JUNE 2020

While we peddle forward in tidings of the Covid-19 crisis, we get more creative in staying connected with colleagues from all over the world in order to keep striving to create the best guidelines for waterborne transport infrastructure!

Despite the fact that our colleagues from PIANC UK had meticulously been preparing for another edition of PIANC's Annual General Assembly (AGA) in Bristol, Covid-19 unfortunately prevented us from meeting face-to-face in Bristol. The ExCom and AGA meetings had to be turned into virtual meetings and the future of many of our international events is still quite uncertain, given the circumstances. We will keep you informed about these events as soon as we can!

In the meantime, enjoy reading 'Sailing Ahead!' Stay safe and stay connected, many of our Working Group and Commission members have proven that yes, we can!

NEWS FROM EXCOM

Virtual ExCom Meeting 2020-2 on 18 May 2020
As the Covid-19 pandemic changed all plans for the ExCom and AGA meetings in Bristol (UK), the first virtual ExCom meeting took place on 18 May 2020. It turned out to be a very fruitful meeting with all members of the ExCom attending online. PIANC President, Mr Esteban Lefler, also welcomed two new members to the ExCom: Mr Okada, candidate Vice-President and Mr Prumm, candidate Co-Chair of YP-Com.

The ExCom acknowledges the exceptional circumstances affecting the Association and thus decided to increase its activity and rate of meetings. This in particular to keep track of the budget, which is impacted negatively, and possible membership attrition.

Mr Esteban Lefler informed the ExCom members that the AGA 2020 was dealt with by email, asking the Council/AGA Delegates for their approval on the statutory matters, such as finances and nomination of mandates (appointment of a new Vice-President and Co-Chairman of YP-Com). Both Mr Hayashida and Mr Thomas, who are stepping down from their mandate, will be invited for a proper farewell at the occasion of the first face-to-face meeting in the (hopefully) near future. Given the fact that the PIANC-COPEDEC Conference of the fall has been postponed, the PIANC autumn meetings that were planned for Manila had to be postponed too. A virtual Council meeting will therefore be organised.

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Mr Lawson informed the ExCom that due to travel restrictions the Australian Section has decided to postpone the APAC Conference until 30 November 2020.

With regard to the planned international events, the ExCom agreed to have its next meeting in early July to decide on how to proceed. It was also proposed to organise a virtual Conference in case the PIANC-COPEDEC Conference will be postponed. This might even attract more participants, since one of the major problems for participants from Countries in Transition is finding funding for travelling. The ExCom will convene again virtually on 15 July 2020 in order to further discuss all options.

Finally, the ExCom also discussed new Working Group Terms of Reference (ToR), as well as the status of the ongoing Working Groups.

NEWS FROM RECCOM
PIANC Marina Excellence Design 'Jack Nichol' Award (MEDA) 2021 - Call for Applications

The PIANC Marina Excellence Design 'Jack Nichol' Award was created in 2002 in memory of the late John M. 'Jack' Nichol, an Honorary Member of PIANC and well-known marina designer.

The purpose of the Award is to recognise excellence in the design of modern recreational boating facilities around the world. Anyone may submit an application to be considered for the Marina Excellence Design 'Jack Nichol' Award. The Award consists of a bronze plaque suitable for display. The Award is administered by the Recreational Navigation Commission and funded by an endowment through PIANC USA. The forms for the MEDA 2020 are now available on the PIANC website: on the bottom of this page, you will find the MEDA 2020 announcement, as well as the submission form and the award criteria. The deadline for applications is set at 3 October 2020 and the award committee is also reviewing the applications to make the selection for the 2018-19 cycle. Please click here for the Call for Applications.

Esteban Biondi
Chairman of PIANC RecCom

NEWS FROM YP-COM

On 19 May 2020, the first virtual YP-Com meeting took place. This meeting should have been held at the Bristol AGA Conference but, as you all know, unfortunately, this event was postponed until next year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
Delegates from lots of PIANC regions worldwide attended on-line and shared their respective updates regarding the recent actions in their countries and future events.

In addition, the new recently appointed Chair, Eslie Vrolijk, gave a brief introduction about PIANC to the new members of the commission and presented the new Board organization chart (shown above). Some of the YPCom observers also shared the updates on the rest of their respective commissions.

Moreover, the former Chair, APAC Vice-Chair and Europe and Africa Vice-Chair (Andrew Thomas, Tom Shand and Daan Jumelet, respectively) had the opportunity to say goodbye to the entire team, receiving a huge applause from all the Delegates. From the commission, we want to thank them for these years of contribution to the group and send them a small gift that will share will all of you in upcoming Sailing Aheads.

Argentina’s Virtual Session ‘Ports Operations while Covid-19’

On 5 June 2020, professionals of the port community were able to participate in the PIANC Webinar organised by the Young Professionals in Argentina. The topic dealt with port operations during the pandemic. There were two speakers, Capt. Ferreyra, operations manager from the port of Buenos Aires, and Eng. Carnevali, operations manager from the port of Bahia Blanca. Both commented the taken actions of the port to control the spread of the pandemic and some cases seen in the past months. The event had a great attendance, with 75 participants from Argentina and other Latin American countries.

PIANC UK – Maritime Mutiny Webinar

On 20 May 2020, PIANC UK hosted its first online seminar, organised by the PIANC UK YP committee and titled ‘Maritime Mutiny’. The event sought to bring together forward-thinking group of industry professionals outlining how our industry plays a part in the world of tomorrow. Originally due to be hosted in parallel with the 2020 PIANC AGA, the UK YP committee proactively pushed for this event to be rescheduled into an online format.
The seminar was a great success and attracted over 100 attendees, including people in South America, the USA, Hong Kong and across Europe. The event presented three exceptional speakers presenting a broad range of cutting edge thinking in our industry.

Andrew Rawson, a Doctoral Researcher in Electronics and Computer Science at University of Southampton and Principal Associate at Nash Maritime presented ‘Intelligent Big Data Analytics and the Future of Maritime Safety’.

Francisco Sarrias, Managing Partner at Marina Systems Ibérica, presented ‘From Bitcoin to Blockchain. Use cases in the ports sector’.

Francisco J. Quesada, Engineering Area Lead & Marine Works Design Manager for Ferrovial and Thames Tideway Tunnel Central, presented ‘Lessons from Thames Tideway Tunnel - BIM Approach for the Coordination of Complex Interactions between Temporary and Permanent Works Designs’.

We hope to release the presentations and video from the webinar in the coming weeks and to host future webinars during 2020.
The *1st PIANC YP-Com Americas Seminar* is being organised by PIANC YP-Com. The Brazilian Agency for Waterborne Transport (ANTAQ) and the Santos Port Authority (SPA) are supporting the event to be held at the Port of Santos, in Brazil on 1-3 October 2020.

This event aims to enhance and keep strengthening the YPs (40 years old or less) knowledge networks in the Americas, while attaining a PIANC global presence of biennial regional seminars.

The 1st Americas Seminar follows the successful Asian-Pacific PIANC YP-Com Seminars in 2014 (Yokohama, Japan), 2016 (Manila, Philippines) and 2018 (Seoul, South Korea), as well as the 1st Europe-African PIANC YP-Com Seminar in 2018 (Cape Town, South Africa).

The aimed format for the 1st PIANC YP-Com Americas Seminar is a three-day event including site visits, technical presentations, workshops, round-tables and social networking events.

A tentative outline for the seminar programme is:

**Day 1** – Opening presentations (PIANC and Brazilian authorities), boat technical tour, keynote speakers, network event.

**Day 2** – Technical presentations and/or poster sessions, technical visits to terminals, network event.

**Day 3** – Technical presentations, round table/workshop/serious game, closing speech.

We expect the attendance of approximately 50 YPs from the waterborne transport infrastructure sector, coming from all over the American Continent.

See attached drafts of the marketing material.

We would like to kindly ask your support to this event, by encouraging the participation of YPs of your institution to join, and also by sponsoring some of the proposed activities.

**Covid-19:** We acknowledge that these are quite unusual times for organising an international event, and value the well-being and the required planning for all participants. At the same time, we recognise that the situation is constantly changing. At this stage we are working hard to deliver the upcoming 1st PIANC YP-Com Americas Seminar as planned. By mid-July the Organising Committee will make a final evaluation of the Covid-19 situation considering the advice of relevant Government agencies and health departments. Meanwhile, the preparations for the Seminar remain in full swing.

**NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY**

**PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award 2021**

1Please be advised that the deadline for sending in abstracts for the PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award (PIANC DPWA) 2021 is **31 August 2020.**
Full papers are expected at the latest by 30 September 2020.

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.

PIANC HQ

**News from PIANC Australia/New Zealand (PIANC ANZ)**

*Members Mentoring Programme*

PIANC ANZ believes in opening doors for connection and collaboration, and we are proud to announce our new Mentoring Programme, a 2020 initiative of the Board, led by Peter Engelen.

This will be a recurring six monthly programme. It aims to provide members with an opportunity of giving back to their colleagues through sharing professional experiences and life lessons, as well as providing an opportunity for other members to gain guidance and advice in progressing their professional career through meaningful discussion with their coastal and maritime industry peers.
Renewed PIANC ANZ Board

PIANC ANZ held its 2020 AGM online through Zoom on 5 June. Biennial board elections had been held previously through electronic voting and the results were announced at the AGM. We farewelled two Board members Richard Hill and Kate Panayatou and welcomed new faces Laurence Benn and Jackie Spiteri. While remaining on the Board, the Secretary Joel Bailey and Treasurer Neil Laws stepped down from their roles (a huge thank you for all their years of work and service!) and were replaced by a co-secretariat Chris Carboon and Luke Campbell, and a new Treasurer Katrina Dodd.

Chair Will Glamore and Deputy Chair Greg Britton remain at the helm of a vibrant hardworking team. See more at https://pianc.org.au/about/board-members/.

Congratulations to Ben Popovich - PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award Winner

PIANC ANZ is very proud that our own Benjamin Popovich is the worthy recipient of the 2020 PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award, for his paper on ‘Tsunami Resilience of Pile Supported Wharves: A First Principles Approach’.

Ben, who is a Hazard and Risk Analyst at the National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research Ltd (NIWA) in Wellington, New Zealand, has been a keen PIANC member for years.

His work on the resilience of NZ wharves to tsunami hazards is of great importance to that island nation and of significant potential use to communities beyond NZ. See more at https://pianc.org.au/pianc-member-news/congratulations-ben-popovich/.

It’s been a long time between wins – the last time someone from our section received the award was in 2008. That was our current Chair Will Glamore.

Embracing the Digital Age

Covid-19 restrictions have continued to expand our online offerings – a PIANC NSW Chapter lunchtime online seminar in Sydney on Vessel Traffic Services - The All-Encompassin Aids to Navigation (AtoN) by Captain Wendy Doran, Manager of Maritime Projects - Port Authority of NSW, attracted more than twice the usual attendance numbers.
The presentation has now been uploaded to our brand-new PIANC ANZ YouTube Channel. Check us out!

Finally, a reminder that:

**PIANC's Inaugural Asia-Pacific Conference in Perth, Australia (APAC 2020) will be held on 30 November - 4 December 2020**

The Conference will now be held on 30 November - 4 December 2020, with the Pre-Conference Symposium 'Nature-Based Solutions for Coasts, Ports and Estuaries' taking place on the Monday, followed by the APAC Conference. If Covid-19 restrictions resume, the Conference organisers are preparing plans to still deliver the Conference online with videos, streaming and webinars. The show will go on regardless!

Our Conference theme 'Port, Harbour and Recreational Boating for Today and Tomorrow' reflects the growing worldwide recognition to place the natural environment at the forefront of every project as well as a growing emphasis on a social licence to operate. For all enquiries, please contact lexie.duncan@encanta.com.au.

Mary O’Connell
PIANC ANZ Communications support

**News from PIANC Portugal**

PIANC Portugal's activity was reactivated in January 2020, after more than a year of inactivity. Since then, all members have access to PIANC documents, and we have quite a few new members.

In order to prepare the activities of PIANC Portugal, a meeting was held, envisaging namely the dissemination of the PIANC’s activities in Portugal, as well as the realisation of the National Workshop, planned for the next year, if the pandemic situation will make it possible.
News from PIANC Colombia

Presentation of PIANC to Students of the Reformed University Corporation of Barranquilla, Colombia

One of the first promotional activities carried out by the National Section of PIANC Colombia was the presentation of the Association by the President of PIANC Colombia, Engineer Fabio Zapata, to the students of the Reformed University Corporation of Barranquilla. Students from the Maritime and Port Administration and Industrial Engineering programmes of this higher education institution were connected to the virtual presentation.

The Reformed University Corporation of Barranquilla is an institution founded by the Presbyterian Church of Colombia that has among its purposes to promote the formation and consolidation of academic communities and the articulation with their counterparts at the international level constituting a factor of development, cultural, economic, political and ethical at the regional and national level. The Reformed University Corporation seeks to be recognised as an Institution of Higher Education, committed to the transformation of reality, based on the interpretation of the profound and rapid changes of the Caribbean environment, national and international.

Barranquilla is one of the main ports of Colombia located on the Magdalena River and a few kilometres from the Caribbean Sea. This port has been characterised by being enthusiastic in the development of port activity and water transport in the country thanks to the very part of the cargo that arrives and leaves is for the same port. It has special relevance as a port that has historically fought for the maintenance and strengthening of the infrastructure of water transport. Different hydraulic works have been built throughout the history of the port in order to maintain the best possible navigability conditions. Currently the Colombian government intends to develop a public-private alliance that allows to increase the efficiency for water transport in such a way as to strengthen the intermodal transport of cargo to the interior of the country through the river that has the peculiarity of travelling the country from north to south, where important industrial centres are located over the Andes mountain range.

Presentation of PIANC to the Student Officers of the Almirante Padilla Naval School

On Thursday 18 June, a virtual presentation of PIANC was given to the officers of the professional supplementation course of the Almirante Padilla Naval School by the Colombian member of the PIANC Promotion Commission (ProCom), Juan Carlos Gómez. The Naval School is located on the island of Manzanillo in Cartagena de Indias Bay. This is a beautiful bay that was historically used by Spanish conquers as a trade hub with the West Indies. It is also recognized as one of the main fortified ports in the Americas, protected from the onslaught of English and French pirates who stalked Spanish convoys that carried resources.
extracted from the different viceroyalties of the new world.

The Naval School is the alma mater of the officiality of the Colombian navy and maritime university of the country that had its first origins since 1811 and is recognised for its awareness of the nautical and maritime affairs of the country. Student officers study in naval engineering, electronic engineering, physical oceanography and maritime administration; and are designed to carry out the work of its service in the maritime and river spaces of the country. Likewise, some of the officers of the Navy perform their functions in the Colombian Maritime Authority called Dimar ('Dirección General Marittima' - General Maritime Directorate), hence the importance of their attachment to the Association. The General Maritime Directorate is Qualifying Member of PIANC for Colombia.

PIANC Colombia

News from PIANC Spain

WEBINARS

During the lockdown period, the Spanish Section started an online seminar programme:

1. Level III Methods: An Easy Explanation for a Complicated Problem - 7 May 2020
   Speaker: Mr Gabriel Chamorro Sosa
   Civil Engineer, Polytechnic University of Madrid and Master in Advanced Design in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Seville

   ![Spectrum webinar 1](https://via.placeholder.com/150)

   Speaker: Mrs Isabel Caballero de Frutos
   Degree in Marine Sciences from the University of Vigo, PhD in Science from the University of Granada and Master in Oceanography (University of Cadiz) and Master in Coastal Integrated Sciences and Technologies (University of Santander), Postdoctoral researcher at the CSIC Higher Council for Scientific Research.

   ![Spectrum webinar 2](https://via.placeholder.com/150)
3. Level II Methods. It's Time to Lose Fear - 21 May 2020
Speaker: Mr Gabriel Chamorro Sosa
Civil Engineer, Polytechnic University of Madrid and Master in Advanced Design in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Seville

4. The Way We Look at Maritime Works - 24 June 2020
Speaker: Vicente Negro Valdecantos. Professor of Maritime Engineering, Polytechnic University of Madrid

5. Upcoming Seminar
Big Data in Maritime Activities: Vessel Traffic Analysis in the Canary Islands. Risk of Collision of Vessels and Cetaceans
Speaker: José María Grassa Garrido. CEDEX - 2 July 2020 at 5 p.m.

Webinars (in Spanish) are open to members of other National Sections of PIANC. If you would like to attend, send and email to atpyc@puertos.es and we will send you back an URL of the website and an access code.

ONLINE WORKSHOPS
Documents and videos of previous workshops are now available for members in the Members Only section on our website.

1. Technical Workshop: Port Management - 12 March 2019
2. Technical Workshop: Floating Concrete Caissons - 31 May 2017
3. Technical Workshop: Upgrading Port Terminals by Increasing Dredged Depth - 23 January 2018
4. Technical Workshop: Innovation and new Technologies in Port Management - 6 March 2018
5. Technical Workshop: Mooring and Berthing Equipment - 5 November 2019
6. Presentation of the publication: ‘Guide for
YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

Two active young professionals of the Spanish Section of PIANC have recently been assigned important roles within the Young Professionals Commission:

Antonio Gómez as new Vice-Chair (Alternate) for Europe & Africa, supporting the newly chosen Vice-Chair for that region with the YP-activities across Southwestern Europe and Northern Africa. Antonio is member of PIANC and the Spanish Section (ATPYC) since 2013. He is also Secretary and part of the WG on ‘Ports Planning’ (ATPYC CGP GT 03).

In 2017, he won the Modesto Viguera Prize (2nd place) for the ‘Methodology for the Analysis, Diagnosis and Calculation of the Maximum Tariffs of the Port Services’. In addition to be one of the MCVALNERA’s partners, he is professor and Director of Master’s Thesis in the Official Master's Degree in Logistics Management of the International University of La Rioja.

Sara Igléas as new MarCom Young Professional Observer. With over 12 years of experience in ports and maritime engineering, Sara is PMP® working on a large variety of infrastructure projects worldwide. Her experience includes all stages of project life cycle: master plan development, feasibility studies, preliminary and detailed design, tender design and technical assistance for site management for construction works.

Experienced in infrastructure projects dealing with a wide range of industries and clients like oil & gas and LNG operators, transportation and port authorities, marinas management or logistic operators, among others.

Join us to give a big hand to these two well-deserved colleagues!

Gema Vázquez Sánchez
PIANC Spain

News from PIANC Iran

Online Training Course on ‘Sand Bypassing System in Amir Abad Port’

In May 2020, a four-part online course on ‘Sand Bypassing System in Amir Abad Port’ was conducted with the participation of students, consulting engineers and experts. This course was organised by Ports and Maritime Organisation of Iran and was free for all PIANC Iran members.
The course, presented by Dr. Naser Hajizadeh Zaker (the EnviCom Delegate of PIANC Iran), provided an introduction to 'Sand Bypassing Systems and Economic and Environmental Benefits of these Systems'. The main purpose of this course focused on introducing the designed sand bypass system in Amir Abad port to resolve the problems of high degree of sedimentation in the access channel to port and coastal erosion on the eastern part of it.

Amirabad Port, located in Mazandaran Province, in Northern Iran, is considered the main gate for the International North-South Transport Corridor.

Atefeh Afshoon
Secretariat PIANC Iran

News from Inland Waterways International (IWI), Sister Association of PIANC

Please click here to find out the June issue of 'IWI News' on our Sister Association IWI, which contains a lot of interesting topics and also reports on the cooperation between IWI and PIANC.

David Edwards-May
President of IWI

NEWS FROM OUR PLATINUM PARTNERS

ShibataFenderTeam Supports Maritime Industry with Free Technical Online Seminars

The Corona pandemic is a challenging time and it is important to have a strong partner on your side. Since April, ShibataFenderTeam actively supports the maritime industry with free technical fender design seminars.

The seminars can be customised according to the participant’s needs and knowledge. Topics can be selected from a broad range such as fender types, design energy, panel design or maintenance advice.

The unique feature of these seminars is that they are not an anonymous mass event or recorded webinar but an individual and interactive session for colleagues and teams, or even for individuals (no minimum number of participants). This concept allows for a comfortable atmosphere and have engineering companies asking specific project related questions and discuss with a fender expert as a Q&A session is included for each seminar.

Especially in these uncertain times, it is great for teams to connect for a technical seminar and to jointly broaden their horizon and build-up their knowledge in fender design.

Anna-Lena Pahl
Marketing Manager ShibataFenderTeam

Trelleborg Teaches Importance of Rubber Quality for Assured Fender Performance in Webinar Series

Trelleborg's marine and infrastructure operation has developed two webinar series that inform industry professionals about the importance of rubber quality in assuring long-term fender performance.
The programme of webinars is presented by the company’s Director of R&D, Mishra Kumar, and is split across two areas. The first is Rubber Quality – a four-part series, where viewers will learn the fundamentals of what a fender system is, the properties and different types of rubber, the impact of chemical compositions on fender performance and finally, fender testing – comparing superior fenders with low-cost solutions.

The second subject is Assuring Fender Performance – a three-part series. This outlines the new fender specification and TGA testing, the mixing process, the internal mixer, carbon black dispersion and how to measure success.

Mishra, comments: “With the demanding nature of the modern port environment, there’s no room for error. With a direct impact on the safe and efficient operation of our ports, high performance and reliable fender systems are mission critical equipment. They help to improve berthing management procedures and increase vessel throughput, so it’s imperative that the best system is selected for the application.”

“Our webinar series will provide viewers with an excellent understanding of what to consider when specifying a fender system, to ensure they get the optimum solution for its application and avoid substandard, low-cost options.”

To learn more, view Trelleborg’s webinar series here:
- Webinar on Rubber Quality
- Webinar on Assuring Fender Performance

Katt Rodrigues
Trelleborg

PUBLICATIONS

Just Shipped

The following publications were published in May/June 2020:

- TG 193 (EnviCom): ‘Resilience of the Maritime and Inland Waterborne Transport System’
- WG 191 (InCom): ‘Composites for Hydraulic Structures’
- PIANC Yearbook 2019

*Mr Liang and Mr Hota of WG 191 had the chance to contribute a piece for a Tech Talk column, which you can find here!

Publications Pipeline

The following publication will be published in July/August 2020:

- WG 168 (RecCom): ‘Single Point Yacht Moorings’

Find our publications at https://www.pianc.org/publications. Save money by becoming a member of PIANC and download ALL PIANC publications FOR FREE on the Members Only password protected pages!
ON THE CALENDAR

An Update on PIANC's Main Upcoming International Events

While we are still dealing with the worldwide Covid-19 crisis, a lot of international events had to be cancelled or postponed. The same goes for many of our upcoming international PIANC events. Therefore, we hereby provide you with an overview of our main upcoming international events:

1st PIANC YP-Seminar Americas
Scheduled for October 2020 - Will be evaluated in July 2020.

PIANC-COPEDEC 2020
Postponed until 2021 - No concrete date yet.

PIANC APAC 2020
Postponed to 30 November-4 December 2020 - Keep an eye on the conference website!

PIANC-SMART Rivers 2021
Still scheduled to take place on 19-22 October 2021 - Will be evaluated in October 2020 - Keep an eye on the conference website and download the 1st Call for Abstracts here!

PIANC 35th World Congress 2022
Still scheduled to take place in 2022 - Will be evaluated in December 2020.

PIANC-SMART Rivers 2021 in Nanjing, China on 19-22 October 2021

PIANC-SMART Rivers 2021 will be organised in Nanjing, China on 19-22 October of 2021. On behalf of the Local Organising Committee (LOC), I would like to send you the first Call for Abstracts to you. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions or you would like to organise workshops/side events during the PIANC-SMART Rivers 2021 Conference.

Many international events have been postponed or cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Hopefully, a vaccine will be available by the end of 2020. We hope that the world will go back to the normal routine when PIANC-SMART Rivers 2021 will take place. I hope that there will be no risk for international travel and conference event at that moment.

You can download the flyer of PIANC-SMART Rivers 2021 here. And it is greatly appreciated that you share the information with other colleagues. We also welcome sponsors and exhibitors!

I am looking forward to meeting you @Nanjing in 2021!

Dr. ir. Gensheng Zhao
On behalf of the PIANC-SMART Rivers 2021 LOC
HTG Kongress 2021 in Düsseldorf, Germany

The HTG Kongress 2021 will be held in Düsseldorf, Germany on 1-3 September 2021. Save the date and find out more details on this event at https://www.htg-online.de/veranstaltungen/htg-kongress-2021-in-duesseldorf.

Gabriele Peschken
Secretary of PIANC Germany

Australasian Coasts & Ports Conference 2021 In Christchurch, New Zealand

The Local Organising Committee, under the auspices of the New Zealand Coastal Society, Engineers Australia’s National Committee on Coastal and Ocean Engineering, and PIANC Australia and New Zealand, are pleased to announce that the 25th Australasian Coasts & Ports 2021 Conference will take place at the soon to be completed Te Pae Convention Centre, Christchurch, from 7-10 September 2021.

Call for Abstracts Open: 31 August 2020
Call for Abstracts Close: 29 January 2021
Early Bird Registration Close: 14 June 2021

Save the date and keep an eye on the conference website!

Postponement of ICOPMAS 2020 to 2022
Message from the ICOPMAS secretariat

Due to the current unprecedented situation and restrictions on travel and other factors which will significantly impact the likely attendance of many ICOPMAS delegates, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors.

With all of the factors in mind, and in the interests of maximizing conference participation, global collaboration and knowledge exchange, we have made the decision that the 14th international conference on coasts, ports and marine structures (icopmas - 2020) take place in 2022.

On behalf of the conference secretariat, thank you for your patience and understanding during these rapidly evolving and very challenging times.

We look forward to your continuing support, and to seeing you in 2022.
OBITUARY

Sri Kumar Ghosh (1933-2020)

Mr Sri Kumar Ghosh, Honorary Vice-President of PIANC, passed away at his residence in New Delhi, India on 12 May 2020.

Mr Ghosh was born on 9 June 1933 in the State of West Bengal, India. After acquiring a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering, he worked in consultancy services in the field of Coastal Engineering, water resources development and management. He was Managing Director of CES Consultancy Engineering Services, a company based in New Delhi, capital of India. He was Board Member and Director of the Company CES Water Resources Development and Management Consultancy P. Ltd., which is rendering services in India and in many countries all over the world.

Mr Ghosh was founding member of Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI). He also served as President of CEAI and earlier of NACE. He was actively involved in various activities of CEAI since its beginning. Mr Ghosh was awarded the CEAI Lifetime Achievement Award 2012 for his significant contribution to the Engineering Consultancy Profession.

Mr Ghosh served PIANC in the capacity of Secretary of the Indian National Section for more than 2 decades. PIANC India remembers Mr Sri Kumar Ghosh as a warm and friendly person and an excellent engineer. In recognition of the services rendered as Secretary of PIANC India and also for being patron of PIANC India, PIANC assigned him the post of Honorary Vice-President. The death of Mr Ghosh has created a void in the water resources and coastal engineering sector of the world in general and of the Indian Port sector in particular.

PIANC International and the Indian National Section of PIANC convey their deepest condolences and pray to God for resting Mr Ghosh’s soul in peace.

H.N. Aswath
Secretary of PIANC India
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