



PIANC
The World Association for Waterborne
Transport Infrastructure

Sailing Ahead

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Dear PIANC Friends and Colleagues,

When March ends, it's Spring in the Northern Hemisphere and Autumn in the Southern Hemisphere. PIANC commences an intense period of activities. This issue brings news about the progress of two relevant MarCom Working Groups, WG 231 on 'Mooring Bollards and Hooks' and WG 231 on 'Guidelines for Onshore Power Supply for Ships'. Our Port Terminals series has received an excellent contribution from the recent publication of MarCom WG 224 on 'Planning of Fishing Ports'.

PIANC has confirmed its commitment as a Scientific Partner of Marlog and was well represented at the recent Conference Marlog 14.

As usual, our National Sections, Sister Associations, and Platinum Partners provide some updates. I would like to express our congratulations to René Kolman, who has been the Secretary-General of IADC until now, for his fruitful long-term contribution to PIANC.

As we approach May, and our Annual General Assembly 2025 in Busan (Korea), we are in the process of publishing the PIANC Yearbook 2024. Young Professionals, whose enthusiasm is well-known, are getting ready for their Biennial Technical Visit, which will also take place in Busan. Attending this YP Networking Event will be a crucial experience for young professionals from all over the world.

Our attention is on the 11th Smart Rivers as PIANC major event and we are excited to meet you in Memphis next September.

FRANCISCO ESTEBAN LEFLER
President of PIANC

SAVE THE DATE!

PIANC COCOM SEMINAR IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY - 10 APRIL 2025



Sponsored by Dilovas Technology, PIANC CoCom is hosting a PIANC seminar at the Workington Offices in Istanbul, Turkey on 10 April 2025.

This seminar will include presentations from Mr Erik Broos (Port of Rotterdam & Chairman of PIANC WG 211 - 'Design of Fenders'), Mr Alex van Deyzen (Royal Haskoning DHV), Mr Dennis Iwanovski (ShibataFenderTeam), Mr Mishra Kumar (Trelleborg Marine Systems), Mr Faruk Doğan (Secretary-General Türklim), and Mr Kayhan Molaci (Dilovas Technology).

More information, as well as the full programme can be found by clicking [here](#).

PIANC MEDITERRANEAN DAYS IN TANGIERS, MOROCCO - 29-30 OCTOBER 2025

The Ministry of Equipment and Water and the Moroccan Association of Port and Maritime Engineering are organising the International PIANC Mediterranean Days (Med Days) in Tangier, Morocco on 29-30 October 2025.

After successful editions in Palermo, Italy (2008), Valencia, Spain (2012), Marseille, France (2013), Seville, Spain (2018) and Sète, France (2023), the Conference now moves to the North African coast of the Mediterranean Sea for the first time!

More information on the PIANC Med Days 2025 can be found at <https://www.pianc.org/pianc-mediterranean-days> or in the [Conference flyer](#).



All conference themes can be found in the Conference flyer. We kindly invite you to submit your abstract by **30 April 2025** to piancmeddays2025@mtpnet.gov.ma.

KEY DATES:

- Deadline of abstract submission: 30 April 2025
- Selection of abstracts and notification of abstract acceptance: 31 May 2025
- Deadline for full paper presentation: 5 September 2025
- Mediterranean Days: 29-30 October 2025

For any questions about the event, please contact [Mrs Naima Hassine](#) or [Mr Mohamed Abid](#).

We are looking forward to seeing you in Tangier on 29-30 October 2025!

PIANC-SMART RIVERS CONFERENCE IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE - 8-12 SEPTEMBER 2025

Registration for PIANC-Smart Rivers 2025 is Open!

PIANC USA is hosting the PIANC-Smart Rivers conference from 8-12 September 2025 in Memphis, Tennessee, USA.



As such, we are excited to announce that registration for PIANC-Smart Rivers 2025 is now **OPEN!** [Register today](#) to join us and engage with global experts to build a vision for a sustainable future of inland waterborne transport.

This premier international conference on inland waterways and sustainable river transport will offer technical sessions, [technical tours](#), [short courses](#), and special networking events. [Learn more here.](#)

PIANC members and full-time students are eligible for reduced registration fees. Don't wait! **Early bird rates** are only available until **1 July 2025**. [Register today](#) to take advantage of this limited-time rate reduction.

More information on PIANC-Smart Rivers 2025 can be found [here](#). Also, should you be interested in becoming a sponsor at this event, please [download the Sponsorship Brochure!](#)



PIANC-COPEDEC XI IN CHENNAI, INDIA - 21-26 FEBRUARY 2027

On 10 December 2024, the Memorandum of Understanding between PIANC Headquarters, the PIANC-COPEDEC XI International Organising Committee and the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) was signed on the organisation of the PIANC-COPEDEC XI Conference to be held in Chennai, India in February 2027.

IITM will create a website, linked to the PIANC official website and the IITM official website, before May 2025. IITM and PIANC aim to distribute the first announcement in digital form in May 2025.

NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMISSIONS

NEWS FROM MARCOM

MarCom WG 231 - 'Mooring Bollards & Hooks' - Meeting in Long Beach, California

PIANC Working Group 231 - 'Mooring Bollards & Hooks' were generously welcomed in February by the Port of Long Beach, California. The group met for continued workshops and discussions regarding the detail of our content.

11 members attended in person, with an addition 5 members joining online. As usual, we had good international representation from north and south America, Europe, Australia

and the UK. The drafting of the detail in the chapters is proceeding well - this meeting allowed us to coordinate our efforts so far and to seek early feedback on some content.



In addition to providing an excellent meeting room for our discussions, Port of Long Beach arranged for some engineers from their team to join a presentation given by the WG on the purpose of the guidance, the work completed and the direction of travel. The port team asked some excellent, probing questions which we aim to address in the final publication. Our host, Joel Aguilar, provided a fascinating presentation on recently completed and upcoming projects at the port. Joel and his team even arranged for a boat tour of the nearby Port of Los Angeles during our stay. A huge ‘thank you’ to all involved at the Port of Long Beach!

Our next meeting will be at the Port of Southampton in June.

Chris Bolton
Chair MarCom WG 231

Progress Update on PIANC MarCom WG 248 - 'Guidelines for Onshore Power Supply (OPS) for Ships'

PIANC MarCom WG 248 has made significant strides in developing the 'Guidelines for Onshore Power Supply (OPS) for Ships' since its inception. The Working Group, which currently comprises 35 members, has seen active participation in its regular online meetings.

A key milestone achieved was the revision of the Terms of Reference, ensuring alignment with the evolving needs of the maritime sector. The group has also submitted the planned Table of Contents for the guidelines, setting a clear framework for the document. Furthermore, task forces have been established to allocate responsibilities among members, enabling structured development of the guidelines.



In March 2025, WG 248 conducted an interactive workshop, which yielded highly positive outcomes. The session facilitated constructive discussions and enhanced collaboration among members, refining key aspects of the guidelines.

Looking ahead, the Working Group is preparing for a physical meeting in Hamburg in May 2025, which will be hosted by Hamburg Port Authority (HPA). This in-person session will provide an invaluable opportunity for members to engage in intensive workshopping, further developing draft sections of the guidelines and aligning on the next steps for deliverables. The Hamburg meeting is expected to be a pivotal moment in advancing the guidelines development.

For more information about MarCom WG 248, please find the Terms of Reference on [PIANC's official website](#).

Fauzan Zulkhepli
Chair MarCom WG 248

NEWS FROM YP-COM

9th Biennial Technical Visit - Busan 2025



We remind our Young Professionals around the globe that the registration for the 9th Biennial Technical Visit (BTV) is open! Join us in Busan, South Korea, on 14-16 May 2025, for an exciting opportunity to explore Korea's largest and busiest port, network with global PIANC members, and engage in exclusive maritime and waterfront infrastructure experiences.

The Biennial Technical Visit (BTV) was established in 2006 by the Young Professional Commission (YP-Com) to organise technical visits every two years for professionals in the

maritime and waterfront infrastructure sectors. Since then, it has become the flagship event of the YP-Com, with past visits to iconic locations such as the Venice Locks (Italy), Singapore Port Harbor, Maasvlakte II (the Netherlands), and Miami Port (USA).

Registration for BTV is free for young professionals, but spots are limited and filling up quickly. Please share this information within your country section. BTV is open to colleagues under 40 years old, both members and non-members of PIANC.

To register, check the agenda, and get more details of the technical visit follow the news in: [PIANC AGA & BTV 2025](#).

For any inquiries, please contact our Organising Chair, Hyun Dong Kim, at hdkim@pianckorea.org.

For general news, stay tuned to our [PIANC Young Professionals LinkedIn page](#).

We are looking forward to reuniting with all of you in our next YP-Com adventure!

Call for Speakers - BTV's Technical Sessions

YP-Com will host two technical sessions focusing on:

1. International projects and innovative work-related experiences.
2. Young Professionals' participation in PIANC Working Groups.

Instructions for submission have been shared since 24 March, and we will begin accepting abstracts (max 500 words). Only attendees to the BTV will be able to present. Stay tuned to our LinkedIn page for updates!

45th YP-Com Meeting & Workshop

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Delegates & Observers to the 45th YP-Com Meeting & Workshop, which will take place in Busan, Korea, on Thursday, 15 May, from 14:00 to 17:00 (UTC+9).

After last year's productive meeting during the World Congress in Cape Town, we look forward to gathering again in Busan to continue organising our global activities and support the growth of our Association.

Anja Brüning
Secretary YP-Com

NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY

Some of our National Sections or national divisions have news to share on their past and upcoming activities.



NEWS FROM PIANC NETHERLANDS

- [Young Meets Old PIANC Event Hosted by Boskalis](#)

NEWS FROM PIANC USA

- [Upcoming events: Smart Rivers 2025 and Ports '25](#)



PIANC AT THE MARLOG 14 CONFERENCE - ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT

Making Waves of Collaboration: PIANC Honored at Marlog 14 Conference in Alexandria

The 14th edition of the International Maritime Transport and Logistics Conference (Marlog) underscored global maritime advancement on 23-25 February in Alexandria, Egypt, with PIANC, the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure, playing a scientific supportive role.

PIANC's envoy, Dr. Babak Banijamali, chaired the conference's first plenary session, curating keynote speeches from global experts on themes ranging from green port modernisation to AI-driven navigation systems with contributions relating to the ports of Damietta, Rome, Valencia and Algeciras.

On the conference's opening day, the Marlog Organising Committee presented PIANC with a special award to recognise PIANC's contributions to Marlog. Dr. Babak Banijamali, Vice-Chairman of PIANC's Maritime Navigation Commission (MarCom), accepted the accolade on behalf of the organisation.



Parallel to the conference, an important meeting convened between PIANC and senior Egyptian government officials, including representatives from the Suez Canal Authority and Ministry of Transport. Discussions centered on establishing a PIANC National Section in Egypt – a milestone that as presented in depth by PIANC’s President, Mr Francisco Esteban Lefler, would streamline knowledge transfer, empower local expertise, and align Egypt’s grand infrastructure projects with global best practices to name a few of the related benefits.

Babak Banijamali
Vice-Chairman of PIANC MarCom

PUBLICATIONS

JUST SHIPPED

The following publication was released in March 2025:



COMING UP

The following publications will be released in April 2025:

- PIANC Yearbook 2024

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WORKING GROUP VACANCIES

PIANC InCom & MarCom are looking for members for the following WG's:



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NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY

InCom WG 257:
'Digital Twins for Operation and Monitoring of Inland Waterways and Infrastructure'

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.

 Download Terms of Reference
<https://bit.ly/4kHqUKw>

www.pianc.org



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NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY

MarCom WG 268:
'ICE CONSIDERATIONS FOR PORTS AND WATERWAYS'

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.

 Download Terms of Reference
<https://bit.ly/41ixAkf>

www.pianc.org

Deadline submission candidacies: 15 May 2025

Deadline submission candidacies: 30 May 2025

Interested? Submit your candidacy to your National Section or to info@pianc.org in case your country doesn't have a National Section.

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

NEWS FROM IADC

IADC Appoints Arnold de Bruijn as Successor to Secretary-General René Kolman



IADC is pleased to announce that on 1 April, Arnold de Bruijn (1980) will join the association as the eventual successor to Secretary-General, René Kolman, who has represented the international dredging sector since 2008. Kolman will retire on 1 November and, following that transition period, De Bruijn will formally take over the role of Secretary-General.

Arnold de Bruijn has valuable background in the dredging industry. He began his career at Royal IHC, where he worked for nearly 12 years in various roles, including Manager of Development for Cutter Suction Dredgers and Manager of Engineering. De Bruijn also has experience in the trade association sector. For the last eight and a half years, he worked at Netherlands Maritime Technology (now known as NMT-IRO), holding various positions - with the last two years as Team Lead Sector Management and a member of the Management Team. More information: <https://www.iadc-dredging.com/news/iadc-appoints-arnold-de-bruijn-as-successor-to-secretary-general-rene-kolman/>.

Overview of Upcoming IADC Events

Over the last 20 years, IADC has developed several specialised courses and events, such as the Dredging and Reclamation Seminar and the Dredging for Sustainable Infrastructure course.

For 2025, the following events are planned:



- [Dredging and Reclamation Seminar](#): 16-20 June 2025, Delft (the Netherlands). Only a few places left!
- 3-day course [Dredging for Sustainable Infrastructure](#): 18--20 November 2025, Singapore. Registration open.

- 5-day [Dredging and Reclamation Seminar](#): 17-21 November 2025, Singapore. Registration open.

Ria van Leeuwen
Senior PR & Communications Officer IADC

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NEWS FROM OUR PLATINUM PARTNERS

NEWS FROM SHIBATAFENDERTEAM

From Oslo to Istanbul: ShibataFenderTeam at PIANC events and First Portuguese Seminar

On 12 March, PIANC Norway, Oslo Havneteknisk Gruppe, and Bekaert hosted a technical seminar in Oslo, bringing together marine industry professionals to discuss port terminal planning, design, and operation. Markus Bleher, our Scandinavian Representative, attended to exchange insights and stay up to date with the most recent developments in the field.

Looking ahead to 10 April, PIANC CoCom will host a webinar in Istanbul. According to the agenda, Dennis Iwanovski, Head of Sales for East, Southeast Europe, and Africa at ShibataFenderTeam, will present a session about the new PIANC Guidelines, focusing on the Holistic Approach to Fender System Design and its endorsement within the Guidelines, with particular attention to Chapters 5 and 6. The session aims to support professionals in making well-informed and efficient fender specifications.

Finally, as Platinum Partners of PIANC, ShibataFenderTeam remains dedicated to fostering education and expanding access to the new standards. To further this commitment, we recently hosted the second seminar of the year about the PIANC Fender Guidelines 2024, the first ever conducted in Portuguese, to bring the new guidelines closer to the Portuguese-speaking marine industry, and vice versa.

Empar Dolz González
ShibataFenderTeam Spain

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