



PIANC
The World Association for Waterborne
Transport Infrastructure

Sailing Ahead

AUGUST 2026

As summer draws to a close in the Northern Hemisphere, we are pleased to bring you the latest news and updates from across the PIANC community.

In this August edition, discover our upcoming events and make sure to mark the key dates in your calendar. We also invite you to sign up for the Working with Nature Award and celebrate innovative projects that demonstrate how nature-based approaches can contribute to sustainable navigation infrastructure.

Looking ahead, October will be an important month for PIANC, with our Board meetings taking place. More information and details on the programme will follow soon, so stay tuned.

As always, this newsletter brings you the latest news and activities from our commissions, working groups and national sections, highlighting the expertise, collaboration and contributions of our members around the world. You will also find a selection of upcoming publications and events from our sister associations, keeping you connected with developments across the wider waterborne transport and infrastructure community.

Finally, this edition includes an obituary for Arie Burggraaf. We extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

We hope you enjoy this edition and thank you, as always, for being part of the PIANC community.

JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING PIANC EVENTS!

NORDPIANC 2026
TALLINN, ESTONIA
9-11 SEPTEMBER 2026

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



[DOWNLOAD THE PROGRAMME](#)

[VISIT THE WEBSITE](#)

(Registration for this event is closed!)

PIANC-SMART RIVERS 2027
PALEMBANG, INDONESIA
14-18 JUNE 2027

PIANC YP-COM BIENNIAL
TECHNICAL VISIT 2027
30 JUNE-2 JULY 2027



SMART RIVERS 2027
INDONESIA

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Navigation & Ports

SAVE THE DATE

PIANC YP-COM Biennial Technical Visit 2027
Barcelona, Spain

30 JUNE - 2 JULY 2027
Port de la Pau
Port de Barcelona
5-day event

Ports & Coasts of the Future: Innovation, Resilience, and Sustainable Development

Join Young Professionals and maritime experts from around the world for five days of technical sessions, port visits, workshops and networking in one of Europe's leading port cities.

- 1 **Technical sessions**
Topics, issues, knowledge and innovation
- 2 **Port technical visits**
On-site visits, port visits and networking
- 3 **YP workshops**
Collaborative sessions with the PIANC Young Professional community
- 4 **Networking**
Opening in situ at Port de la Pau

Venue confirmed: Port de la Pau

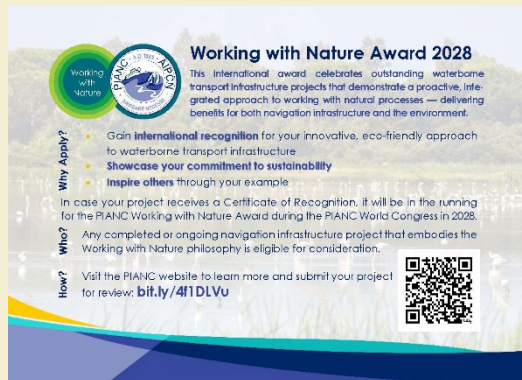
Port de Barcelona

Hosted by Port de Barcelona
Organized by PIANC YP-COM in collaboration with PIANC YP-COM
More details and registration information coming soon.

Barcelona
30 Jun - 2 Jul 2027

[MORE INFO](#)

SIGN UP FOR THE PIANC WVN AWARD 2028



🧐 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 Can Apply?

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

🔗 How to Apply:

Visit [the PIANC website](https://www.pianc.org/) to learn more about previous winners and submit your project for review.

NEWS FROM YP-COM



[Report on the YP Japan In-Person Networking Event](#)

NEWS FROM THE PIANC WORKING GROUPS



PIANC Working Group 259 Convenes in Brussels to Advance Port Climate Resilience Guidance

NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY

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



- [MLIT Japan Commends MarCom WGs' Members](#)
- [PIANC-IAPH Asian Seminar 2026 - Decarbonisation in Ports and Harbours](#)



- [XXI Technical Conference of the Young Professional Committee](#)
- [Annual General Assembly](#)
- [MarCom Workshop](#)

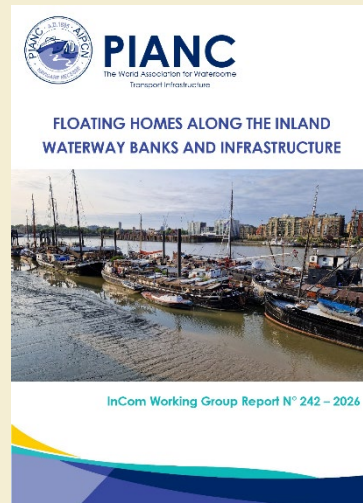
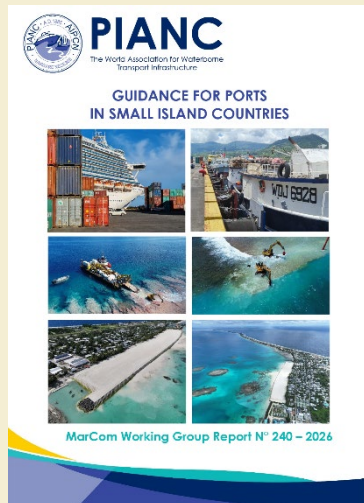


- [PIANC UK Young Professionals Seminar](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Just Shipped

The following publications were published in June 2026:



Publications Pipeline

The following publications are expected in September 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'

UPCOMING EVENTS

PIANC USA Webinar #3 - Adaptive Marina Infrastructure: Planning for Growth, Regulation, and Resilience

Registration is now open for PIANC USA Webinar #3: 'Adaptive Marina Infrastructure: Planning for Growth, Regulation, and Resilience'.

-  Wednesday, 28 October 2026
-  2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT
-  Free to attend
-  Professional Development: 1 PDH Credit

PIANC USA, in cooperation with the [PIANC Recreation Commission](#), is pleased to present the third webinar in our 2026 series.

This webinar will explore the latest developments from PIANC Working Group 149 - 'Guidelines for Marina Design', highlighting adaptive marina infrastructure and practical approaches to planning and designing marinas that are:

- Flexible
- Future-oriented
- Resilient to changing operational, environmental, social, and technological demands

Presenters will discuss key updates to the forthcoming international guidelines, emerging trends in marina planning and management, and several specialised topics relevant to today's designers, engineers, planners, operators, and waterfront professionals.

Whether you work in marina planning, coastal engineering, navigation infrastructure, or waterfront development, this webinar offers valuable insights into the future of marina design.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

IADC DREDGING AND RECLAMATION SEMINAR COMES TO BALI

7TH IAHR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ONLINE CONGRESS

SEMINAR ON DREDGING & RECLAMATION HELD IN BALI!

23-26 NOVEMBER 2026, BALI



From 23-26 November 2026, the IADC Dredging and Reclamation Seminar will take place in the inspiring setting of Bali. This special four-day edition offers professionals an opportunity to gain a comprehensive introduction to dredging and reclamation through expert-led lectures, interactive workshops, and a hands-on tendering exercise. To make the seminar accessible to a wider audience, participants can register at a reduced fee of € 1,900 instead of € 3,100.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Led by the IAHR Technical Committee on Education and Professional Development, IAHR's Young Professionals Congresses give you, young professionals, researchers and students, the opportunity to present and promote your work, access mentoring from leading global experts and networking.

Register your interest to join the 7th IAHR Young Professionals Congress and receive the latest news updates.

[SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT BY 12 SEPTEMBER](#)

NEWS FROM OUR PLATINUM PARTNERS

ShibataFenderTeam Contributes to the NordPIANC 2026 Programme in Tallinn

From 9 to 11 September, PIANC Estonia will host the NordPIANC 2026 meeting in Tallinn, bringing together the Nordic PIANC community for three days of seminars, networking and technical visits around the Estonian capital.

As part of the seminar programme, [Markus Bleher](#), ShibataFenderTeam's agent and representative in the Scandinavian countries, will present "Mobile Shore Power Systems for Efficient and Sustainable Port Operations". The presentation will highlight a mobile approach to shore power that combines the benefits of electrification with the flexibility needed in daily port operations, while integrating with fender systems and the requirements of safe berthing.

As a long-standing PIANC member, ShibataFenderTeam values the opportunity to contribute its expertise to the NordPIANC community and engage in discussions on current challenges and developments shaping the maritime sector.

[Angels Blasco](#)

Junior Marketing Manager ShibataFenderTeam

OBITUARY

Arie Burggraaf (1940-2026)



Arie Herman Burggraaf, former Chief Civil Engineer: Harbours, passed away on 10 August 2026, aged 86. He is survived by his wife Liz, son Anton and daughter Jolanda. He is best known for his four decade's work as a harbour engineer across the ports of South Africa and his

foundational influence on Cape Town's Victoria & Alfred Waterfront.

Arie was an avid supporter of PIANC and member representing South African harbours. He attended many conferences in the late 1990s and into the 2000s. He was South Africa's Chief Civil Engineer for harbours with a career spanning almost 40 years ending in 2003.

He was a leading force behind the establishment of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront in Cape Town harbour and served on the Board of the V&AW Company for many years after his retirement.

PIANC International expresses its condolences to Arie's family and loved ones.

[Read full obituary here](#)

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