



PIANC
The World Association for Professional
Transport Infrastructure

Sailing Ahead

JUNE 2026

With summer holidays approaching in the Northern Hemisphere, we invite you to take a moment before your break to catch up on the latest news from across the PIANC community.

In this edition, you will find our upcoming events – don't forget to register! We have received news at PIANC HQ that PIANC Americas 2026 will be postponed. We look forward to sharing updates on the revised schedule in due course.

We also bring you news from our National Sections and Chapters, updates from our Working Groups and Commissions, and the latest PIANC publications. Looking to get involved? Be sure to check out the call for members for three new Working Groups.

Some of our Platinum Partners and Sister Associations also have got some news to share.

Finally, we pay tribute to Reinhard Pfliegl, who passed away recently. His dedication and contributions to our Association will be remembered with deep gratitude.

We hope you enjoy this edition, and for those heading off on holiday, we wish you a wonderful and relaxing summer!

JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING PIANC EVENTS!

PIANC APAC 2026
BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA
25-27 AUGUST 2026

NORDPIANC 2026
TALLINN, ESTONIA
9-11 SEPTEMBER 2026

**PIANC
APAC
2026**

4TH PIANC AU-NZ BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
FOCUSING ON OCEANIA AND OUR
ASIA-PACIFIC NEIGHBOURS
25 - 27 AUGUST 2026, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA
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**PIANC-COPEDEC XI
CHENNAI, INDIA
21-26 FEBRUARY 2027**




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SIGN UP FOR THESE PIANC AWARDS

**PIANC DE PAEPE-WILLEMS AWARD
2027**

**WORKING WITH NATURE AWARD
2028**



PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award


The PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award (DPWA) is a prestigious international prize encouraging **Young Professionals** to submit original technical papers in the field of waterborne transport infrastructure.

Why Apply?

- Gain **international recognition** for your technical paper
- Introduce yourself to an **international network of experts** in your industry
- Win a **great cash prize and free PIANC membership**
 - 1st Prize: € 4,000 + 3-year free PIANC membership + travel & 3-night hotel stay to present at the PIANC Annual General Assembly (AGA)
 - 2nd Prize: € 2,000 + 1-year free PIANC membership
 - 3rd Prize: € 1,000 + 1-year free PIANC membership

Who? All Young Professionals who have not reached the age of 40 before 31 December of the year in which the abstract has been submitted.

How? Visit the PIANC website to learn more and submit your project for review: <https://bit.ly/4lFHxGF>




Working with Nature Award 2028

This international award celebrates outstanding waterborne transport infrastructure projects that demonstrate a proactive, integrated approach to working with natural processes – delivering benefits for both navigation infrastructure and the environment.

Why Apply?

- Gain **international recognition** for your innovative, eco-friendly approach to waterborne transport infrastructure
- Showcase your commitment to sustainability**
- Inspire others** through your example

In case your project receives a Certificate of Recognition, it will be in the running for the PIANC Working with Nature Award during the PIANC World Congress in 2028.

Who? Any completed or ongoing navigation infrastructure project that embodies the Working with Nature philosophy is eligible for consideration.

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Read [these testimonials](#) by previous winners!

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NEWS FROM PIANC COCOM

Productive Webinars Strengthen PIANC's Presence in Africa

As part of its Africa Initiative to promote PIANC and its membership throughout this continent, the Cooperation Commission (CoCom), in collaboration with YP-Com, has successfully established a series of webinars, based on recent Working Group reports. These were presented by WG Chairmen and concluded with a panel discussion in which African experts participated.

The initiative has proven highly successful in reaching a broad international audience and increasing awareness of PIANC's activities and technical expertise. The recently launched PIANC corporate video was also featured during the most recent webinar held in May and was very well received by participants.

[Read more...](#)

[Mohammadreza Allahyar](#)

Co-Chairman of CoCom

NEWS FROM THE PIANC WORKING GROUPS



[PIANC MarCom WG 248 - "Guidelines for Onshore Power Supply \(OPS\) for Ships" Progress Update on PIANC MarCom Working Group 248](#)

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 CHINA



[Report on the Visit of PIANC President & Secretary-General to China](#)

NEWS FROM PIANC JAPAN



[PIANC Japan's 54th General Assembly \(GA\), 58th Board Meeting, and the Reporting Session of PIANC WG 164 & 213 in Tokyo](#)

NEWS FROM PIANC PORTUGAL



[PIANC YP-Com Portugal Webinar #5](#)

NEWS FROM PIANC UK



[PIANC UK Committee Meeting and Technical Visit to HR Wallingford](#)



**NEWS FROM PIANC QUALIFYING MEMBER
MEXICO**

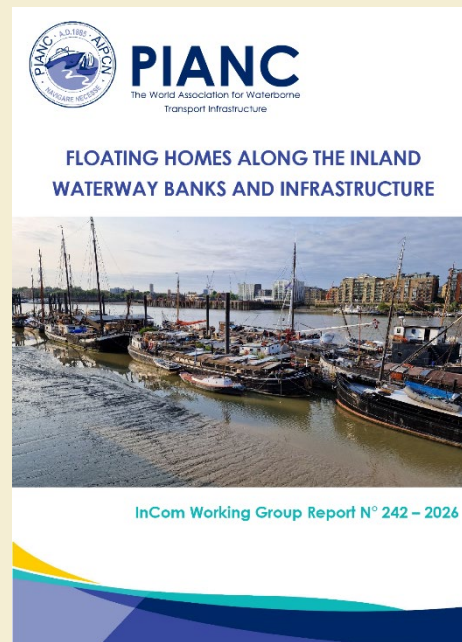
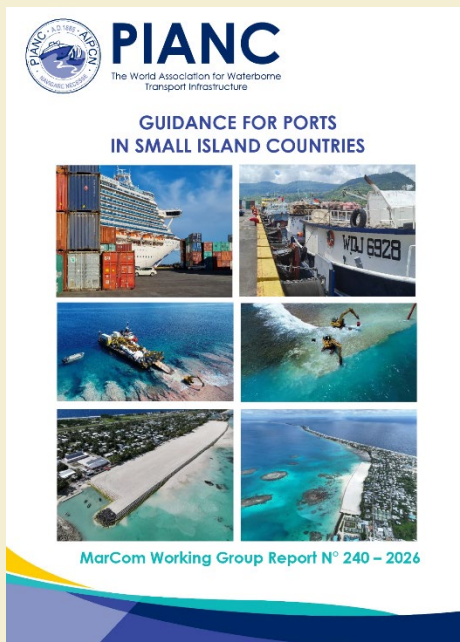
AMIP 60th Anniversary: Looking Back with an Eye to the Future
The Mexican Port, Maritime, and Coastal Engineering Community Strengthens International Cooperation through PIANC

PUBLICATIONS

Just Shipped

The following publications were published in June 2026:

- PIANC WG 240 (MarCom): 'Guidance for Ports in Small Island Countries'
- PIANC WG 242 (InCom): 'Floating Homes Along the Inland Waterway Banks and Infrastructure'



Publications Pipeline

The following publications are expected in July 2026:

- PIANC WG 171 (MarCom): 'Ship Handling Simulation Dedicated to Channel and Harbour Design'
- PIANC WG 243 (MarCom): 'Sustainability of Container Terminal Pavements - From Design to End-of-Life'

Apply for These New PIANC Working Groups

2 New InCom PIANC Working Groups will be set up. Submit your candidacy before **31 July 2026** to your National Section or to info@pianc.org in case your country doesn't have a National Section!



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NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY

InCom WG 272:
'Decarbonisation of the Inland Navigation Fleet'

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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NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY

InCom WG 273:
**'Optimised Maintenance Dredging Volumes
in Inland Waterways'**

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1 new EnviCom PIANC Working Group will be set up. Submit your candidacy before **31 August 2026** to your National Section or to info@pianc.org in case your country doesn't have a National Section!



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NEW WORKING GROUP | VACANCY

EnviCom WG 274:
**'A Practical Guide for Applying Thin Layer Placement
Approaches for Sustainable Water Transport Infrastructure'**

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NEWS FROM OUR PLATINUM PARTNERS

Trelleborg Marine & Infrastructure Reflects on PIANC Hull 2026: Navigation to Net Zero



Trelleborg Marine & Infrastructure participated in the PIANC Hull 2026 conference, 'Navigation to Net Zero', held 11-12 May 2026 in Hull, United Kingdom. The event brought together stakeholders from across the maritime and port infrastructure sector to explore pathways toward more sustainable waterborne transport and resilient port and navigation systems.

During the conference, Trelleborg representatives, Mike Howie, Mark Fowler and Alex Kondratiev engaged with industry peers on the evolving requirements of next-generation docking and mooring solutions as well as marine fenders.

Discussions focused on how marine fender systems and mooring technologies are adapting to accommodate larger vessels, alternative fuel adoption and increasingly stringent emissions targets.

On the second day, Mike Howie, Regional Sales Manager, delivered a technical presentation titled 'Automated Mooring and How It Helps Work Toward Net Zero'. The presentation examined the role of automated

mooring systems in supporting decarbonisation efforts, including their potential to enhance berth efficiency, reduce vessel turnaround times, and enable more predictable port operations.

The conference underscored the role of shared insight and evolving technologies in supporting the sector's progression toward net zero.

[Alexandra Yang](#)

Trelleborg Marina & Infrastructure

ATPyC, PIANC Spain, Celebrates its 2026 General Assembly in Madrid

The Asociación Técnica de Puertos y Costas (ATPyC) - PIANC Spain held its 2026 General Assembly on 18 June at Puertos del Estado HQ in Madrid. The event brought together contributors to several PIANC MarCom Working Groups to exchange insights on recent in port and coastal infrastructure.

As part of the programme, our colleague Eduardo Rodero, Chapter Lead and member of PIANC WG 211, presented the PIANC Guidelines for Fender Systems, addressing their implementation in port projects and the adaptation of the recommendations to specific operational and site conditions.



The event offered an excellent opportunity for industry professionals to connect with PIANC contributors. As a corporate partner of ATPyC, the SFT Group values the opportunity to participate in these events and contribute its experience to the ongoing exchange of technical knowledge within the sector.

[Angels Blasco](#)

Junior Marketing Manager ShibataFenderTeam

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

IADC Dredging and Reclamation Seminar comes to Bali



From 23-26 November 2026, the IADC Dredging and Reclamation Seminar will take place in the inspiring setting of Bali, offering a unique opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge of one of the world's most essential maritime industries. A successful dredging project begins with insight, collaboration, and a clear understanding of technical challenges. This special four-day edition of IADC's seminar brings together industry experts and participants in an immersive, hands-on learning environment – now available at a significantly reduced fee for this unique edition.

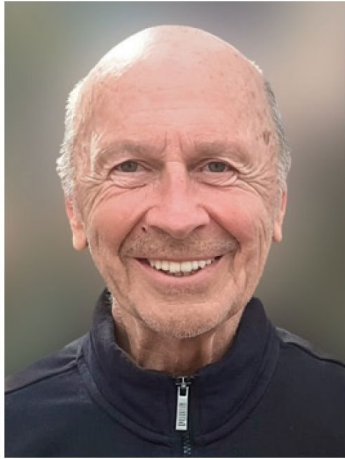
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[Ria van Leeuwen](#)

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OBITUARY

Reinhard Pfliegl (1944-2026)



PIANC Austria, InCom and the PIANC-Smart Rivers family mourn the loss of Dr. Reinhard Pfliegl, who died on 15 May 2026 at the age of 82. Reinhard Pfliegl was founding person and technical director at the Austrian Waterway Management company viadonau. In this time, he was also General Secretary of PIANC Austria and member of InCom.

Together with Otto Schwetz, who passed away last year, and Jim McCarville (former Director of the Port of Pittsburgh), Reinhard created the 'Smart Rivers' conference format and brought it to global success which has been steadily increased since the incorporation of the conference by PIANC in 2009.

Reinhard Pfliegl had great passion for inland navigation and was an innovator to the core. He was one of the fathers of the concept of 'River Information Services' (RIS) and was involved in PIANC's permanent Working Group on RIS. He was also leading an InCom Working Group 111, which developed key performance indicators for inland waterway transport.

Privately, he was an admirer of art and classical music and loved to fish. He leaves behind 3 daughters, 3 grandchildren and one brother.

A great number of people will always remember him as a smart, energetic and cordial person who was a good friend and mentor to so many.

Jürgen Trögl

Secretary PIANC Austria

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