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# Sailing Ahead

**JUNE 2023**

*A word by PIANC Secretary-General Geert Van Cappellen...*



Dear PIANC friends and colleagues,

It is time! Since 2021, HQ has been working on developing a new digital environment for PIANC. As a global association, such a well-developed environment is necessary to further nurture the bonds between our members worldwide. We will be releasing the new digital environment in progressive steps in the coming weeks and will continue to further develop additional features in the years ahead.

Straight up, I wish to notify you that we will be taking systems, such as our membership software, our website, webshop, membership portal and MailChimp down and starting the new solutions up. This might lead to temporary unavailabilities or reduced functionalities in the coming weeks. If you expect to be needing a report on very short notice in July, I would recommend you

download it in advance as a precautionary measure. At any time you need help, don't hesitate to contact the HQ staff to assist you dealing with the inconveniences you might be experiencing. We planned this go-live for the summer, as it is typically a moment when work slows down, as to not inconvenience you much.

#### More benefits:

1. **Corporate Members will get more logins for their employees. Large Corporates and Platinum Partners will be able to designate 10 full users (increased) (includes free downloads of reports) and an unlimited number of basic users (new!).** Once the system will be fully up and running, you will be invited by PIANC HQ to send the data for your additional logins. Being a basic user ensures you that you will get all the communication of the Association, invites for events at the beneficial members price and access to the members portal. Small Corporates will get 5 full users (increased) and the unlimited number of basic users (new!).
2. **The Members Portal is your go-to place for the future as a member if you need anything. Many more benefits and functionalities have been added over there and will continue to be added in upcoming releases. Members will continue to be able to download all PIANC reports for free (for full users), as well as to consult the membership directory in the Members Portal.**
3. **The new website will be your entry-point as a non-member of PIANC. The new website will be dynamically linked to the back-office. This means that the website will be more up-to-date and provide non-members with the necessary services.**

#### What is our timeline?

- **Week of 3 July: Go-live back-office application to our National Sections' secretariats.**
- **Week of 10 July: Go-live website/Members Portal, all members get their new logins.**

- Week of 17 July: Only if necessary, certain more complex elements of the website/Members Portal could be postponed to this week (might involve access to publications).

For those members belonging to a National Section, the shift in back-office application will not impact the current procedures on membership renewals much at first. However, once the launch has been successfully completed, National Sections will be onboarded individually to a more advanced level of the software.

A lot of effort has been put into this project bringing PIANC up to the latest professional standards. We at HQ wish you an enjoyable future use of our new systems. PIANC is a complex and very diverse organisation and as such, the solution was tailored to our needs to the best of our efforts. However, we are open for any feedback you may have to further improve the system. Most eventualities have been considered for and are covered, but of course, it is and remains a work in progress. So bear with us.

As they say: if Rome was built in one day, we would have used the same contractor.

All the best and have a great Boreal Summer,  
Geert

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The 35th PIANC World Congress will take place in Cape Town, South Africa from 29 April to 3 May 2024. The theme

**October 2023.**

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More information on the PIANC-COPEDEC X Conference can be found at <https://www.pianc-copedec2020.org>.

of the Congress will be 'Future Ready Waterborne Transport – Unlocking Africa'.

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More information on the [35th PIANC World Congress website!](#)

[Abstract submission](#) closes on **20 July 2023!**

### 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/>**

## **REGISTER FOR THE PIANC DE PAEPE-WILLEMS AWARD 2024**

It's that time of the year again! Are you a Young Professional under the age of 40, take your chance and sign up for the **PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award 2024!**

As we are in the middle of the process of shifting to our new membership software and CRM system, we

urge you to stay tuned for the launch of the new PIANC website, where you will be able to find the **registration form as from 17 July 2023**.

The deadline for sending in **abstracts** for the PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award (PIANC DPWA) 2024 will be **15 September 2023**.

**Full papers** are expected at the latest by **31 October 2023**.

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 (on the condition, of course, that there will be no more travel restrictions due to the Covid-19 virus).

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.

The PIANC-DPWA Rules & Criteria can be found at <https://www.pianc.org/awards/pianc-de-paepe-willems-award>. Please also click [here](#) to read some testimonials by previous DPWA winners!

We would like to ask you to distribute this message among your Young Professionals. As mentioned before, registration for the award will be open soon, so keep an eye on the launch of the new website as from 17 July 2023!

**NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY**



## News from PIANC Argentina

On 23 May 2023, the Argentine Association of Port Engineering (AADIP), the National Section of PIANC in Argentina, presented the book 'Elements of Port Planning', written by Ricardo Schwarz, one of the most distinguished and experienced port engineer, academic & Professor in Argentina. This event took place at the Argentine Center of Port Engineering (CAI) in Buenos Aires downtown.

The book 'Elements of Port Planning' positions itself as a fundamental tool for all those involved in the field of port planning and it becomes a lighthouse within the Port Planning literature in Spanish language. Proper planning is essential for designing robust and flexible ports, and this book provides valuable guidance in that regard. Furthermore, it is unique piece of technical literature in Spanish as it specifically addresses these topics.



Ricardo Schwartz is a Civil Engineer with an extensive career in the port sector, he has been the director of multiple Port Masterplans in Argentina, South America and other countries, contributing with his vast knowledge and experience. Ricardo has also served as a professor at main universities in Argentina, such as the University of Buenos Aires where he led the 'Port Planning & Logistics' post-graduate course for more than 20 years, among other institutions and positions. Furthermore, his contributions have been recognised by the whole engineering community, as he is a full-fledged Academic member of the National Academy of Engineering thus an academic reference in the port industry.





*L-R: Raul Escalante (Frist Delegate PIANC Argentina), Raúl Gonzalez (Professor 'Roads & Highway Design', University of Buenos Aires), Sebastián García (President AADIP), Alejandra Gomez Paz (Professor 'Introduction to Port Engineering Research', University of Buenos Aires), Ricardo Schwarz, Virginia Sy (Secretary AADIP); Pablo Arecco (Professor 'Port Planning and Logistics', University of Buenos Aires), Leandro Pitton Straface (Professor 'Ports & Waterways', National University of Technology) & Carlos Ginés (Vice-President AADIP)*



*Ricardo Schwarz being congratulated by Pablo Bereciartua, President of CAI (Sebastián García) & PIANC Argentina First Delegate (Raúl Escalante)*

If you are interested in obtaining more information, we invite you to contact us at [cdoc@aadip.com.ar](mailto:cdoc@aadip.com.ar). The book is available at a cost of US\$ 20.

**Sebastián García**  
PIANC Argentina



## News from PIANC Australia & New Zealand

### ***New Editing Officer for PIANC A&NZ***



In May 2023, PIANC A&NZ welcomed Paul Weston as our new – and very first – Executive Officer (EO)!

In recent years, PIANC A&NZ has undergone an exciting period of growth – in membership numbers, events, communications, and increased outreach through the establishment of regional chapters. In 2022 the PIANC A&NZ Board (all volunteers) agreed that in order to maintain and progress our vision, outreach and capacity we required further dedicated and professional help.

A new part-time position of Executive Officer & Membership Coordinator – delivering important functions of PIANC A&NZ's strategy and operations – was advertised towards the end of 2022. And at the May 2023 AGM, Chair Luke Campbell was delighted to welcome Paul Weston and introduce him to our members as our new EO.

Paul, a keen long-term member of PIANC, has decades of experience in the maritime industry, from working at sea within the cruise industry to key operational roles in various Australian ports including Darwin, Gladstone, Melbourne and Tasmania, and in his current (and continuing) position as Regional Sales Manager – Australasia for Trelleborg Marine Systems.

Paul was delighted to take up the opportunity 'that would allow me to contribute to an organisation that I respect and an industry that I am passionate about.'

Paul will directly report to the PIANC A&NZ Chair, and will work with the Chair and allocated members of the Board on the implementation of strategic objectives and operational tasks in line with the PIANC A&NZ Annual Strategy. We are thrilled to have his expertise and support in growing our mission.

### ***Exploring the Feasibility of Shore Power – PIANC A&NZ Workshop***



PIANC A&NZ has organised a one and half-day workshop pre the Australasian Coasts and Ports Conference 2023, which will cover various aspects of shore power. In the context of decarbonisation of the maritime industry, the workshop participants will engage with shipping lines, ports, technology providers, energy providers and other industry players. International and national perspectives will be shared on the technical feasibility, challenges and implementation of onshore power supply systems.

Now that some Australian and New Zealand ports are investigating shore power opportunities, and others have committed to delivering, this is the time to re-engage on the topic of shore power. The objective is to inform and listen to the Australian maritime industry players in their consideration of shore power as part of sustainable port operations.

The workshop will cover a range of topics, including:

- Learnings from international ports and case studies of the installation and operation of shore power systems
- The likely energy demand, power profile and uptake by vessels in the Australian trades
- The technical aspects of shore power systems and integration with port infrastructure and operations
- Challenges and potential solutions related to upfront infrastructure costs, availability of (renewable) power supply, and operating costs and models

Speakers will include: PIANC EnviCom (USACE) and MarCom, Port of Hamburg, Ports Australia, Port Authority of New South Wales, NSW Port, Port of Brisbane, Port of Melbourne, Oil Companies International Marine Forum, EnergyAustralia, Cavotec (sponsor) and Hitachi Energy (sponsor).

### ***PIANC A&NZ Annual General Meeting (AGM)***

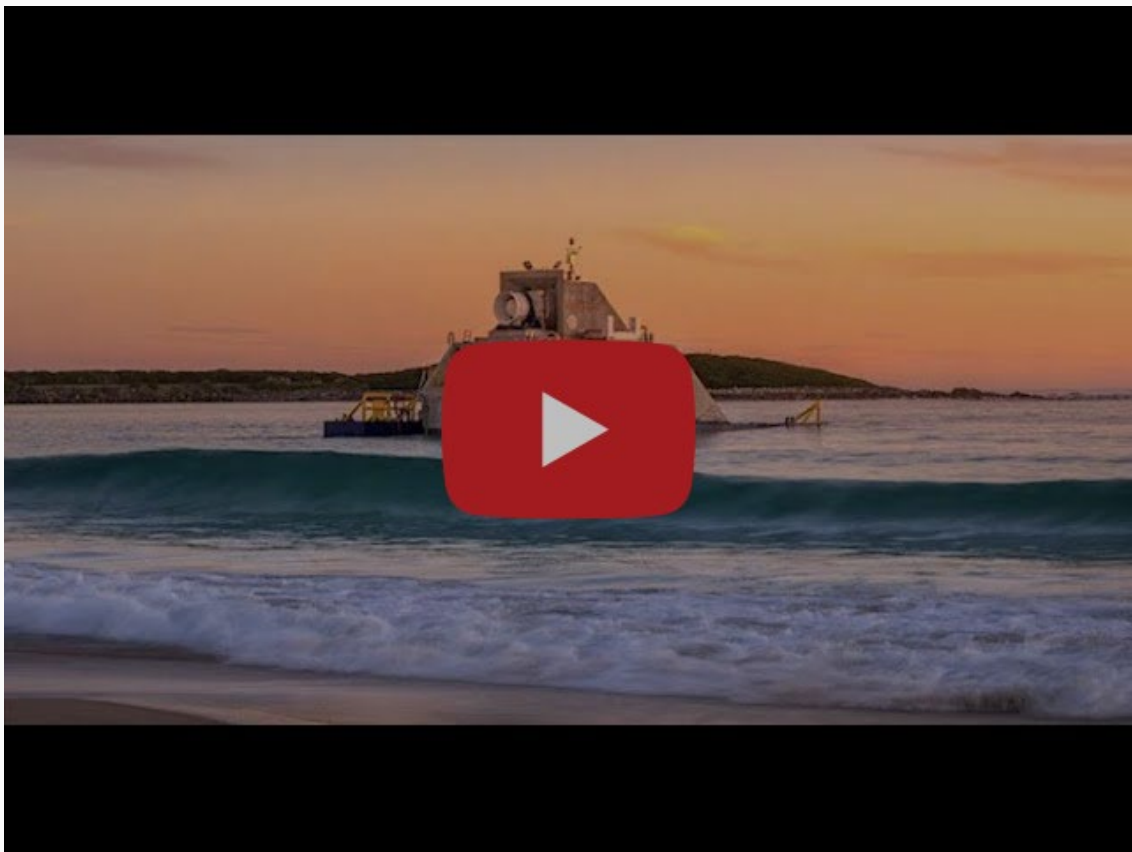


The PIANC A&NZ Board had a great meeting and catch up before our AGM in Sydney on 3 May 2023. Thanks to all our members who attended in person and online to catch up on our recent achievements as outlined by Chair [Luke Campbell](#) and our big plans for more! As well as reports from Treasurer [Laurence Benn](#) and Secretary Christopher Carboon, Greg (Sydney) Britton spoke of the great work being done within [PIANC International](#) Technical Commissions, [Ron Cox](#) brought us up to date on global and local upcoming events, [Mary S. O'Connell](#) shared on our comms growth and [Jackie Spiteri](#) updated members on our Sustainability Strategy. Our New YP-Com Chair [Lisa Wynne](#) gave us a round up from the Regional Chapters, on behalf of [Claire Treeby](#), and we also welcomed our new Editing Officer [Paul Weston](#) – another step forward for our growing organisation! On behalf of the Board, Deputy Chair Peter Engelen thanked Luke Campbell for his steadfast and energetic leadership, and with all that collective Board talent, expertise and commitment, [PIANC Australia & New Zealand](#) is in excellent hands!

**PIANC A&NZ Annual Report available**



PIANC A&NZ has published its impressive and handsome Annual Report for 2022 detailing the year's activities, achievements, awards and event highlights. It is available online at <https://pianc.org.au/resources/annual-reports/>.



The PIANC A&NZ Northern Chapter successfully hosted the Ocean Energy and Offshore Wind seminar at The University of Queensland on 18 April. It was a great opportunity to learn about the latest research developments in wave energy conversion devices and the current industry advances in offshore wind in Australia.

Thank you to the University of Queensland for hosting the event, and in particular [Professor Tom Baldock](#) for collaborating with PIANC to make this event successful. Also thank you to our other presenters [Remo Cossu](#), [Tara Kennedy](#) and the moderator for the evening [Jack Kliner](#).

While solar and wind are clear leaders in Australia's current renewable market, Marine Renewable Energies (MRE), i.e. tidal, marine currents and wave energy, could become an additional solution for the future Australian renewable mix.

This talk introduced the audience to marine renewable energy devices and the possibilities of offshore wind currently being researched, designed and implemented along the Australian coastline. Australia's coasts are home to the world's best wave energy resource in the south, while the north, with its large tidal ranges, is ideal for the implementation of tidal energy projects. MRE have seen major developments in Australia in the last two years, both in the research sphere and industry-led projects.

In 2022, the federal government declared Australia's first offshore wind zones, giving developers the green light to proceed with planning and consultation for wind farm projects. This seminar provided insightful industry knowledge from a consulting perspective.

Almost 160 attendees included a broad range of individuals from industry, consulting, private sector, public sector and students from UQ. The webinar was recorded and can be viewed at the [PIANC ANZ YouTube channel](#) or by clicking on the image above.

**Mary O'Connell**  
PIANC ANZ



## ● News from PIANC Japan

### ***PIANC President Meets with Officials of the Japanese Government***

On 14 June 2023, PIANC President Francisco Esteban Lefler met with Japanese government officials and exchanged views on the future direction of PIANC's activities and Japan's contribution to the vitalisation of PIANC movements in Asia. A way forward to decarbonisation of ports was one of the main topics.



*Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)*  
*Mr Osamu Horita, Director-General, Ports and Harbours Bureau*  
*Dr. Kimihiko Endo, Deputy Director-General for Engineering Affairs, Ports and Harbours Bureau*



*Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)  
Mr Ikuya Tanaka, Director-General of Fisheries Infrastructure Department*

### ***Guest Speech at the Annual General Assembly***



On 14 June 2023, PIANC President Francisco Esteban Lefler made a guest speech at the Annual General Assembly of the Japanese Section. His presentation featuring the present and future of PIANC, as well as the cooperation with the Japanese Section was well received by the audience and followed by a welcome reception. Members of the Japanese Section enjoyed the opportunity and Japanese YPs were particularly inspired by talking with PIANC President.



### ***Visit of the Tohoku Region (North Eastern Japan)***

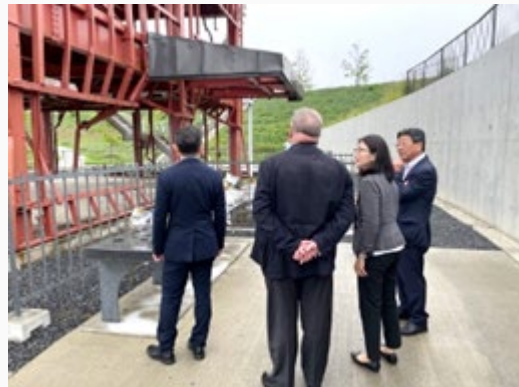
Mr Esteban Lefler visited tsunami affected areas in the Tohoku Region (North-Eastern Japan) on 15 and 16 June 2023. The Pacific coasts of the Tohoku Region) were hit hard by the Great East Japan Earthquake and resulting tsunamis on 11 March 2011. The Japanese Section invited Mr Esteban Lefler to visit infrastructures in the area which were restored and built back better. He was accompanied by PIANC Vice-President, Mr Mitsuhiro Okada, and officials of MLIT (Mr Kazuya Narukawa, Director General of Port and Airport Department, Tohoku Regional Development Bureau and Mr Tomohiro Yamane, Ports and Harbours Bureau). The Japanese Section wishes that lessons learnt from the tragic event be disseminated among many people including engineers and policy makers and thus help mitigate future disasters in the world. Mr Esteban Lefler is one of the right persons to make that happen.

**Site visits:**

15 June 2023:



- Sendai Shiogama Port (restoration of a container terminal in Sendai District and creation of a biomass power plant in Ishinomaki District)
- Minami Sanriku Town (major relocation of the residential area to higher grounds and preservation of a tsunami struck building as a memorial facility)
- Kesenuma Port (restoration of seawalls with remote-controlled gates)



16 June 2023:

- Ofunato Fishery Port (flap-gate breakwater)
- Kamaishi Port (restoration of the tsunami breakwater more resilient than before)
- Seawalls in Tarou district (restoration of seawalls higher than before and preservation of a tsunami struck building as a memorial facility)





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**WEBINAR #3** | 19 de MAIO de 2023 | 17h00  
**Engenharia Costeira e Portuária**

**Energia dos oceanos: offshore, energia das ondas e marés  
& Gestão das zonas costeiras**

**PROGRAMA** **INFORMAÇÃO**

Coorganização: **Dia da Marinha Porto 2023**

Instituições apoiantes: **ORDEM DOS ENGENHEIROS REGIÃO CENTRO AVEIRO** **ASSOCIAÇÃO PORTUGUESA DOS RECURSOS HÍDRICOS** **decivil** **risco universidade de aveiro risk and sustainability in construction** **LUSÓFONA**

**PIANC Portugal** Organizado pela PIANC Portugal – Young Professionals Commission Contactos: [marcia.lima@ua.pt](mailto:marcia.lima@ua.pt) | <https://pianc.pt/>

On 19 May 2023, the Portuguese Section and YP's of PIANC organised the 3rd 'Webinar about Coastal and Port Engineering'. This third edition aimed to bring together Portuguese professionals working in Portugal and worldwide and focused on the themes of 'Energy from the Oceans: Offshore, Wave and Tidal Energy' and 'Management of Coastal Zones'. The event was part of the Portuguese Navy Day celebrations and was organised in collaboration with the Hydrographic Institute.

The event counted with the presence of 11 speakers, who shared their professional experiences, and it was attended by more than 280 participants, coming from 28 different countries and representing different areas of activity of Coastal and Port Engineering: designers, consultants, contractors, researchers, administrations ports, responsible for coastal management, among many other areas (see the event programme [here](#)). The session is available on [YouTube](#) and the Network of Coastal Engineering Professionals in Portugal and in the World is available on the [PIANC Portugal website](#).

During the event, a poll was carried out with the participants for the subject of the 4th Webinar of the Portuguese YP-Com, to be held in 2024. The most voted topic was 'Numerical Modelling: Oceans, Coasts and Estuaries'. The Portuguese YP's will work towards meeting these choices at the next webinar.





 **News from PIANC Spain**

***XIX Technical Sessions of Young Professionals of ATPYC (PIANC Spain)***

This years' edition took place on 8-9 June 2023 at the Port of Algeciras, a port of general interest with an unbeatable strategic location. The event was attended by a total of 87 participants.

During the technical sessions, 21 lectures were presented covering a wide range of port-related topics. Thus, technical topics related to new design and construction techniques, as well as others related to environmental challenges or offshore wind power were presented. In addition to the presentations, the participants had the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive technical visit to the port of Algeciras, visiting one of the container terminals.

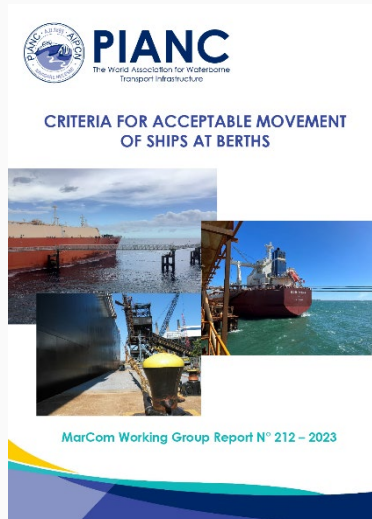


## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **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'

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## 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?  
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**NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY**

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

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**NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY**

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

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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'**

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**NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY**

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

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## NEWS FROM PIANC'S PLATINUM PARTNERS

Our Platinum Partners are:



## ShibataFenderTeam Feels the Pulse of the Industry on Fender System Design

On 3 May 2023, ShibataFenderTeam (SFT) organised a seminar that addressed the key topic: 'Fender System Design'. The event interested more than 150 stakeholders of the marine industry, joining from all around the globe.

Presented by Dominique Polte and Eduardo Rodero, Chapter Leads of PIANC WG 211 and Grard Blankers, national representative, the seminar began by stating the principles of fendering as a safety measure. Furthermore, it reviewed the progress of the report that the PIANC Working Group 211 is working on: 'Guidelines for the Design of Fender Systems'.

At the end of the meeting, there was time for questions and answers – a very active session that proved that the PIANC WG 211 report is much anticipated and expected. The work done by the active members of WG 211 will make a difference in the industry by laying the foundation for best practices for fender system design.

As a Platinum Partner, SFT is proud to provide its expertise and knowledge to PIANC and cooperate through this and all other Working Groups into improving and driving the maritime industry standards.

## ShibataFenderTeam Attends and Sponsors the Young Professionals Event in Algeciras, Spain

On 8-9 June 2023, the PIANC Young Professional Committee of the Asociación Técnica de Puertos y Costas (ATPYC), the Spanish National Section of PIANC, met in Algeciras to celebrate its XIX Annual Technical Conference.

This is a benchmark event that provides a space to share experiences and exchange technical knowledge. Representing ShibataFenderTeam Group, Alvaro Rodero presented a case study about the fender system design for the Mindelo Cruise Terminal in Cabo Verde. For this year's edition, the Committee chose Algeciras as the venue, whose port handles the largest volume of containers moved per year in Spain. During these two days, the 80 attendees enjoyed a wide selection of presentations, interesting visits such as the one made to the APM Container Terminal and the dinner on the 8th, where everyone could share anecdotes and network.

As a reliable PIANC Platinum Partner, ShibataFenderTeam is proud to sponsor this significant event and support the engineers of the future.

**Cristina Verde**

Marketing Manager ShibataFenderTeam Spain



### **Paul Weston Appointed as Executive Officer of PIANC Australia and New Zealand**



Paul Weston, the Regional Sales Manager of Trelleborg Marine and Infrastructure, has recently been appointed as the Executive Officer and Membership Coordinator for PIANC A&NZ, in addition to his current role. Based in Melbourne, Paul has been leading the sales efforts for Trelleborg's Docking and Mooring solutions in Australia for several years.

In the newly appointed role, his focus will be on implementing strategic objectives and completing operational tasks aligned with the PIANC A&NZ Annual Strategy. He will work closely with the PIANC A&NZ Chair and other members of the Board to fulfill responsibilities related to the organisation's strategy and operations.

Our best wishes go out to Paul for his new position with PIANC and we look forward to his contributions.

**Alexandra Yang**

Marketing Executive Trelleborg Marine Systems Asia Pte Ltd

## **ON THE CALENDAR**

### **8th IAHR Europe Congress**



With the support of PIANC, the [8th IAHR Europe Congress](#) will take place in Lisbon, at LNEC, from 4 to 7 June 2024, under the theme 'Water – Across Boundaries'.

This event will bring together experts and professionals from all over the world to discuss and share the latest developments and trends in R&D topics related to the entire water cycle.

The programme consists of technical sessions, round tables, lectures, exhibition, and posters, also including a social agenda.

The deadline for submission of abstracts (max. 2 pages) is 1 September 2023, you can submit your abstract [here](#).

The success of the event depends on your participation!

**Maria Graça Neves**  
PIANC Portugal

## **CEDA Dredging Days 2024 – Call for Papers**

The CEDA Dredging Days 2024 will take place in Rotterdam, the Netherlands on 27-29 May 2024. The CEDA Technical Papers Committee invites scientists and practitioners (representing: project promoters, dredging contractors, academia, research and knowledge institutes, engineering firms, surveying/monitoring specialists, regulators, equipment designers and manufacturers, suppliers of ancillary equipment, legal firms, financiers etc.) to contribute to the conference programme and submit abstracts for presentations.

Abstracts should be submitted to <http://www.cedaconferences.org/dredgingdays2024> by Friday 29 September 2023.

For more information, please download the [press release](#).

**Mieke van Loenen**  
General Manager CEDA

## **OBITUARY**

### **Henri Brouet (1945-2023)**

Recently, PIANC HQ was informed about the death of Mr Henri Brouet, who passed away on 28 May 2023.

Mr Brouet was Director of the 'Voies Hydrauliques' (Hydraulic Waterways) in Mons (Belgium), and therefore, in a way, responsible for the construction of the Strépy-Thieu ship lift. Moreover, Mr Brouet was behind the creation of the 'Groupe Francophone' of PIANC and this way, he was also involved in the Autumn Seminars of PIANC Belgium.

PIANC wishes to express its sincere condolences to his family and loved ones.



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