PIANC
The World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure

Sailing Ahead

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As we move into the final months of 2026, there is plenty happening across the PIANC community and the wider maritime and waterborne transport sector!

In the last week of October, PIANC's MarCom and ExCom meetings took place in Paris, bringing colleagues together to discuss ongoing activities, strategic priorities and the future direction of our Association.

Looking ahead, the coming months and years promise an exciting programme of events and opportunities to connect. From PIANC-Smart Rivers 2027 and PIANC-COPEDEC XI to the YP-Com Biennial Technical Visit, and an upcoming PIANC Morocco webinar, there will be plenty of opportunities to exchange knowledge, share experiences and strengthen our international network. Our Sister Associations, IADC and IAHR, also have interesting upcoming events that we are pleased to bring to your attention.

There are also opportunities to get more actively involved in PIANC's technical work. EnviCom Working Group 274 - 'A Practical Guide for Applying Thin Layer Placement Approaches for Sustainable Water Transport Infrastructure', is still looking for new members. If you are interested in contributing your expertise and helping shape practical guidance for the sector, this is a great opportunity to get involved.

In this edition, we also share the latest news from our Working Groups, highlight their ongoing contributions to the industry, and take a look at upcoming PIANC publications that will provide valuable insights and guidance to our community.

You can also still sign up to become eligible for the PIANC Working with Nature Award 2028! Don't hesitate to submit your project for review!

We hope you enjoy this edition and find plenty of inspiration in the news and activities ahead.

JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING PIANC EVENTS!

AMIPM (PIANC MOROCCO) AND BUILDYN TO HOST A WEBINAR ON THE 'INSPECTION, DIAGNOSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF PORT STRUCTURES'

The Moroccan Association of Port and Maritime Engineering (AMIPM) and BUILDYN, a company specialising in the assessment and engineering of port and maritime structures, are pleased to announce a joint webinar entitled: 'Inspection, Diagnosis and Assessment of Port Structures: From Observing Defects to Defining Investigations'.

Date: 12 November 2026

Time: 10:00 AM GMT

Free to attend

Access link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3810201302518573?p=u5EhymOhfOyXicx59S

Meeting number: 381 020 130 251 857 3

Code: z3X3AJ3z

The webinar will be led by Mr Yann Gallois, Founder of BUILDYN and an engineer with over 25 years of professional experience in building structures, as well as maritime and port infrastructure.

MORE INFORMATION HERE

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

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

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

MORE INFO

SIGN UP FOR THE PIANC WWN 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.

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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 to learn more about previous winners and submit your project for review.

NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMISSIONS

PIANC ExCom and MarCom Gather in Paris, France for their October Meetings

Thanks to PIANC France, our MarCom and ExCom people were welcomed in the beautiful city of Paris in the building of Union des Ports de France from 27 to 30 October! In between their October meetings, our delegates were treated to a nice technical visit at the Port of Gennevilliers by HAROPA PORT and PIANC HQ arranged some cultural and social events in the city of lights! Thanks to our delegates for coming over to France!

Northern Europe Study Trip 2026: From Copenhagen to Hamburg PIANC Young Professionals and Junge HTG On Tour

From 7 to 9 October 2026, around 50 young professionals from Germany, Belgium, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Iceland set off on a study trip to Northern Europe under the motto ‘Driven by Expertise – United by Water’. It was jointly organised by PIANC Young Professionals and Junge HTG (Young Professionals of the German Port Technology Association (HTG)).

Over three days, the group travelled from Hamburg to Copenhagen and back and visited three of the most remarkable waterborne infrastructure projects in the region.

Read the full article here

NEWS FROM THE PIANC WORKING GROUPS

Working Group 252 – 'Safety by Design for Maritime Infrastructure Projects' Meets in Oslo, Norway

NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY

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

NEWS FROM PIANC ARGENTINA

XIV Argentine Congress on Port Engineering

NEWS FROM PIANC UK

PIANC UK Site Visit to Port of Southampton

PUBLICATIONS

Just Shipped

The following publication was published in September 2026:

PIANC WG 171 (MarCom): 'Ship Handling Simulation Dedicated to Channel and Harbour Design'

Publications Pipeline

The following publication is expected in November 2026:

- PIANC WG 243 (MarCom): 'Sustainability of Container Terminal Pavements - From Design to End-of-Life'

Apply for This PIANC Working Group

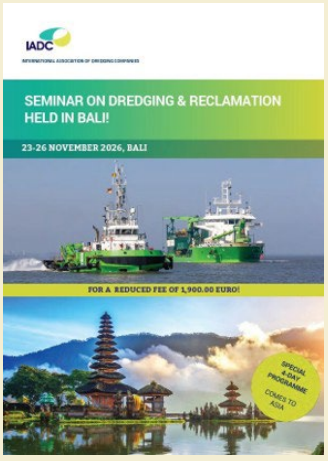
PIANC is still searching for members to fill PIANC WG 274 on 'A Practical Guide for Applying Thin Layer Placement Approaches for Sustainable Water Transport Infrastructure'.

Interested?
Contact your National Section or PIANC HQ (info@pianc.org) in case your country doesn't have a National Section!

Find the Terms of Reference HERE.

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

42nd IAHR World Congress 2027: Connecting Science, Authorities and Solutions on the Road to Bari



IADC Dredging and Reclamation Seminar comes to Bali

NEWS FROM OUR PLATINUM PARTNERS

ShibataFenderTeam Contributes to the Northern Europe Study Trip 2026

Organised by PIANC Young Professionals and Junge HTG, the Northern Europe Study Trip 2026 brought together around 50 young professionals from different countries in early October for three days of technical visits, knowledge exchange and networking within the maritime sector.

Representing ShibataFenderTeam, Lisanne Scheuch, Junior Sales Manager, and Markus Bleher, SFT's agent and representative in the Scandinavian countries, joined technical visits to the Lynetteholm land reclamation project in Copenhagen and the Fehmarnbelt tunnel construction site. Both visits provided insights into the technical challenges and construction processes involved in these major infrastructure developments.

On the final day in Hamburg, Lukas Kaste, Head of Sales in Northern Europe at ShibataFenderTeam, joined the programme at the Hamburg Port Authority, where he and Lisanne presented the company, its product portfolio and selected projects. The event concluded with a boat tour through the Port of Hamburg.

As a long-standing PIANC member, ShibataFenderTeam values the opportunity to contribute to initiatives that encourage knowledge exchange, strengthen professional connections and support the next generation of maritime and infrastructure professionals.

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