



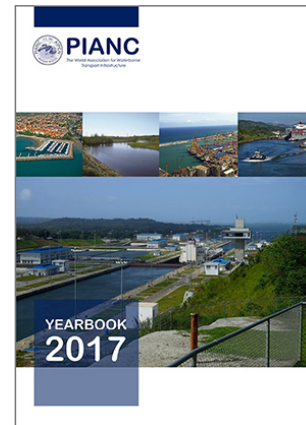
## APRIL 2018

We are only a few days away from our 34th PIANC World Congress in Panama. We are looking forward to meeting many of you at the occasion of yet another Annual General Assembly, as well as at the PIANC World Congress! Download the Congress programme at <http://www.pianc2018.com/program.php> and don't miss out on the technical visits and the social programme!

The PIANC Yearbook 2017 has been published and can be found at: <http://www.pianc.org/yearbookbrowseall.php>.

This Yearbook is the first ever version which will only be digitally available, as it was felt that in this modern time and age it didn't make much sense anymore to go for a printed version. PIANC is committed to contribute to environmentally friendly solutions and to increase sustainability. As such, abolishing the printing of the Yearbook will help to reduce our ecological footprint!

Besides the usual contributions from our Commissions, National Sections, Qualifying Members, Platinum Partners, the three winning articles from the PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award 2017 and an overview of 2017 by PIANC HQ, the Panamanians, being the host country for this year's AGA, have provided us with seven interesting technical articles.



*Enjoy reading the Yearbook 2017!*

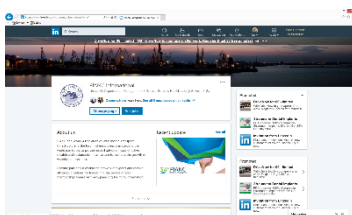
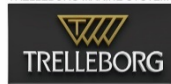
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## NEWS FROM PROCOM

The members of the Promotion Commission (ProCom) gathered on 18 April 2018 - both online as at PIANC HQ in Brussels - mainly to discuss the final stages of the brand-new PIANC website, which will be online very soon now.

Besides the new website, revised thoroughly by the ProCom members, the members also discussed the new PIANC Strategic Plan & Marketing Plan, as well as a function description of the new Chairperson for ProCom, as it was decided in the ExCom of February 2018 to turn ProCom into a 'real' Commission of PIANC. The function description was discussed and will be sent to the ExCom for further discussion during its meeting in Panama.

It was a fruitful ProCom meeting and the members were happy to welcome for the first time Mr Xiao Lei Liu from PIANC China and Mrs Anna-Lena Georg from ShibataFenderTeam, Platinum Partner of PIANC, who both joined the meeting online.



*The ProCom members attending the meeting in Brussels  
L-R: Mr H. Fiers (Co-Chairman of ProCom), Ms A. Van Schel (Secretary of ProCom), Mr G. Van Cappellen (Co-Chairman of ProCom and PIANC Secretary-General) and Mr De Meyer (member of ProCom)*

## NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY

### ICOPMAS 2018

The 13th International Conference on Coasts, Ports & Marine Structures (ICOPMAS) 2018 will be held in Tehran, Iran on 26-28 November 2018 and we are calling for abstracts now. The deadline for abstract submission is 22 May 2018.

Thanks to PIANC's moral sponsorship in the ICOPMAS series, all PIANC members around the world can benefit from special grants in ICOPMAS!

Please click on the following links to find:

- [the first Call for Abstracts](#)
- [the poster of ICOPMAS 2018](#)
- [important dates](#)
- [keynote speakers](#)
- [Scientific Committee Members](#)

For more information on the ICOPMAS 2018 Conference, please visit <http://icopmas.pmo.ir/en/pages/default.aspx>.

**Mohammad Hosseini**  
*ICOPMAS Secretariat, Ports and Maritime Organisation*



## New First Delegate for PIANC USA

PIANC HQ was informed that Mr Ricky D. James has been nominated as First Delegate of PIANC USA, as the successor for the Honourable Jo-Ellen Darcy, who stepped down after 7 years of service to PIANC. We would like to welcome Mr James to the PIANC family and thank Ms Darcy for her commitment to PIANC during all these years!

## Trelleborg is Headline Sponsor of the PIANC Congress 2018

Trelleborg's marine systems operation is the Platinum sponsor of PIANC's 2018 Congress, which takes place in Panama City, Panama on 7-11 May 2018. As well as headline sponsorship of the event, the company's President, Richard Hepworth, will present to Congress delegates about materials technology, the future of the industry and PIANC's role within it.

Richard Hepworth, President of Trelleborg's marine systems operation, said: "We have a longstanding association with PIANC, and it is one that we value hugely. It's essential to us to share knowledge with and support the body that guides standards across our industry."

"We place great importance on the role PIANC plays in the industry as a facilitator of shared best practice, knowledge and expertise between stakeholders, and we're looking forward to hearing from industry peers about new best practices and innovations that have come to light in the time since the last Congress."

Tommy Guldhammer-Mikkelsen, Managing Director at Trelleborg's marine systems operation, Denmark, will give a technical presentation on the subject of Future Ports and Piloting in Panama. Mishra Kumar, Global Technical Director, will present on the importance of performance verification in marine fenders, and a new test process for ensuring performance verification is carried out effectively and accurately.

On stand, Trelleborg will feature its new and improved online tool for simplified fender selection. The updated tool encompasses a number of enhanced features, designed to allow specifiers to select and specify the most appropriate fender for their application.

In addition to an existing vessel berthing Energy Calculator and Fender Selection Tool, the tool's new capabilities include:

- A Fender Specification Generator
  - A Bollard Specification Generator
  - A Fender System Selector for Ship-to-Ship Applications
- The tool allows users to ensure fender selection meets required energy specification and has been developed in accordance with PIANC guidelines and British Standards, to ensure best in class, compliant solutions. Register now to experience Trelleborg's new Fender Selection Tool at PIANC's 2018 Congress at stands 27 and 28: <https://bit.ly/2qQSwms>

**Chris Sanders**  
Trelleborg

## PUBLICATIONS

### Just Shipped

The following publications were published in April 2018:

- **WG 161 (MarCom):** 'Interaction Between Offshore Wind Farms and Maritime Navigation'
- **PIANC Yearbook 2017**

### Publications Pipeline

- **WG 176 (EnviCom):** 'Guide for Applying Working with Nature to Navigation Infrastructure Projects'
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- **WG 166 (InCom):** 'Inflatable Structures in Hydraulic Engineering'

Check the [Publications Pipeline](#) on the PIANC website for more information.

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## ON THE CALENDAR

### PIANC-RINA Joint Conference on 'Ships & Ports' - Book now!

On 14 May 2018, PIANC UK and the Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA) organise a joint conference on 'Ships & Ports' at the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) in London, UK. This Conference brings together maritime civil engineers, naval architects, mariners and port engineers to share their diverse disciplines and experiences at the ship/port interface.

The two keynote lectures will explore 'The Civil Engineer's Approach to the Design of Port Structures', delivered by Steve Osborn, Chief Maritime Engineer, Atkins and 'The Naval Architect's Approach to the Design of Ship Structures', delivered by Rob Tustin, Senior Principal Surveyor, Lloyd's Register.

Download the full programme [here](#) and/or visit the [Conference website](#).

**Sach Sandhu**  
*Events Executive ICE*



The ICOMIA World Marinas Conference, to be held in Athens on 25-27 October 2018, aims to deliver an impressive programme with prominent speakers from around the globe. The International Council of Marine Industry Associations and the Greek Marinas Association are pleased to announce that registration is now open and early-bird discounts are available.

Please click [here](#) to find the press release for more information, or visit the [Conference website](#).

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