



Recreational Navigation Commission

Annual Report 2008

General

The PIANC Recreational Navigation Commission (RecCom) had two meetings in 2008:

- 51st on 31st January in PIANC HQ, Bruxelles, Belgium;
- 52nd on 5th and 6th October at Grand Hotel Villa Igea Hilton, Palermo, Italy

Working groups

In 2008 two new WGs were approved by RecCom:

- WG133: Economic aspects of recreational navigation (joint PIANC-ICOMIA WG)
- WG134: Design and operational guidelines for superyacht facilities

Furthermore these reports were defined and presented to ExCom for publication:

- WG15: The Use of alternative Materials in Marina Construction, Chairman: Mr. T. Brown (USA)

New TORs are going to be prepared for consequent discussion.

As a result of the joint activities with IMC/ICOMIA, joint working groups were developed on arguments of interest for both groups.

The Commission continued to review the activities of the current active working groups. A summary of each is presented in the following paragraphs.

WG17: Guidelines for Marina Design, update 2004

The first Chairman Mr. J. Pyman (UK), passed away in February 2008.

The working group had its kick-off meeting in February 2004 at PIANC Headquarters. Mr. Pyman became the chairperson in 2005 and continued with the activities of the WG. However the WG had a difficult warming up. In 2008 was stated to relaunch it and a new chairperson will be appointed soon.

WG130: Anti-sedimentation systems for Marinas and Yacht Harbours (joint PIANC-ICOMIA WG)

Mr. D. Gunst (BE) was appointed as chairman, but personal problems delayed the start up of the WG. RecCom will find a solution during the 2009 spring meeting.

WG131: Catalogue of prefabricated marina elements: presentation of kick-off meeting

Mr. Prinzivalli (ITA) was appointed as chairman. The kickoff meeting was held in Bruxelles on 18 november 2008.

WG132: Dry stack storage

Mr. E. Biondi (ARG) was appointed as chairman. The kick off meeting will be held in spring 2009.

Jack Nichol Award

In 2004 PIANC USA created the Jack Nichol Award for outstanding marina design to honor the late marina designer and RecCom member for many years, Jack Nichol. The U.S. Section provides the required funding while RecCom acts as a jury for the competition.

As only one application was received, in accordance with the rules of the JNA, the Commission did not award a JNA in 2008.

During the year RecCom discussed means to improve the JNA reputation and prestige, so that the JNA would be recognized as a significant and important commendation among members of PIANC and other navigation-related organizations. This discussion led to a broader discussion in ExCom regarding improving prestige of RecCom and PIANC.

After the first actions were undertaken to boost interest, during 2008 three applications were collected so the next JNA is eligible to be assigned.

RecCom is continuing in elaborating a project to refurbish the JNA to increase his prestige and worldwide interest in be honored with it.

RecCom Action Plan 2006-2010

The Commission continued in applying his action plan, prepared according the PIANC strategic plan as a guide.

In particular, RecCom is acting to grow more and more the joint activity with ICOMIA/IMC experts to ensure excellence in production of reports and publications. RecCom Editing Committee continues to ensure contributions to PIANC Newsletter, Website and Magazines.

In addition, RecCom continued the evaluation of collaboration with other organizations and bodies in the field of recreational navigation.

Other activities

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.

Also, RecCom during 2008 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, meeting and occasions to spread specialized knowledge.

RecCom continued to work with other technical commissions of PIANC when applicable.

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