



Recreational Navigation Commission

Annual Report 2007

General

The PIANC Recreational Navigation Commission (RecCom) had two meetings in 2007:

- 49th on 1st and 2nd February in Nieuwpoort, Belgium;
- 50th on 20th October at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Brussels

Working groups

In 2007 three new WGs were approved by RecCom:

- WG130: Anti-sedimentation systems for Marinas and Yacht Harbours (joint PIANC-ICOMIA WG)
- WG131: Catalogue of prefabricated marina elements
- WG :Dry Stack Storage (joint PIANC-ICOMIA WG): (awaiting approval of ExCom)

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

- WG9: Regeneration of Harbour Areas, Chairman: Mr. M. Conti (Italy)
- WG16: Protecting Water Quality in Marinas, Chairman: Mr. J. Cox (USA)

New TORs are being 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.

15. Use of Alternative Materials in marina Construction

Chairman: Mr. T. Browne (USA)

The group had its initial meeting in February 2003 in Brussels and defined the exact limits and meaning of the subject matter. In 2005 RecCom revised the TOR, continuing the efforts of the WG. In 2007 the WG met and scheduled the production of the final draft for 2008.

17. Guidelines for Marina Design, update 2004

Chairman: Mr. J. Pyman (UK) substituted, under assignment.
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. A new chair will be assigned at the first 2008 meeting.

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 2007.

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.

RecCom Action Plan 2006-2010

The Commission continued with the action plan, prepared using the PIANC strategic plan as a guide. In particular, RecCom improved the joint activity with ICOMIA, started a RecCom Editing Committee for Newsletter, Website and Magazines, and boosted commission activity by responding to public questions received directly by HQs. In addition, RecCom continued the evaluation of collaboration with other organizations and bodies in the field of recreational navigation.

Other activities

RecCom continued with the statute activities as defined in the PIANC strategic plan.

Also, RecCom acted as a technical guide on recreational navigation matters, including answering several public requests for information.

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

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