While some of you are still enjoying some well-deserved summer holidays, others have picked up where they left off! September is approaching, and so is our PIANC-SMART Rivers Conference in Lyon! Catch up on the latest news about the conference here:

**Zoom @ PIANC-SMART Rivers Conference Lyon**

**Time to Register!**

PIANC-SMART Rivers 2019 will be held in Lyon, France from 30 September until 3 October 2019. The conference is a privileged place of exchange around the best practices and global trends in the field of sustainable development of inland waterways within the overall supply of transport.

**Scientific content:**

1. **152 presentations in 5 main topics and 38 sessions:**
   - Waterway management & general design (23 presentations)
   - Infrastructures design & maintenance (33)
   - Logistics & Strategy (31)
   - Smart Transport (28)
   - Environment/Working with Nature (37)

   *(All presentations are in English or translated in English/31 presentations translated in French)*

2. **4 special sessions:**
   - Smart Ports & Rivers : Hommage to Claude Gressier
   - African Rivers development
   - Initiative for the Future of Great Rivers
   - Waterway TF University

3. **3 workshops (Monday):**
   - Design Guidelines for Inland Waterways
Dimensions Alternative technical-biological bank protections for inland waterways
MDTP - Marina Design Training Programme

4. 6 tremendous scientific visits:

- Lyon port & navigation simulator
- CNR’s analysis center for hydraulic infrastructure behaviour
- 'Lyon Confluences' New District
- The Calluire hydroelectric farm
- Port Revel navigation training center
- CEA research center

5. Many side events:

- 8 commission meetings
- 6 working groups meetings
- many flash events during the breaks
- many sponsor/company events

Zoom on the social events:

- Le Cocktail de bienvenue (Monday evening)
- The Young Professional Cruise (Tuesday afternoon - only for U40)
- La Croisière on the Saône and the Rhône Rivers (Tuesday evening - extra cost € 30)
- Le Dîner de Gala, in the salons de l’hôtel de ville of Lyon (Wednesday evening)
- The accompanying persons Cruise (Thursday morning - free of charge - contact us)

@ details!

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NEWS FROM INCOM

Update on PIANC InCom WG 199 - 'Health Monitoring for Port and Waterway Structures'
On 17 July 2019, PIANC InCom WG 199 met in Rome, Italy. The participants went through the progress of each chapter of the WG and combined the efforts to see where the missing parts are. The group decided on a strategy to finish the manuscript by the end of the calendar year.

The WG-members are meeting over weekly conference calls in addition to hosting in-person meetings in September at the IWSHM conference in California and in November at the IAM meeting in London. Samuel Pineau will also give a presentation during the PIANC-SMART Rivers Conference in Lyon.

Matthew Smith
PIANC WG 199

Update on PIANC InCom WG 206 - 'Update the Final Report of the International Commission for the Study of Locks'

The second meeting of WG 206 met on 21-22 May 2019 in Utrecht, the Netherlands. We had 23 people attend two very successful days. The group is highly energised to contribute to this important effort to update the 1986 lock design book. We toured the newly completed Beatrice Lock.

Our next meeting will be held on 4 October 2019, right after the PIANC-SMART Rivers in Lyon.

John D. Clarkson
PIANC InCom WG 206

NEWS FROM RECCOM

Marina Design Training Programme in at the METSTRADE Show 2019 - 19-20 November 2019

The METSTRADE Show 2019 will take place in Amsterdam, the Netherlands on 19-21 November 2019.

In the framework of this show, RecCom will organise a short course on Marina Design, a RecCom Meeting on 'Marina Adaptations for Electric Propulsion Recreational Vessels', and finally, the PIANC Marina Excellence Design Jack Nichol Award will be presented to the 2018-2019 winner in Amsterdam.

Background

RecCom’s Marina Design Training Programme (MDTP) was created to incorporate the design and operations knowledge of a marina to already acquired engineering education and experience. While the programme was initially conceived for engineers, tailored programmes are put together to satisfy special
audiences. In this case, the content of the one-day course will be focused on the needs of marina owners and operators.

Programme

For this event, the one-day course will focus on design fundamentals for marina owners and operators, including refurbishments and new projects, as well as new trends in marina design. RecCom presenters will also discuss how to use PIANC Working Group reports (both published and upcoming) to address common information needs by participants. In addition to the professional content, the schedule allows for opportunities for networking with members of all associations involved in MYP.

Dates

- PIANC Short Course on Marina Design: Part I will be held on 19 November from 12.30 to 17.30, and Part II will take place on 20 November from 8.30 to 13.00.
- PIANC RecCom Working Group meeting about 'Marina Adaptations for Electric Propulsion Recreational Vessels' on 20 November from 14.00 to 16.00
- Waterfront Drinks networking opportunity for MYP exhibitors, PIANC course delegates, GMI attendees, IMG attendees and marina professionals invited by RAI: on 20 November from 16.30 to 18.00

PIANC RecCom will also convene an open meeting to discuss marina adaptation needs to best service the growth in electric propulsion recreational vessels, such as the potential need for charging stations in marinas. METSTRADE, which brings together boat manufacturing and marina design professionals, is the ideal venue to have this open dialogue. During the MYP networking Waterfront Drinks, the PIANC Marina Excellence Design Jack Nichol Award will be presented to the 2018-2019 winner. The award recognises excellence in the design of modern recreational boating facilities around the world.

More information, as well as the registration form can be found at https://www.pianc.org/marina-design-training-program-in-metstrade-show-2019.

Esteban Biondi
Chairman of PIANC RecCom

NEWS FROM YP-COM

PIANC AGA YP Seminar 2019, 4-6 June 2019, Japan

In parallel with the AGA in Kobe in June 2019, the YP-Com seminar took place in the same place with about 30 YPs attending from many countries. The seminar event consisted of the seminar and the technical visits. On 4 June, we visited the Kobe Port and observed the rehabilitation of RC 6/7 from the typhoon disaster hitting last year. It was supported by Kobe-Osaka International Port Corporation. Also, we visited the local sake brewery in the afternoon to get to know the Japanese traditional culture well.
On 5 June, we had a YP-seminar concurrently with AGA. In the morning, participants from 7 countries (USA, the Netherlands, Argentina, Spain, the Philippines, Korea and Japan) gave a presentation on the activities in each national YP-group in the context of the Best Performing YP-Section Award. The first prize was awarded to Spain’s YP-group. In the afternoon, 4 technical presentations and 1 keynote presentation were given.

As a network event, a futsal was organised in the evening of the third day to deepen the relations between the YP’s.

In this seminar, we are convinced that YP’s from each country not only stimulated each other by sharing each activity, but also deepened friendships through technical visits, cultural tours and futsal.

Several weeks ago, the 7th Biennial Technical Visit (7th BTV) of the PIANC Young Professional Commission took place in Singapore with about 20 nationalities from all over the World.

**Day 0 (10 June)**

This day was dedicated to the YP-delegates who attended this event. Over 10 countries were represented, including representations from Belgium, the Netherlands, Austria, Spain, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Iran, USA, Brazil and Argentina. The day started with a visit to the Singapore Maritime Trail, where we embarked on a walking tour to learn about Singapore’s history of the maritime industry that dates back to the mid-1800’s. After an enjoyable lunch hosted by Surbana Jurong, the YP delegates participated in the 31st YP-Com meeting in one of the Surbana Jurong’s meeting rooms.
Day 1 (11 June)
The BTV kicked-off on Day 1 at PSA Singapore with a series of world class technical presentations respectively from Dr. Song Tian Cheng of the Maritime and Port Authority Singapore (MPA), Professor Ron Cox of PIANC and the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Mr James Lam Pei Wei of Surbana Jurong, and Mr Youri Karalle of DEME Group.

Dr Song presented the development of the next generation of the port in Singapore along with its innovation; Professor Cox introduced PIANC and presented the principles and case studies of Working with Nature in navigation-related projects; Mr Lam presented the histories and innovation adopted in Singapore’s coastal reclamation; Mr Karalle presented innovation scour protection solutions with the case study of Tuas mega port. An interactive panel discussion ensued after the presentations, whereby the participants were given the opportunity to ask questions to the speakers.

After a delightful lunch hosted by PSA, the participants visited the Port Operations Control Centre (POCC) at PSA Vista. Following the briefing, the participants were given a private tour to observe the operation centre. Day 1 concluded with a visit to the Singapore Maritime Gallery, which recently underwent a refurbishment and upgrade. The gallery presents information on Singapore’s maritime history, dating back to the pre-European colonial era as a small trading post toward the modern day as a maritime powerhouse.
Day 2 (12 June)
The second day was kicked off by YP-Com Chair Andy Thomas at the Suntec convention centre. The morning session was hosted by 4 keynote speakers.

First, the renowned Prof. Eng. Kees d’Angremond took us on a historic trip of scale increase of both port infrastructure and vessels (chicken or egg?), concluding that limited maritime space and climate change will create a lot of challenges for engineers. Prof. Jasmine Lam Siu Lee from the NTU Singapore gave some insights on the development of Green Ports, using smart technologies and an elaborated Energy Management System in order for a port to be more energy-efficient and sustainable, and reduce CO₂ emissions. Mr Ricardo Van Den Berg (DMC) presented the use of blockwall structures in open water and Mr Mishra Koushik Kumar (Trelleborg) explained the very specific domain of performance verification of marine fenders and how the PIANC guidelines are adopted in both testing and reporting.

The morning session was concluded with a very interactive Q&A session, where the attentive audience had prepared quite some questions for all of the speakers.

The afternoon session of Day 2 was dedicated to speeches about innovations in waterborne transport of the young professionals. Eight members of PIANC YP-com from Belgium, Singapore, Japan, US, Malaysia and Austria presented about their companies’ recent developments.

The topics covered a broad spectrum of topics: from innovative crest design (Dr. Koen van Doorslaer), the further development resulting in the X-Bloc + (Vera Wong), rubber fender systems (Yosuke Watano), a new connection between Germany and Scandinavia (Jack Lee Vun Zac), geotextile tube containment system for land reclamation (Tan Jun Yuen), the use of wetlands to use public area for environmental benefits (Matthew McCarty), marine renewables for sustainable coastal design (Dr. Michael L. Sim Abundo) up to the integration of (sustainable) transport logistics in education (Dr. Lisa-Maria Putz). Sustainability issues were a major focus within all the presentations, showing that PIANC Young Professionals are working for a better future. The session was followed by a podium discussion, which provided room for the many questions of the audience. In brief: it was a successful, highly interesting session. Many thanks to the presenters.

Day 3 (13 June)
On this day, we visited Jurong Port (JP), which has the largest common-user Cement Terminal in the world. Yeo Ying Sze and her colleagues shared with us some of their innovations and initiatives in cement handling and cargo handling.
We were also given an overview of their green initiatives, such as how they are the world’s largest port-based solar panel facility and the construction of their Green berth, which uses recycled demolished concrete and “green” materials. We also had a glimpse of their future plans, a Smart Multi Energy System where they can better monitor and control their energy usage and a Ready-mix concrete ecosystem which will be concentrating the various cement batching facilities at JP leading to land savings and reducing truck trips.

The visit then ended with a tour of the terminals in Jurong Port. Towards the end of the event, on Thursday afternoon, the visit at the Project TUAS Terminals construction site took place. With these projects, the Singapore Port Authority will achieve, by 2040, the consolidation of each container terminal of Singapore in a unique huge one with a capacity of 65,000,000 TEU. The TUAS Project Phase I, whose entire construction will be completed by December 2020 with almost 21 berths and a total capacity of 20,000,000 TEU, was firstly presented by reference professionals from several involved companies, as DEME Dredging International, Surbana Jurong and MPA Singapore (Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore) supplemented, additionally, with a site visit by boat whereby was possible the observation of the construction processes and the innovative applied construction equipment and methods.

Coming soon...

**PIANC UK YP Evening Seminar, 16 September, London (UK)**

Young Professionals from leading UK maritime consultants, contractors and owner/operators will be presenting on projects they have influenced and providing an insight into the contribution they are making to our industry, as well as some specific challenges they have overcome at the Institution of Civil Engineers. The presentations will be a maximum of 10 minutes, with a number of presentations covering a range of topics included in the evening.

This event is free and open to all professionals, young and old, with an interest in the planning, design and development of marine and waterways infrastructure.

**XVI YP Technical Conference, 3-4 October, Menorca (Spain)**

The Spanish YP's will organise their annual YP Technical Congress on 3-4 October at the Port of Maó, in Menorca (Spain).

This year, the Port of Maó has been chosen as the main economic agent and gateway to the service of the island of Menorca, which brings together a wide variety of traffic such as general cargo, Ro-Ro traffic and cruises and, in addition, to a booming and strategic nautical sector for the revitalisation of its productive activity.
During the Conference, the attendees will also have the opportunity to make a technical visit to the facilities of the port itself and to know its operation activities and infrastructure under construction at the moment.

**New Lock of Terneuzen Site Visit, 17 October, Terneuzen (the Netherlands)**

Together with young PIANC Belgium, the Dutch Section of YP-Com is organising a site visit to the new lock of Terneuzen on 17 October 2019. It will be a full-day programme (9am-7pm) with presentations, lunch, an onshore & offshore site visit and a network drink. The official invitation for this unique opportunity will be sent in the first week of September.

Save the dates!

Andrew Thomas - Eslie Vrolijk - Rodrigo Moltó
Masayuki Banno - Andrea Viteri - Jack Lee Vun Zack - Filip Van de Wiele
Lisa-Maria Putz - Jia Hann Tan - Ezequiel Walter - Koen Van Doorslaer

**NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY**

**PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award 2020**

Please be advised that the deadline for sending in abstracts for the PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award (PIANC DPWA) 2020 is **31 August 2019**. Full papers are expected at the latest by **30 September 2019**.

Please note that no exception to the deadlines will be allowed.

The Award consists of 3 prizes:

**Number 1:** € 4,000
- Free membership of PIANC for a 3-year period.
- Free hotel accommodation for 3 nights will be provided, as well as a payment of travel expenses in economy class to the AGA.
- The winner will be invited to present his/her paper at the Annual General Assembly (AGA) of PIANC.

**Number 2:**
- € 2,000
- Free membership of PIANC for a 1-year period.

**Number 3:**
- € 1,000
• Free membership of PIANC for a 1-year period

The Award will be granted to those candidates who submit the most outstanding paper selected by the jury in the calendar year preceding the General Assembly at which the Award is granted.

In case of co-authorship, the Award will be granted to the principal author of the paper.

We would like to ask you to distribute this message among your Young Professionals. All abstracts/papers should be sent to PIANC HQ (sabine.vandevelde@pianc.org).

The PIANC-DPWA Rules & Criteria can be found at https://www.pianc.org/awards/pianc-de-paepe-willems-award.

Geert Van Cappellen
Secretary-General of PIANC

PIANC-COPEDEC X in Manilla, Philippines - Call for Abstracts

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) is delighted to host the 10th International Conference on Coastal and Port Engineering in Developing Countries (PIANC-COPEDEC X) on 16-20 November 2020 in Manila, Philippines!

Take part in this very interesting conference and find out all there is to know at http://www.pianc-copedec2020.org or download the 1st Announcement and Call for Papers here!

World Ocean Council (WOC) and the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) Sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

World Ocean Council and PIANC to Partner on Addressing Port/Coastal Infrastructure Adaptation to Extreme Weather Events and Advancing Young Professionals

The World Ocean Council (WOC) and the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) have signed an MoU on long-term cooperation.

The partnership agreement provides a commitment and framework for the two bodies to collaborate on
ocean sustainable economic development through information exchange, communications, events, joint working groups, etc. on topics of shared interest.

More specifically, PIANC and WOC will begin by working together to develop:

1. Tools and methods for port and coastal infrastructure adaptation that can be scaled up to address port resiliency needs, especially regarding extreme weather events affecting Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and other developing countries.
2. Interaction between the WOC Young Ocean Professionals initiative and the PIANC Young Professionals Network.

The WOC’s 7th Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) on 20-22 November 2019, will include:

1. A significant focus on port and coastal infrastructure adaptation and
2. A major workshop on investing in Young Ocean Professionals for the Blue Economy

PIANC Secretary-General Geert Van Cappellen stated that “The world’s ports and waterways infrastructure is essential to the Blue Economy and must be developed in ways consistent with ensuring a healthy ocean, sustainable development and adaptation to sea level rise and extreme weather events. We are pleased to be working with the World Ocean Council to address these challenges.”

Paul Holthus, WOC Founding President and CEO, added: “As the world’s leading international association on port infrastructure, PIANC and its global network of experts and corporate members is a natural partner for the World Ocean Council. The WOC, the Global Blue Economy Business Organization, can bring leadership companies from the ocean business and investment community to engage with PIANC to tackle critical infrastructure challenges in the context of sustainable development.”

PIANC - The World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure - is the leading international association on ports and waterways infrastructure, comprising a network of 2,100 Individual Members and 450 Corporate Members from 75 countries. Established in 1885, PIANC provides expert guidance by bringing together international professionals from public and private sectors on the technical, economic and environmental issues pertaining to waterborne transport infrastructure. PIANC is the main partner for governments and private sector in the design, development and maintenance of ports, waterways and coastal areas.

SAVE THE DATE
Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2019 on 20-22 November in Paris, France
‘Investing in Ocean Futures: Finance and Innovation for the Blue Economy’
Mark your calendars for this unique gathering of the global Ocean Business Community.

The WOC is the international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership, collaboration and action on ocean sustainability, stewardship and science. Companies from a range of industries worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in 'Corporate Ocean Responsibility', including: shipping, oil and gas, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, renewable energy, ocean technology and investment.

WOC Members are listed here, a part of the WOC Network of 35,000+ ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered not-for-profit organisation in the US, UK and France.

Contact email: info@oceancouncil.org - Website: www.oceancouncil.org

Trelleborg Discusses Performance Verification of Marine Fenders at 7th BTV YP-COM PIANC

Trelleborg’s marine and infrastructure operation delivered a presentation on marine fender performance verification at the 7th Biennial Technical Visit (BTV) of PIANC YP-Com in Singapore. The operation was the main sponsor of this event.

The BTV, which took place in Singapore on 11-13 June, is the most important and prestigious event on the PIANC YP-Com calendar for professionals working in maritime and waterfront infrastructure. YP-
Com has developed numerous activities targeted for young professionals with the support of PIANC International and the National Sections.

At the event, Mishra Kumar, Research and Development Director for Trelleborg’s marine and infrastructure operation, discussed the issues that exist with the current performance reporting of fenders by manufacturers, as well as full scale testing on finished products, to guarantee fender performance.

Kumar, who spoke on the second day of the event, shared valuable advice with delegates on how they can independently verify fender performance and establish whether the fenders meet project specifications.

Richard Hepworth, President of Trelleborg’s marine and infrastructure operation, says: "We were delighted to further strengthen our long-standing association with PIANC and believe it is a real testament to our standing as the lead in the charge for improved fender performance. We believe that it is important to not only adhere to current standards and industry practices, but also to help to facilitate improvements if they are there to be made. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing our knowledge with professionals across the industry."

Jaime Tng
Marketing Executive Trelleborg Marine Systems Asia Pte Ltd

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Workshop on Cybersecurity in Inland Navigation - 5 September 2019 in Bonn, Germany**

Join us in Bonn, Germany on 5 September 2019 for the Workshop on Cybersecurity in Inland Navigation, organised in the framework of the PIANC report of Task Group 204 of the same name (available for free on the PIANC website).

Click on the image on the left to find the complete programme of this highly interesting workshop and don't hesitate to register. The workshop languages will be English, French and Dutch.

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**NordPIANC 2019 - Final Programme**

On behalf of the Danish National Section of PIANC, we are happy to invite participants to NordPIANC 2019 on 11-13 September 2019.

The meeting venue is the Skaga Hotel in Hirtshals on the northwest coast of Denmark. Please click [here](#) to find more information on the event, as well as the final meeting programme.

With this final invitation we also include the registration form and a preliminary agenda of paper presentations. We look forward to welcome you in Hirtshals.

Jens Kirkegaard
First Delegate of PIANC Denmark

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**Workshop on 'Environmental Sustainability and Port Management' at the Port of Huelva, Spain**

The Spanish National Section of PIANC, in cooperation with Puertos del Estado and the Port Authority of Huelva, is organising a very interesting Workshop about 'Environmental Sustainability and Port Management' on 8-9 October 2019 at the Port of Huelva in Spain. The official languages will be Spanish and English. The event is open for PIANC members at a reduced fee of € 100.

We will also have international speakers, including several from PIANC EnviCom, such as Chairman Todd Bridges. Also, Mr Francisco Esteban Lefler, President of PIANC, is expected for the opening ceremony.

Information is available at [https://jornadasostenibilidadpuertos2019huelva.com](https://jornadasostenibilidadpuertos2019huelva.com) (in Spanish and English). Registration is now open! Click [here](#) to find the technical programme in English.

We will also inform about the event on the different social media:
OBITUARY

Jean Chapon (1928-2019)

It is with great emotion that the French Section has to inform you of the death of Jean Chapon on 11 July 2019, an illustrious figure in the maritime and river navigation world in France, who has been so strongly and so lengthily involved in PIANC.

Many of us remember his constant interest in the technical subjects of PIANC, his extreme kindness, his benevolence as well as his artistic talents, not to mention his rocky accent of southern France which saw him devote himself to the municipal council of the town of Châteauneuf-de-Gadagne in the Vaucluse for decades. As early as 1955, he took an active part in the work of PIANC since he attended the meeting of the Permanent International Commission of Paris in 1955 (the PICs became in 1981 AGA) and was appointed as International Vice-President of our association from 1983 to 1986, especially attending the 100 year anniversary of PIANC in 1985, before becoming Honorary Vice-President of PIANC.

For a long time, Jean Chapon was also First Delegate of the French Section and he was known as an ardent defender of PIANC's bilingualism by ensuring that the place of French is preserved in the official bodies of our Association. At the same time, he continued his port expertise work with many African countries: in Morocco especially, but also in Ivory Coast and Gabon.

His professional career has been entirely dedicated to sea, ports and rivers. He started as an engineer at the service of Ponts et Chaussées in Haute-Garonne from 1953 to 1955, then at the maritime service of the 'Port Autonome de Rouen', from 1955 to 1966. He was appointed Deputy Director in 1967 at the national 'Direction des ports maritimes et des voies navigables' and then as Director of the same 'Direction des ports maritimes et des voies navigables' in 1968, a position he held until 1975, while also being Advisor to the Minister of Equipment from 1967 to 1968, then the Minister's Cabinet Director from 1970 to 1972. In 1975, he became Secretary-General of the Merchant Marine, then Vice-President of the General Council of 'Ponts et Chaussées' from 1978 to 1981. He then entered the oil sector by presiding the national company Elf France from 1981 to 1988. In 1991-1992, he was also the founding president of 'Voies Navigables de France'.

Without highlighting all his merits, the French Section would like to underline the constant attention he had in teaching and transmitting his know-how and experience in the field of maritime work, since he has served as a professor of maritime work for the 'Ecole Spéciale des Travaux Publics' from 1959 to 1969 and for the 'Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées' from 1956 until 1975. His general course on maritime works is repeatedly reprinted and still serves as a reference in France today. It should also be noted that he has been constantly involved in the Monaco Oceanographic Institute and that he chaired the 'Académie de Marine' from 1989 to 1997.
With his passing away, the French Section of PIANC has lost its most eminent member, the one who has made the sea, the ports and the rivers appealing for generations of engineers. He was also a man of extreme humanity that he was so good in showing especially for his wife Sabine, whom many of us have known well. Jean Chapon remains quite an exceptional example to all of us.

Geoffroy Caude & Paul Scherrer
Honorary President of PIANC & First Delegate of PIANC France, on behalf of the French Section

Kiichi Okubo (1926-2019)

Mr Kiichi Okubo, former Vice-President of PIANC, passed away on Tuesday 16 July 2019 at the age of 93.

Mr Okubo joined the Ministry of Transport (current MLIT) of Japan in 1948 and held various posts in the Ministry for many years. He lastly served as Director-General of Ports and Harbours Bureau of the Ministry from 1976 to 1979. After that, he served for 4 years as Vice-President of PIANC, starting from 1988.

Japan established its National Section (PIANC Japan) in 1977. Mr Okubo strongly drove forward the establishment in his capacity as Director-General of Ports and Harbours Bureau of the Ministry.

In 1978, Japan hosted the Permanent International Commission (PIC) in Tokyo. It was the first time for Japan to host an international event of PIANC. Mr Okubo was responsible for the success of the PIC, and he certainly achieved it.

In 1990, during his term as Vice-President, PIANC Japan hosted the 27th Congress in Osaka. Mr Okubo made a huge effort for the success of the Congress as the President of PIANC Japan. The Congress was held under the Honorary Presidency of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan (current His Majesty the Emperor) and over 1,100 people attended the Congress from all over the world.

27th PIANC World Congress in Osaka in 1990. His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince is behind the podium. Mr Okubo is sitting on the 5th chair from the left.

Mr Okubo has written an important page in the history of PIANC and PIANC Japan. PIANC Japan will inherit his will and will continue his efforts and dedication towards PIANC.

Ko Hirasawa
On behalf of PIANC Japan

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