



PIANC
The World Association for Waterborne
Transport Infrastructure

Sailing Ahead

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The opening of our 35th World Congress in Cape Town is only two months away. The Organising Committees are working 'full-time' to provide an unforgettable experience. Due to the COVID pandemic, it has been six years after the Panama Congress, instead of the usual four years. We hope to pick up where we left off!

Going to Cape Town means that the PIANC World Congress returns to Africa 98 years after the 1926 Congress in Cairo (Egypt). Our experience will include high-level presentations, plenary sessions, technical visits, awards like the Working with Nature Award, activities for our young professionals, and of course some exceptional networking opportunities. The programme for accompanying persons will include a lot of interesting visits and activities.

In this issue of Sailing Ahead, you will find news about CoCom, MarCom and YP-Com. Moreover, you will see that the outstanding MarCom WG 250 on vertical breakwaters has kicked off recently, and our UK Section has got some news on interesting seminars.

Finally, we have four publications in our pipeline, which will surely mark the beginning of a period of best-selling reports.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Cape Town in two months.

Enjoy reading 'Sailing Ahead'!

FRANCISCO ESTEBAN LEFLER
President of PIANC

REGISTER FOR THE 35th PIANC WORLD CONGRESS!

Benefit from the Early Bird Fee until 29 March 2024!

The Congress Programme will be available in the coming days!

The Congress will include presentations of technical papers in research and development within the waterborne transportation environment, technical tours for delegates involving visits to ports and a variety of coastal sites, and social tours for delegates to visit tourist attractions in Cape Town, a city that is perched between two oceans and the mountain, with a national park and Natural Wonder of the World as its heart.

The theme of the Conference is: 'Future Ready Waterborne Transport - Unlocking Africa'. The theme aims to address the works necessary in creating a sustainable maritime sector. Registration can be done at <https://piancworldcongress2024.co.za/registration-fees>.

We hope to welcome many of you in the beautiful city of Cape Town!



NEWS FROM MARCOM

MARCOM WG 250 KICKS OFF IN BRUSSELS

On 22 February 2024, PIANC WG 250 successfully kicked off with a hybrid meeting in Brussels and online. WG 250 is envisaged as a much-needed update to the existing 2003 MarCom WG 28 report 'Breakwaters with Vertical and Inclined Concrete Walls' to align this with the current state-of-the-art for vertical and inclined breakwater design.



The 26 members of this working group hail from Australia, China, Europe, Japan, South Africa, the UAE, the USA, and Vietnam, with the assistance of expert reviewers from Denmark, France Italy and Spain.

After a round of introductions, and a presentation by Leen Weltens and An Van Schel from PIANC HQ/ProCom highlighting the activities of ProCom and the assistance they can provide to Working Groups, the members spent the afternoon reviewing the Terms of Reference and developing a list of topics from which to draw the table of contents and hence the technical content for the newly updated report.

This Working Group aims to produce a PIANC guidance that completely supersedes the existing WG 28 report, and we are confident that we have a team with the right knowledge and expertise assembled to make this a success. We look forward to the challenges ahead of us and the collaborations this will bring.

Nadine Cronje & Johan van Staveren

WG 250

NEWS FROM COCOM

CoCom Winter Meeting 2024 in Brussels

The 105th meeting of the International Co-operation Commission (CoCom) was held in hybrid format, in Brussels, at PIANC's Headquarters. The CoCom members discussed the status of Working Groups, along with proposals and a road map for implementation plan.

It was a productive meeting with great contributions from the members attending both in-person and online. Working Group chairs and members presented the progress of their objectives for achieving CoCom goals.

Committee task leads presented the current status of the activities and action items for the progress of the tasks at hand with plan for a more formal and orderly progress reporting in the future.



Subsequent to the approval of the previous meeting of October 23, 2023, action tasks were discussed including streamlining the committees' responsibilities, next PIANC-COPEDEC event, status and progress of target countries, recruitment of additional CoCom members in coordination with other committees, e.g. YP-Com and the 35th PIANC World Congress - South Africa.

A follow-up discussed the usage of the terminology 'Countries in Transition' vs. 'Developing Countries' by committee members resulted in PIANC's adoption of 'Developing Countries' terminology, in line with that used by the United Nations.

CoCom expects to receive more detailed information on the cost/deficit of the last COPEDEC (Manila) conference in near future. A future discussion regarding the next PIANC-COPEDEC meeting is warranted once complete information is received.

Mohammad Hossein Nemati
Secretary of CoCom

NEWS FROM YP-COM

YP-Com Winter Meeting 2024 in Brussels

During the Winter meetings in Brussels, the YP-Com board took the chance to review the Action Plan status and used our chance to engage with other Technical Commissions and HQ.

On 30 January we had our first Board meeting of the year, welcoming Maren Elise Bengtson in her new role as European Vice-Chairs Supporter. We discussed the status of our Action Plan and got an update on the planning progress of the YP-Events during the World Congress. In the afternoon, we met Burton Suedel and Esteban Biondi to align forces and brainstorm how to get a more intense YP Engagement in their technical Commissions and Working Groups, followed by a networking evening with our colleagues from MarCom.



On 31 January, PIANC Secretary-General Geert van Capellen gave us an introduction into the new membership software, followed by some fruitful discussions with PIANC President Francisco Lefler, before the meeting week ended with Sebastians and Hyuns participation in ExCom.

Upcoming YP Events in 2024

Young Professional Events during the World Congress 2024 in Cape Town

We are very excited for the Upcoming WC 2024! Together with Kaylen Saman from South Africa we are planning the next (Hybrid) Delegates Meeting, including some local activity afterwards on Sunday 28 April 2024.

Furthermore, there will be a YP-Com Networking Evening and the launch of the South African YP-group and, for those who handed in a paper, the YP-Award for the best presentation.

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

- 43rd Delegates meeting - Sunday, 28 April 2024 from 10:00 to 13:00 UTC (physical/hybrid, during WC 2024 in Cape Town)
- 44th Delegates meeting - Thursday, 17 October 2024 from 13:00 to 15:00 UTC (online)

In case you need more detailed information please reach out to us!

Anja Brüning
Secretary of YP-Com

NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY



NEWS FROM PIANC UK

Sir William Harris Lecture: Saving the London Shipwreck - A Mary Rose for the 21st Century

On 26 February 2024, PIANC UK hosted the annual William Harris Lecture at the Institution of Civil Engineers, London. The lecture was presented by Mark Beattie-Edwards CEO, Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS).

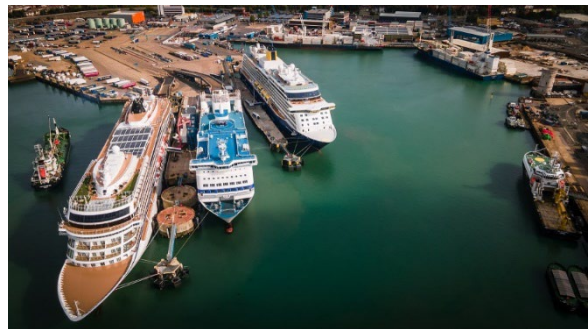
On 7 March 1665, while at anchor off Southend, the warship London exploded with the loss of over 300 lives. The wreck, which is in two pieces, contains a huge quantity of historically significant artifacts.



Unfortunately, dredging of the nearby navigation channel is causing damage to the wreck and in response there are plans to lift the threatened remains and bring them ashore. Mark Beattie-Edwards provided a fascinating insight into the historical importance of the wreck and the radical scheme to recover it.

PIANC UK Portsmouth International Port - Evening Seminar 18 June 2024 - Save the Date!

PIANC UK are planning an evening seminar hybrid event at Portsmouth International Port on Tuesday 18 June 2024.



Four speakers will be presenting on the exciting developments at Portsmouth International Port covering the following topics:

- Future plans, how the port has adapted for cruise (berth/building) and cargo changes, future green port plans
- Cruise terminal building design & construction
- Berths shore power plans
- Dredging & navigation (maintenance, deepening, navigation issues, use of simulation)

Nigel Bodell
PIANC UK

PUBLICATIONS

JUST SHIPPED

The following publication was released in December 2023:

- PIANC WG 216 (InCom): '[Best Practices in Planning and Management of Multimodal Logistics Platforms Along Inland Waterways](#)'



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COMING UP SOON:

The following publication will be released in March 2024:

- PIANC WG 241 (InCom): 'Crisis Management of Accidents in Navigation Hydraulic Structures'
- PIANC WG 229 (InCom): 'Guidelines for Air Pollutants and Carbon Emissions Performance Indicators for Inland Waterways'
- PIANC WG 211 (MarCom): 'PIANC Fender Guidelines 2023'
- PIANC WG 190 (InCom): 'Coating Based Corrosion Mitigation for Hydraulic Steel Gates'

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PIANC MarCom WG 252 is looking for additional members for its Working Group on 'Safety by Design of Maritime Infrastructure Projects'.

Submit your candidacy before **30 April 2024** through your National Section or apply via info@pianc.org in case your country doesn't have a National Section.



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NEW WORKING GROUP | RELAUNCH

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

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



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