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# Sailing Ahead

## JULY 2023

Dear PIANC friends, dear colleagues,

'Sailing Ahead' brings you the last news of our Association in July. You will read the latest news from some of our Commissions. The impressive international activity of our Young Professionals in several continents is definitely something to be highlighted.

Several important PIANC events are coming up in the forthcoming months, such as PIANC-COPEDEC X (Manila, The Philippines) and the PIANC Mediterranean Days (Sète, France) in October, as we are on track for our 35th PIANC World Congress 2024 (Cape Town, South Africa).

The MarCom report 'Criteria for Acceptable Movements of Ships at Berths' has been released. Undoubtedly, this issue, which is essential for port planning and design, will be one of our bestsellers. The publication pipeline announces key reports from InCom, MarCom and EnviCom that will be reference publications for our sector.

'Sailing Ahead' is also letting you know that we are seeking experts for our Working Groups. I encourage PIANC experts to apply through their National Sections and Qualifying Membership to join the world's leading experts for an exceptional technical adventure.

I am sure you will enjoy reading our newsletter.

*Francisco Esteban Lefler*  
*PIANC President*

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**We kindly remind you that as from 17 July 2023, we will switch to our new membership software. Due to this switch, it will not be possible to sign up as a new member. You can try applying again as from 18 July 2023.**

**We apologise for the inconvenience and look forward to welcoming you soon in our brand-new IT-environment!**

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**Time is Running Out!**  
**Submit your Abstract for the 35th PIANC World Congress**  
**BEFORE 20 JULY 2023!**



**Submit your abstracts for the 35th PIANC World Congress in Cape Town,  
South Africa (29 April-3 May 2024) by 20 July 2023.**  
**Join experts, network, gain insights, and explore Cape Town's vibrant culture.**  
**Mark your calendars and contribute to the future of waterborne transport at**  
**PIANC!**

**Visit the Conference website at <https://piancworldcongress2024.co.za> and  
download the Call for Abstracts [here](#).**

**Come and join us in the beautiful Cape Town!**  
**We look forward to welcoming you!**

***Interested in becoming a sponsor of the World Congress? Please click [here](#).***

**Mark your calendar for these upcoming PIANC events:**

- **PIANC-COPEDEC X 2023 | 9-13 October 2023 | Manila, Philippines |** <https://www.pianc-copedec2020.org> | **Submission of Abstracts is closed!**
- **PIANC Mediterranean Days 2023 | 26-27 October 2023 | Port de Sète, France |** <https://aipcn.fr> | **Submission of Abstracts is closed! | Register at** <https://www.portdufutur.fr/les-assises/edition-2023>
- **35th PIANC World Congress 2024 | 29 April-3 May 2024 | Cape Town, South Africa |** <https://piancworldcongress2024.co.za> | **Submit your abstract until on 20 July 2023!**
- **PIANC Asia Pacific Conference (PIANC APAC) 2024 | 27-30 August 2024 | Sydney, Australia |** <https://piancapac.com/>

## **NEWS FROM INCOM**

### **95th InCom Meeting in Vienna, Austria**



The 95th InCom meeting was held on 30 May – 1 June 2023 in Vienna, Austria, hosted by viadonau, the Austrian agency in charge of preservation and development of the Danube River waterway.

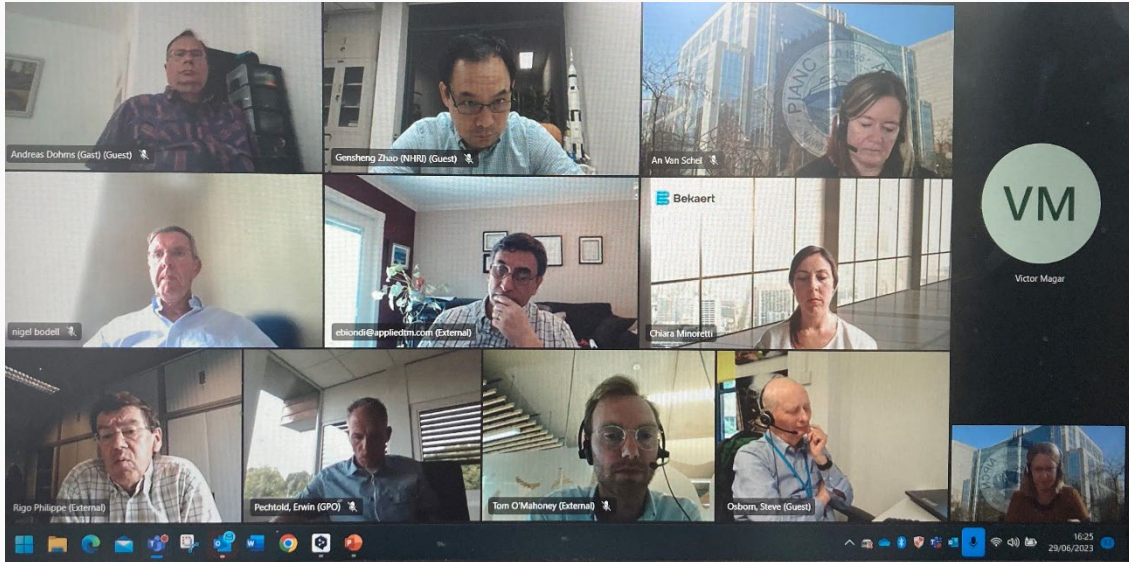
The participants had an opportunity to visit free-flowing section of the Danube River, East of Vienna, where viadonau experts presented waterway maintenance management tasks, new flexible engineering structures, location of berth renewal and new shore power supply, as well as new marking vessel.

InCom would like to thank the viadonau team for its great hospitality and organisation of the meeting and all activities around it.

**Jasna Muskatirovic**  
Vice-Chair & Secretary of InCom

## NEWS FROM PROCOM

### Biannual Meeting with the Working Group Chairs



On 29 June 2023, the members of the ProCom subgroup 'Working Group Support' had their biannual (Teams) meeting with the Working Group Chairs in order to get up to speed about the various needs of the PIANC Working Group members, as well as to inform them on what ProCom can do for them.

The agenda featured the following topics:

- What can ProCom do for you?
- Introduction of two new guidelines and how they will ease WG members' lives
- Photo database and how it will ease the work on the reports
- Introduction to the new membership software and changes on WG level
- Your ideas for an appreciation of WG members for their efforts
- Q&A – A chance to ask promotional/marketing related questions

The subgroup had a fruitful discussion and will take on board the various suggestions that were made by the Working Group Chairs.

## NEWS FROM YP-COM

Updates from Inside PIANC YP-Com

[New LinkedIn Open Webpage](#)



Want to know more about what keeps the PIANC Young Professionals busy? Join the brand-new LinkedIn page

at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/piancypcom/>, an ideal opportunity to learn more about PIANC YP-Com's activities and to expand your network!



#### **41<sup>st</sup> YP-COM Delegates Meeting during the BTV in Fort Lauderdale**



Finally, after almost 3 years of pandemic restrictions, the first larger in-person & hybrid meeting was held on 28 April 2023 in the aftermath of a fantastic BTV organised by the US YP-Group alongside the PIANC Americas Conference.

Focusing on re-establishing a bond between OP's and YP's, PIANC EnviCom Chairman Burton Suedel and RecCom Chairman Esteban Biondi were invited to give an insight into the work of the Technical Commissions and some specific Working Group reports.

During the second half, Sebastian Iglesias and the extended board gave an introduction into the new Action Plan based on the Balanced Scorecard scheme and the Action Points list for the YP Board, all delegates and observers derived from this. This will be the guidance for the next post-pandemic years to reactivate the international collaboration of YP's within the PIANC Universe.

*(Photo: PIANC YP -Com Board – Hyun Dong Kim, Lisa-Maria Putz, Anja Brüning, Sebastian Iglesias, Vincent Besson and Rafael Tavares)*



The YP-Com Board wants to thank both speakers and all attendees (in-person and online) for the interesting insights and a vibrant discussion concerning the upcoming commission work!

To all YP's and potential observers/ interested delegate newcomers, please note the following Commission meetings:

#### **42<sup>nd</sup> Delegates Meeting – Friday, 13 October 2023 – 13:00 to 15:00hrs (online)**

If you are interested or you know someone who might be interested to join, please reach out to us!

#### **Participation in the AGA in Oslo**

During the Annual General Assembly in Oslo, Norway, YP-Com Chairman Sebastian Iglesias shared a presentation on the PIANC Young Professionals. He reported the remarkable activities carried out by the PIANC Young Professionals throughout 2022.



One of the key highlights was the emphasis on the collaboration between the Young Professionals Commission and the National Delegates of Norway who organised a wonderful boat trip on 26 May that almost half of all participants joined. We would like to thank Maren, Hegue and Magnus for the lovely ride through their Port of Oslo including a fun guidance and perfect sunny weather!



***Nomination of New YP Observer in RecCom***



Mr Colás Hortal Suárez from MC Valnera S.L., Spain

**Past PIANC YP-Events**

**YP Participation in the 14th ICOPMAS Conference – May 2023**



The PIANC YP-Group in Iran participated in the International Conference on Coasts, Ports and Marine Structures held in Tehran on 8-10 May 2023, presenting PIANC YP Mission, members and activities.

*(Photo: PIANC YP's from Iran: Amirhamed Alviri and Alireza Shafieefar)*

**YP Participation in 'Portos e Costas Brasil 2023' – May 2023**





PIANC YP Group Brazil participated in the conference “Portos e Costas Brasil 2023” presenting PIANC YP Mission, members and activities. The conference was held in South of Brazil and attracted the Brazilian maritime community discussing important technical topics in the industry.

*(Photo: PIANC YP's from Brazil: Clarissa de Luca Menin Delegate and part of the YP Brazilian Board)*

**Network Summer Meeting of YP-Com Belgium and the Netherlands – 14 June 2023**



The YP-groups of PIANC Belgium and the Netherlands met for an informal Summer Meeting at the Maas River in Rotterdam to discuss possible future activities in the region. Luckily also Maren Elise Bengston (YP Norway) and Anja Brüning (YP Secretary/ Germany) were able to attend fostering the European Bonds.

#### ***XIX ATPYC Young Professionals Spanish Conference – Port of Tarifa – 8-9 June 2023***

On 8-9 June 2023, the XIX ATPYC Young Professionals Spanish Conference took place in the Port of Tarifa, belonging to the Port Authority of the Bay of Algeciras, organised by the ATPYC Young Professionals Committee (Spanish YP Section). During the conference, in addition to the presentations, there was the opportunity to make a technical visit to the facilities of the port itself and get to know its infrastructures and operating activities.



***Upcoming YP Events in 2023:***

**REGIONAL – EUROPE & AFRICA:**

**11th Portuguese Conference on Coastal and Port Engineering (not only for YP's):**

- Location: Leixoes (Portugal)
- Date: 3-4 October 2023
- Programme organised by PIANC Portugal and supported by the Order of Engineers

**REGIONAL – APAC:**

**3rd PIANC Korea YP Research Presentation Competition:**

- Location: open
- Date: November 2023

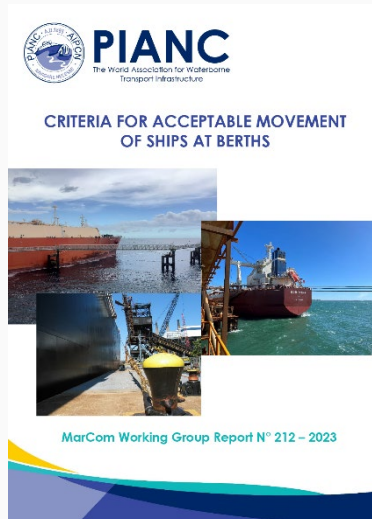
**Anja Brüning**  
Secretary PIANC YP-Com

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Just Shipped**

The following publication was published in June 2023:

- WG 212 (MarCom): 'Criteria for Acceptable Movement for Ships at Berths'



## Publications Pipeline

The following publications will be published in July/August 2023:

- TG 3 (EnviCom): 'Waterborne Transport, Ports and Waterways: A 2023 Update of Climate Change Drivers and Impacts'
- PIANC WG 167 (MarCom): 'The Design of Terminals for RoRo and RoPax Vessels'
- PIANC TG 234 (InCom): 'Infrastructure for the Decarbonisation of Inland Waterway Transport'
- PIANC Permanent WG 246 on RIS (InCom): 'Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services'

**Save money by becoming a member of PIANC and download ALL PIANC publications FOR FREE from the Members Only portal!**

**[Join PIANC](#)**

## **PIANC WORKING GROUP VACANCIES**

**We want you on the PIANC team!**

4 MarCom Working Groups, 1 InCom Working Group and 1 RecCom Working Group are searching for members! Send your candidacy to your National Section before 15 August 2023 or contact [PIANC HQ](#) in case your country doesn't have a National Section.





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**NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY**

MarCom WG 248:  
**'Guidelines for Onshore Power Supply (OPS) for Ships'**

Interested in becoming a member of this Working Group?  
Contact your National Section or PIANC HQ at [info@pianc.org](mailto:info@pianc.org)  
in case your country doesn't have a National Section.



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**NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY**

MarCom WG 250:  
**'Update of WG 28 – Breakwaters with Vertical and Inclined  
Concrete Walls'**

Interested in becoming a member of this Working Group?  
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**NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY**

MarCom WG 251:  
**'Guidance on the Design  
of Parted Mooring Line Arresting Systems'**

Interested in becoming a member of this Working Group?  
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**NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY**

MarCom WG 252:  
**'Safety by Design of Maritime  
Infrastructure Projects'**

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**NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY**

InCom WG 249:  
**'Adaptation of Inland Waterways Infrastructure  
for Climate Change Impacts'**

Interested in becoming a member of this Working Group?  
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**NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY**

RecCom WG 253:  
**'Water Quality and Flushing Assessment for Marinas'**

Interested in becoming a member of this Working Group?  
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## NEWS FROM PIANC'S SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Our Sister Associations are:





**There is still time to register and participate in the 40th IAHR World Congress!**



The [40th IAHR World Congress](#) will take place in Vienna, Austria on 21-25 August 2023. It will be an important and unique opportunity to meet, share and discuss recent advances and experiences, identify innovative and emerging trends in hydro-environmental science and engineering, and get inspired.

Register and participate by clicking [here!](#)

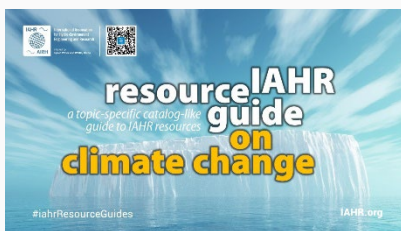
**Young Professionals: Save the Date for a New Edition of the IAHR Young Professionals Congress!**

The [4th IAHR Young Professionals Congress](#) will take place online on 22-24 November 2023. It will give young professionals, researchers and students, the opportunity to present and promote their work, access mentoring from leading global experts and networking.

Register [here](#) for free and stay up-to-date.



**IAHR Resource Guides**



**The latest IAHR Resource Guide focuses on climate change.**

Access a collection of IAHR resources (events, publications, articles, experts, insights, initiatives, videos) to help experts find useful academic and professional resources.

You can access the IAHR Resource Guide [here](#).

**Pilar González**

Communications and marketing manager IAHR



## **IADC's Dredging and Reclamation Seminar in Manila, Philippines on 9-13 October 2023**

Learn the basics of dredging in five days and complete a tender process from start to finish.

For (future) decision makers and their advisors in governments, port and harbour authorities, offshore companies and other organisations that have to execute dredging projects, the International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC) organises its well-known [Dredging and Reclamation Seminar](#) on 9-13 October 2023 in Manila (Philippines).

Since 1993, IADC has regularly provided a week-long seminar especially developed for professionals in dredging-related industries. These seminars have been successfully presented in the Netherlands, Singapore, Dubai, Argentina, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain and Brazil. With these seminars, IADC reflects its commitment to education, encouraging young people to enter the field of dredging, and improving knowledge about dredging throughout the world.

### ***In the Classroom***

There is no other dredging seminar that includes workshop exercises covering a complete tender process from start to finish. In-depth lectures are presented by experienced dredging professionals from IADC member companies. Their practical knowledge and professional expertise are invaluable for in the classroom-based lessons. Some of the subjects covered are:

- the development of new ports and maintenance of existing ports
- project development: from preparation to realisation
- descriptions of types of dredging equipment
- costing of projects
- dredging contracts
- types of dredging projects
- sustainable aspects of dredging

### ***For Whom?***

The seminar is developed for both technical and non-technical professionals in dredging-related industries. From students and newcomers in the field of dredging to high-level consultants, advisors at port and harbour authorities, offshore companies and other organisations that execute dredging projects.

The seminar will provide attendees with a wealth of knowledge and a better understanding of the fascinating and essential dredging industry.

### ***The Programme***

#### ***Site visit***

Practical experience is a priceless asset that distinguishes the programme of this seminar from any other.

A site visit to a dredging yard or project allows participants to view and experience dredging equipment first-hand to gain better insights into the wide-ranging field of dredging operations.

Networking is invaluable. A dinner where participants, lecturers and other dredging employees can interact, network, and discuss the real, hands-on world of dredging provides another dimension to this stimulating week.

Each participant will receive a comprehensive set of proceedings and at the end of the week, a certificate of achievement in recognition of the completion of the coursework. Full attendance is required for attaining the certificate.

To find out more about the learning objectives, programme, lecturers, fees and registration, click [here](#).

### **About IADC**

The International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC) is the global umbrella organisation for contractors in the private dredging industry. IADC has over a hundred main and associated members. Together they represent the forefront of the dredging industry. An industry that makes the world a safer, better and more sustainable place to live. And IADC is driven to help that industry move forward with a variety of activities and publications, all available [on our website](#).

### **More Information**

[Ria van Leeuwen](#)

Senior PR & Communications Officer, IADC

## **ON THE CALENDAR**

**PIANC Asian Seminar 2023 - 'Siltation of Navigation Channels in the Asian Region'**






**PIANC Asian Seminar 2023**  
**Siltation of Navigation Channels in Asian Region**

Organizer: PIANC-Japan  
 Supported by: MLIT, MAFF, JICA  
 \*Currently Applying

**MLIT** Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism  
**MAFF** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  
**JICA** Japan International Cooperation Agency

Date: **04 September 2023**  
**15:30 JST (GMT+9)**  
 Audiences: **200**  
 Registration Fee: **Free**  
 Language: **English**  
 Webinar Tool: **Zoom**

Registration URL: <https://forms.gle/LdlyAJERwPozZfz9>  
 (Deadline: 21 August 2023)





**Mitsuhiro Okada**  
 Chairman  
 PIANC-Japan

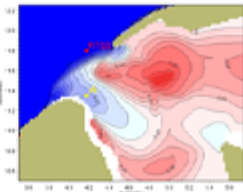
It is my pleasure to hold the third PIANC Asian Seminar with warm support and cooperation of various organizations. Siltation of navigation channels is one of the greatest challenges facing port engineers in Asia. In the seminar, renowned researchers in this field from Japan, Vietnam, and Indonesia will share with you their experience and research findings. Dr. Yoshiaki Kuriyama, a researcher with extensive expertise in the area of littoral drift and coastal erosion, will moderate the webinar. Everyone interested in siltation and its countermeasures is welcome to join.

**Program 15:30 - 18:00 (GMT+9)**

- 15:30 **Opening**
- 15:35 **Opening Address:** Mr. Takao Nishimura, Deputy Director General for Engineering Affairs, Ports and Harbours Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan
- 15:40 **Video Message from the PIANC Headquarters:** Mr. Francisco Esteban Leñer, President of PIANC
- 15:50 **Lecture 1: 'Fluid mud measurements in Japanese estuaries and navigation channels'**  
 Dr. Yasuyuki Nakagawa, Port and Airport Research Institute, Japan
- 16:15 **Lecture 2: 'Sedimentation around Indonesian rivers and ports'**  
 Dr. Aloysius Bagyo Wicakso, National Research and Innovation Agency, Indonesia
- 16:40 **Lecture 3: 'Siltation of the navigation channel in the Mekong River Delta, Vietnam'**  
 Dr. Nguyen Viet Thanh, University of Transport and Communications, Vietnam
- 17:05 **Question and Answer**
- 17:30 **Report of PIANC MarCom WG 205: 'Design and construction of breakwaters or soft seaports'**  
 Dr. Yoichi Watake, Chairman of PIANC MarCom WG 205
- 17:50 **Plaque Presentation Ceremony:** Mr. Mitsuhiro Okada, Vice President of PIANC and Chairman of PIANC-Japan
- 18:00 **Closing**



Grab Dredger



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Moderator: Dr. Yoshiaki Kuriyama, Chairman of Organizing Committee of PIANC Asian Seminar 2023

The third PIANC Asian Seminar will be organised virtually on 4 September 2023 with the warm support and cooperation of various organisations. 'Siltation of Navigation Channels' is one of the greatest challenges facing port engineers in Asia. During the seminar, renowned researchers in this field from Japan, Vietnam, and Indonesia will share their experience and research findings. Dr. Yoshiaki Kuriyama, a researcher with extensive expertise in the area of littoral drift and coastal erosion, will moderate the webinar. Everyone interested in siltation and its countermeasures is welcome to join!

Register for the seminar before 21 August 2023 at <https://forms.gle/Ld1yAJ5REwPdsZfr9>. Click on the picture to find the seminar brochure.

**Mitsuhiko Okada**  
PIANC Vice-President

## **OBITUARY**

### **Peter Mortier (1957-2023)**



*(Photo @ herbert.smitz)*

PIANC HQ was informed by the Belgian Section of PIANC that Engineer Peter Mortier sadly passed away on 6 July 2023 at the age of 66 years.

Mr Mortier has been very active in PIANC, especially in the Belgian Section, of which he was president from 2002 until 2010. Even as a young professional, he already played a significant role in the organisation of the PIANC AGA in Ghent in 1999.

After he studied and obtained the MSc degree in Civil Engineering at the State University of Ghent, and after a short assistant period by professor G. Van Risseghem at the Ghent University and his military service, eng. Peter Mortier joined the administration of the port of Ghent as civil engineer in 1983. Finally, he became Deputy Director-General of the port.

Throughout his whole career, Peter stayed at the Port of Ghent, where he retired in 2019. In the first years, he was responsible for the technical realisation of the Kluizendok. This was followed by the preparation and negotiations with the Netherlands for the realisation of the new sea lock in Terneuzen, which will enter in service next year 2024 and of which he will unfortunately not experience the completion.

But Peter was also one of the architects of the North Sea Port, the merger of the port of Ghent, Terneuzen and Vlissingen across the land border, more or less a unique situation in Europe.

Peter was not only an engineer, but the framing of the port in the spatial environment and the creation of social support was close to his heart. So was his attention for the environment, and thus, during his retirement until present, he continued to work for his Ghent port and the North Sea Port as chairman of a working group responsible for the creation of nature compensation in and around the port. For the North Sea Port and also for PIANC, Peter Mortier was of exceptional value.

Peter will be missed by his family, as well as by many friends within the PIANC community. On behalf of PIANC International, we extend our sincere condolences to Mr Mortier's loved ones.

**Herbert Smitz & Luc Van Damme**  
PIANC Belgium



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