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# Sailing Ahead

**MAY 2023**

*A word by PIANC President Francisco Esteban Lefler...*



**Dear PIANC Friends, Dear Colleagues,**

**This issue of Sailing Ahead brings to your mailbox latest news from our Association. Last week, we held our Annual General Meeting, which was preceded by the Council and Executive Committee meetings. The meetings were plenty of new and important outcomes, amongst them the approval of our Strategic Plan 2024-2028. The Assembly was organised in Oslo by our Norwegian National Section and was a complete success, for which we wish to congratulate them. You will learn more about our week in Oslo in this newsletter.**

**We also welcome our new Vice-President for the American continent, Dr. Calvin Creech from PIANC USA, as well as the news about the leadership of**

**the Commissions.**

**Finally, the General Assembly entrusted me with the responsibility of a new mandate for President of PIANC, which is an exciting challenge for the next four years. I will approach it with dedication and enthusiasm, seeking an Association oriented to its fundamental principles shown in our mission and vision statements.**

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

The Call for Abstracts is now open, you can submit your abstract until 20 July 2023.

More information on the PIANC World Congress can be found at <https://www.piancworldcongress2024.co.za> and you can also download the First Announcement [here](#).

[Download the Call for Abstracts](#)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:



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**PIANC Mediterranean Days  
& Ports of the Future**  
26 - 27 October 2023  
25 - 26 October 2023  
In Sète (Occitanie, France)

You can find the complete call for abstracts on the French PIANC website at <http://aipcn.fr/>.  
Submission of 4,000-words abstracts to be sent to [aipcn-france.dilecam@cerema.fr](mailto:aipcn-france.dilecam@cerema.fr) until 31 March 2023.



**PIANC-COPEDEC X 2023**  
TENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COASTAL  
AND PORT ENGINEERING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

We are pleased to inform you that registration for PIANC COPEDEC X 2023 (10th International Conference on Coastal and Port Engineering in Developing Countries) is now open. To avail of the Early Bird discount, please register on or before **July 15, 2023**. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity. We look forward to see you all at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Manila, Philippines, on October 9-13, 2023.

To learn more about the conference and to register, please visit the website [www.pianc-copedec2020.org](http://www.pianc-copedec2020.org) and go to COPEDEC X Registration and Mode of Payment.

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Sign up now!

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!**

- **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 EXCOM-COUNCIL-AGA**

**ExCom Meeting 2023-2, 88th Council Meeting and AGA 2023 in Oslo, Norway**





*Photo on top: AGA 2023*

*Bottom left photo: ExCom 2023-2 | Bottom right photo: 88th Council Meeting*

During the AGA week in Oslo, Norway, the ExCom, Council and AGA delegates met on 23, 24 and 25 May 2023, respectively. As a little fun fact: the AGA 2023 actually took place on the Association's 138th anniversary!

Besides the usual topics related to PIANC's finances, new Terms of Reference for publications and PIANC's upcoming international activities, the delegates also discussed the new Strategic Plan for 2024-2028, as well as an update on the PIANC Statutes.

Moreover, all delegates approved the following new mandates:

- Mr Calvin Creech, as the new PIANC Vice-President for the Americas, succeeding Mr Nick Pansic
- Mr Burton Suedel, as the new Chairman of PIANC EnviCom, succeeding Mr Todd Bridges

The following persons were appointed for another 4-year mandate:

- Mr Francisco Esteban Lefler as President of PIANC
- Mrs Anna-Lena Pahl as Chairperson of ProCom
- Mr Egbert van der Wal as Chairperson of MarCom
- Mr Philippe Rigo as Chairperson of InCom

Congratulations to all! We wish you a successful (continuation of your) mandate!

During the AGA 2023, PIANC Secretary-General, Mr Geert Van Cappellen and PIANC Vice-President, Mr Bumgou Kang, also formally signed the agreement for the PIANC AGA 2025, which will take place in Busan, South Korea:



The ExCom, Council and AGA also approved the PIANC Resolution 2023 on 'Port Development in General and the Port's Adaptation to the Green Shift for a Low-Emission Society':



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## Resolution 2023 – Oslo, Norway

### Port development in general and the port's adaptation to the green shift for a low-emission society

The 135th Annual General Assembly of PIANC has been held in Oslo, the capital of Norway. The Port of Oslo is an important player in the cityscape with its wide range of activities and its presence at central locations in the city.

The Port of Oslo was established in 1735 by a royal decree. The Port of Oslo has played an important role in both national and especially international trade. Since then, development around the port has changed along with social and urban development. The Port of Oslo has had to evolve, just like most ports around the globe have.

The European Union has set itself high goals for a low-emission society, which gives guidance to the member states on how, among other things, maritime industry, ports and transport must develop to achieve the goals. This will require a new way of thinking in everything we do, thinking "smart and green", and share knowledge!

Especially in the last 10 years, the Norwegian authorities have invested large sums in ensuring that Norwegian ports, ships and maritime transport along the coast will meet the green shift and international requirements. By adopting modern technology as well as developing new application areas we believe we are on our way to achieve a zero-emission society.

PIANC recognizes the importance of having a strong focus on the green shift and the low-emission society. Through its work, especially in the Working groups, PIANC will be clear that sustainability must be a green thread in all work on the development of waterborne navigation infrastructure. The national sections will be an important factor in the success of this strategy.

Oslo, 25 May 2023

## **NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL SECTIONS' SECRETARIES MEETING**



The National Secretaries of PIANC's National Sections came together in Oslo on 24 May 2023. As usual, the Secretaries ran through the activities of their National Section in the past year, but the larger part of this meeting was conducted by Mr Bartels and Mr Tahon from the company Evoqia, who came to explain the look & feel and the daily working of the new membership software, which will soon be implemented.

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Mrs Pahl, Chairperson of ProCom, also gave an update on the Commission's latest decisions regarding the PIANC house style and the importance of uniform branding in all documents, presentations and social media channels and she briefly introduced the soon to be implemented PIANC photo database, which will be a very useful tool for PIANC's Working Group members.

## **NEWS FROM FINCOM**

**FinCom Meeting In Oslo, Norway**





*(L-R: Remi van der Wijk (Netherlands), Ian White (UK), Neil Lawson (Australia), Joe Mantey (USA), Geert Van Cappellen (Secretary-General, Belgium) and Herbert Smitz (Belgium))*

Another FinCom meeting was held in Oslo, Norway on 22 May 2023. The meeting was held in a hybrid way and was a bit of a 'special edition', as the FinCom members formally said goodbye to Mr Herbert Smitz (on the right in the picture), Secretary of FinCom, who served the Commission for 20 years!

As usual, during its meeting, FinCom went through the budget, statistics and figures of the Association and they had a fruitful meeting.

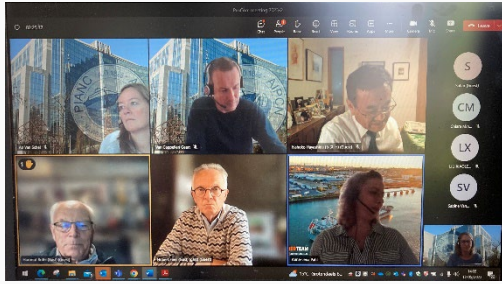
In the evening, the FinCom members all went for a nice dinner and they thanked Mr Smitz for all his years of dedication and efforts for the Commission. It is now up to his successor to fill his shoes!



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## **NEWS FROM PROCOM**

## ProCom Meeting 2023-2



The PIANC ProCom members gathered again virtually in the week before the AGA, on 17 May 2023. On the agenda were topics such as the Strategic Marketing Plan and the report of each little subgroup created around each theme, an update by the regular ProCom subgroups, as well as a discussion on the future PIANC photo database and membership software and some ideas to assist CoCom in its endeavour to reach out to our target countries.

ProCom Chair Anna-Lena Pahl was pleased to see everyone again and thanked everyone for yet another fruitful meeting. Some ProCom members met each other 'live' the week after in Oslo, which also prompted some good conversations!

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## NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY



### News from PIANC Spain

#### ***Webinar for Seismic Design of Maritime Works. Presentation of the Design Basis. December 2022.***

This event presented the work carried out by the WG 7 of the Port Engineering Committee to date. It was attended by 60 participants.



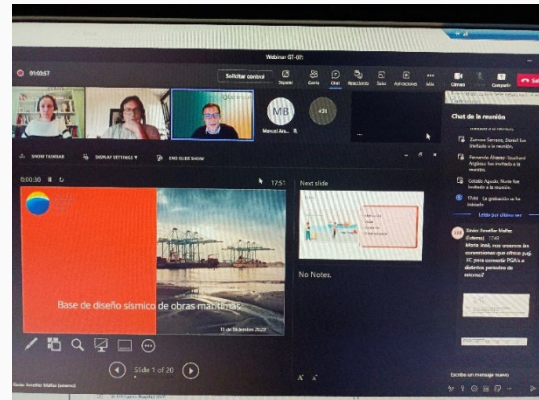
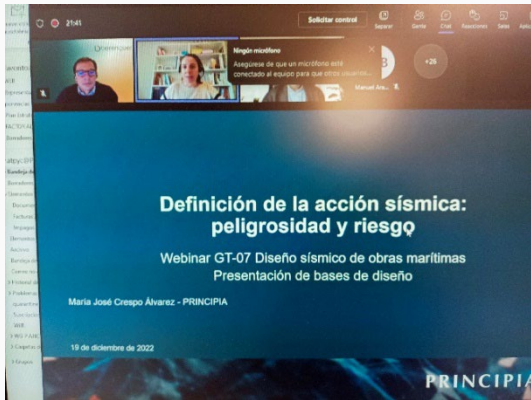
**WEBINAR GT-07 DISEÑO SISMICO DE OBRAS MARITIMAS.  
PRESENTACIÓN DE LAS BASES DE DISEÑO**

**19 de diciembre de 2022 a las 17:00 horas**

17:00 a 17:45 h: *“Definición de la acción sísmica: peligrosidad y riesgo”*. M<sup>a</sup> José Crespo. Principia.

17:45 a 18:30h: *“Base de diseño sísmico de obras marítimas”*. Xavier Ametller. APM Terminals.

Los interesados deberán inscribirse en : <http://atpyc.com/eventos/webinar-gt-07-diseno-sismico-de-obras-maritimas-presentacion-de-las-bases-de-diseno/>  
Próximo a la fecha del evento se mandará el link del enlace



### Session of Climate Change. February 2023

The topics discussed were: the presentation of the ECCLIPSE Project (Assesment of Climate Change in Ports in Southwest Europe), the adaptation of Spanish Ports to climate change the experience of IH Cantabria, and Plans for adaptación to climate change in the ports of the Balearic Port Authority. A total of 50 participants attended the event.





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**JORNADA SOBRE CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO EN EL MEDIO MARINO**  
27 DE FEBRERO DE 2023  
Salón de Actos de Puertos del Estado

Fecha límite de inscripciones: 24 de febrero a las 12:00 horas  
<http://atpyc.com/evemos/jornada-sobre-cambio-climatico/>

Inscripciones gratuitas para socios  
No socios: 100.- €

10:00-10:15 **Presentación**  
Alejandra Rodríguez Osorno, Presidenta de Puertos del Estado  
Manuel Arana Durgo, Presidente de la AI PNC

10:15-11:15 **Proyecto ECCLIPSE: Evaluación del cambio climático en los puertos del suroeste de Europa**  
El Ministerio de Infraestructuras y Transportes  
Técnico Mateo-oceanográfico en el Equipo de Servicios Costeros (Dialgo)

11:15-11:45 **Pausa café**

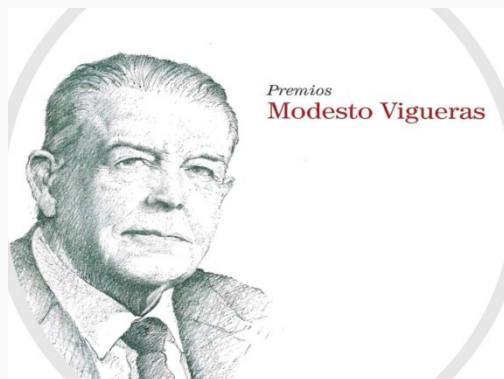
11:45-12:45 **Planes de adaptación al cambio climático en los puertos gestionados por la Autoridad Portuaria de Baleares.**  
El Agente Ramón Arzillo  
Director del Laboratorio de Ingeniería Marítima de la UPC, y Catedrático de la Escuela de Caminos de Barcelona.

12:45-13:45 **Riesgos y adaptación al cambio climático en puertos: la experiencia de IH Cantabria.**  
El Vilgo Lucio Rodríguez  
Catedrático de la Universidad de Cantabria, Director de Investigación del Instituto de Estudios Ambientales de Cantabria

13:45-14:15 **Coloquio, Respuestas y Preguntas**

Cóctel

### Modesto Viguera Award. 2023 Edition.



The Spanish Section of PIANC announced its annual 'Modesto Viguera Award' focused on works carried out by young professionals. Its purpose is to promote the dissemination of developments and/or ideas that, while adding value, may be of interest to the port and coastal community. This award also enhances the participation of these young participants in the Spanish Section activities by sharing their experiences and contributing to the transmission of knowledge.

**More information:** <http://atpyc.com/jovenes-profesionales/premios-modeso-viguera.>

## V Edition of the ATPyC PYCture Competition

Convened by the YP Committee. The purpose of the competition is to publicise and disseminate, through pictures, the most stunning port and coastal landscapes, as well as actions related to port engineering, port management, coastal management and environmental management around the world that may be of interest to all partners.



More info: <http://atpyc.com/jovenes-profesionales/premio-pycture>.

## Coming up: XIX Technical Sessions of the Young Professionals of ATPyC. 8-9 June 2023

This years' edition will take place in the Port of Algeciras Bay, a port of general interest with an unbeatable strategic location. During the conference, in addition to the presentations, a technical visit to the port facilities will take place.

More information: <https://atpyc.com/eventos/xviii-jornadas-de-jovenes-profesionales/>.

**Gemma Vázquez**  
PIANC Spain



## News from PIANC UK

### Ports and Offshore Wind Focus Seminar – 16 June 2023

- Chris Bell will discuss recent research on the scale of fuel production and supply infrastructure required to supply first mover green shipping corridors and the implications for ports.
- Malou Wagner will discuss the requirements for port infrastructure to support fixed & floating offshore wind projects in the construction phase, with an emphasis on foundation installation.
- Martin Mannion will discuss the requirements for port infrastructure to support fixed & floating offshore wind projects, with an emphasis on floating offshore wind.

Jamie Holmes will outline some of the key potential shipping and navigation risk and impacts between Floating offshore wind (FLOW) and fixed foundation projects, with reference to experiences on some of the world's first FLOW projects and will also look ahead at some of the key challenges that lie ahead as FLOW projects make the jump in scale from demonstration (typically <100MW) to commercial scale.

The event is available to attend in person or online and can be booked here:

<https://www.ice.org.uk/evens/latest-events/ports-the-offshore-wind-focus>.

**Nigel Bodell**  
PIANC UK



## News from PIANC USA

### ***The PIANC America 2023 Conference and YP-Com Biennial Technical Visit Were a Great Success!***

The PIANC America 2023 Conference and Biennial Technical Visit saw (young) professionals from around the world gather to share their expertise, exchange cutting-edge ideas, and generate new business. Over four days in beautiful Fort Lauderdale, Florida, participants were treated to an abundance of activities - including technical presentations, guided tours, and social events. With a wide variety of tour locations and session topics, each day offered a unique experience!

The proceedings provided attendees the exclusive opportunity to expand their professional network, increase their visibility in the field, and garner new knowledge. Thanks to the engagement of this year's participants, PIANC America 2023 proved to be a massive success for all.



A very nice overview of the first edition of this event can be found in this [Spring PIANC USA e-newsletter](#).

Sessions held on 3 concurrent tracks created a conducive environment for participants to engage in dialogue around the key issues, innovations, and developments at the forefront of waterborne transportation in the American continent. Catch up on sessions you missed using [this link!](#)

**Jim Walker**  
PIANC USA

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Just Shipped**

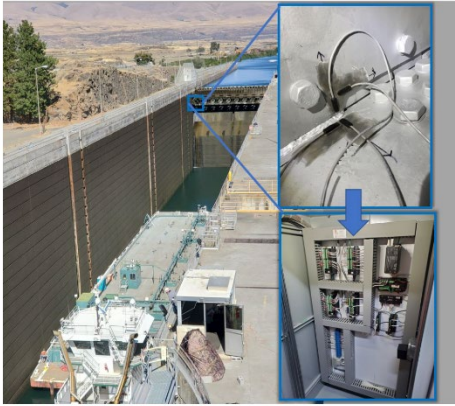
The following publications were published in [May 2023](#):

- WG 199 (InCom): 'Health Monitoring of Port and Waterways Structures'
- PIANC Yearbook 2022



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### HEALTH MONITORING OF PORT AND WATERWAYS STRUCTURES



InCom Working Group Report N° 199 – 2023



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**PIANC YEARBOOK**

### Publications Pipeline

The following publications will be published in June 2023:

- WG 212 (MarCom): 'Criteria for Acceptable Movement of Ships at Berths'
- TG 3 (EnviCom): 'Waterborne Transport, Ports and Waterways: A 2023 Update of Climate Change Drivers and Impacts'

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

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## PIANC WORKING GROUP VACANCIES

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

*New calls for WG Candidates will be released in the upcoming June newsletter, so stay tuned!*

## **NEWS FROM PIANC'S PLATINUM PARTNERS**

Our Platinum Partners are:



### **PIANC Welcomes the National Marine Dredging Company (NMDC) as New Platinum Partner**

In May 2023, PIANC signed a new Platinum Partner agreement with NMDC, known as one of the Middle East's marine industry leaders. Reputed for successfully completing noteworthy projects, NMDC prides itself in providing flexible, cost-effective and on-time solutions for our valued clients everytime. It has a strong reputation for delivering high-quality projects and services, in addition to liaising closely with shareholders to produce the best possible outcomes for clients, staff and the environment.

PIANC welcomes NMDC on board as Platinum Partner and hopes for a fruitful cooperation!

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### **Trelleborg Marine and Infrastructure Joins PIANC America 2023 as Gold Sponsor**

Trelleborg Marine and Infrastructure was honoured to be a Gold Sponsor at this year's PIANC America Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The event addressed the industry best practices and trends with a focus on sustaining ports, waterways & marinas through a changing climate change.



Mishra Kumar, BU-Director – R&D, and Marco Gaal, Technical Director – Marine Fenders, both members of PIANC WG 211, presented a variety of interesting topics at the conference, including fenders in challenging environments, fender testing, and sustainability – a central part of Trelleborg's operations and strategy.

Ahmed Gouda, Sales Director – Americas; Adam Sellers, Sales Engineer; Paulo Carmiseni, Regional Sales Manager – Americas; and Oscar Duque, Sales Manager, were also on hand at the four-day event.

Following years of long-standing association, Trelleborg Marine and Infrastructure embarked on an official partnership with PIANC in 2014 through a shared vision of empowering the industry with guidance on cost-effective, reliable, and sustainable infrastructure to facilitate the growth of waterborne transport.

PIANC America 2023 was a great opportunity for us to share our expertise, engage with the maritime community at large and learn from each other about the current industry best practices.



**Alexandra Yang**  
Marketing Executive Trelleborg Marine Systems  
Asia Pte Ltd

## **ON THE CALENDAR**

### **'Dredging for Sustainable Infrastructure' Course on 20-22 June 2023 in Belgium**

Following on from the success of previous courses 'Dredging for Sustainable Infrastructure', IADC and CEDA organise another course from 20-22 June 2023 in Beveren (Belgium). **PIANC members** can participate in the course at a special rate!





During the 2.5-day course, you learn how to achieve dredging projects that fulfil primary functional requirements while adding value to the natural and socio-economic systems by acquiring an understanding of these systems in the context of dredging as well as stakeholder engagement throughout a project's development. Experienced lecturers will inform about the latest thinking and approaches, explain methodologies and techniques as well as demonstrate – through numerous practical examples – how to implement this information in practice with challenging workshops and case studies.

### ***For whom***

Are you a professional involved in dredging related activities for water infrastructure development and working in government, port authorities, consultancy firms, dredging companies, NGOs, suppliers or ship-builders? Is your ambition to achieve sustainable and resilient water infrastructure or dredging projects that contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals? If the answer to either of these questions is “yes” then do not miss the opportunity to join this course. Whether you are an ecologist, engineer, scientist, regulator or financier, valuable knowledge that can be put into practice right away awaits every participant.

### ***The lecturers***

Experienced lecturers will describe the latest thinking and approaches, explain methodologies and techniques as well as demonstrate – through numerous practical examples – how to implement this information in practice by engaging workshops and case studies. The following experts are part of the team for this course: Erik van Eekelen (Van Oord), Marc Huygens (DEME Group) and Frederik Roose (Flemish Government)

### ***More information***

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

**Ria van Leeuwen**

Senior PR & Communications Officer



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