and Secretary were kindly received by:

- H.E. Al-Kalali to discuss the importance and opportunity to have Bahrain as PIANC qualifying member;
- Mr. Hassan Ali AlMajed, Director General of General Organisation of Sea Ports Bahrain

### Hammamet, Tunisia

RecCom Chairman was invited to chair a session of the 1<sup>st</sup> Coastal and Maritime Mediterranean Conference held in Hammamet, Tunisia 02-04 December 2009. During the session, Mr. Ciralli lectured on the importance of forums for waterborne infrastructures knowledge and introduced PIANC and his activities with favorable

audience response. While at the conference, Mr. Ciralli also met with individuals to discuss the advantages of becoming a PIANC qualifying member. Conference participants enjoyed a very interesting technical visit to Gammarth Marina, located approximately 20 kilometers from Tunis.

## **6. Conclusions**

During 2009 RecCom continued in acting the statute activities as defined in the PIANC strategic plan with the scope of remaining the leading international sources of technical information about recreational navigation related infrastructures.

The proposed Marina Designer Certification and the revised Marina Excellence Design Award (MEDA) “Jack Nichol” have been conceived to be in line with the PIANC Strategic Plan and with the RecCom Action Plan statements.

To better achieve the proposed goals, a structured internal organization, by establishing several Sub-Committees, was introduced.

For all the activities, RecCom continued to work with other technical commissions of PIANC when applicable.

Also for 2009, RecCom acted as a technical guide on recreational navigation matters, including answering several public requests for information and in participating with its member to a number of congresses, meetings and other events to spread specialized knowledge. This was also the occasion to promote PIANC and its activities and to attract new valuable members and possible sponsors.

Bruxelles, 3rd February 2010

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Chairman

Fabiana Maccarini  
Secretary