

SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear PIANC friends and colleagues,

We have now moved to our new offices, that will host PIANC upcoming meetings in Brussels. We are making the the last efforts to give the PIANC Secretariat a cozy new home and hope to welcome you soon in our new office!



The recent APAC 2024 and NordPIANC conferences were a great success. Both events are examples of Regional Conferences, with a high technical level and room for networking and knowing each other. I had an outstanding experience attending APAC 2024.

You are still on time to register for the IADC-PIANC Conference 'Integrating Dredging in Sustainable Infrastructure' in Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam). Topics that are especially relevant to Southeast Asia will be addressed during the conference. In the autumn (European autumn) of 2019, the statutory meetings of our Executive Committee and 91st PIANC Council will take place in Ho Chi Minh city. PIANC is emphasising Southeast Asia as a strategic region.

The Proceedings of our recent 35th World Council can be accessed now. Be sure to attend to them, as they will keep you updated on the latest trends and challenges in our sector.

As usual in 'Sailing Ahead', the PIANC Commissions, National Sections, Platinum

Partners and Sister Associations provide their latest news to our community. It will come to your attention that our publication pipeline is loaded with outstanding reports for all of us.

I am excited to see you soon at our many upcoming events for the remaining 2024 and 2025. Stay connected with 'Sailing Ahead'!

FRANCISCO ESTEBAN LEFLER
President of PIANC

UPCOMING PIANC EVENTS

PIANC-IADC CONFERENCE IN HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM - 17-18 OCTOBER 2024

Registration is still open for the PIANC-IADC Conference on 'Integrating Dredging in Sustainable Development', which will take place on 17-18 October 2024 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Discover how to build marine infrastructure sustainably. Engage with experts on sustainable dredging projects, climate change, and "Working/Building with Nature".

More information & registration at <https://www.vietnamconference2024.com>.



The next PIANC ExCom and Council Meetings will be held prior to the PIANC-IADC Conference in Ho Chi Minh City on 16 and 17 October, respectively. Please note that the PIANC Delegates attending the PIANC board meetings in Ho Chi Minh City will get free access to the PIANC-IADC Conference and the Welcome Drink preceding the Conference!

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



Register for this new edition of the successful PIANC-SMART Rivers Conferences!

This edition will celebrate industry innovations, best design principles, and sustainable and resilient solutions, while also shining a light on the history, culture and communities that have shaped the success of our inland waterway systems.

The [Call for Abstracts](#) is now open, so please submit your abstract by 1 December 2024!

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

Read all about the event on the Conference website at <https://smartrivers2025.com/>.

NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMISSIONS

NEWS FROM RECCOM

PIANC RecCom Working Group Updates

Working Group 254 - 'Design Guidelines for Superyacht Facilities': this Working Group was created to update the Working Group 132 report due to the rapid changes in the superyacht market over the last decade. Several meetings of this Working Group were organised this year. Key members are now initiating writing assignments to update various sections of the previous report. In the last meeting during September, this Working Group discussed a specific plan for community outreach to gather industry feedback before the final publication version is completed.

Working Group 253 - 'Water Quality in Marinas': this Working Group was created to revamp the Working Group 98 due to the need to clarify guidelines compatible with new sustainability requirements. The kick-off meeting was done electronically in September and key updates were discussed.

Esteban Biondi
Chairman of RecCom

Opportunity to Help PIANC Meet the Climate Change Challenge: Call for a New Climate Change Champion for RecCom

An opportunity has arisen for a new climate change champion for PIANC's RecCom as the current champion is standing down.

The main role of the PIANC 'climate change champions' is to provide:

1. Expertise on climate change issues relevant to the work of the Commission.
2. A link between the activities of the Commission and those of PIANC's Permanent Task Group on Climate Change (PTG CC), including attending and participating in the meetings of both.
3. A conduit for the flow of information and ideas regarding climate change within PIANC.

The Recreational Navigation Commission of PIANC (RecCom) deals specifically with recreational navigation infrastructure. Climate change impacts and opportunities for recreational navigation infrastructure are specific to the marina and boating industry. RecCom is keenly aware that climate change mitigation and adaptation frameworks should be applied in a specific way to benefit the community that we serve.

Once appointed, the PTG CC will therefore work with RecCom's climate change champion to help:

- identify gaps in technical guidance
- highlight areas where climate change is bringing new challenges, and
- develop and deliver the technical knowledge products needed to address these challenges for the benefit of the wider waterborne navigation infrastructure sector.

Under the leadership of the previous Climate Champion, RecCom has already started key working groups dealing specifically with implementation of climate change principles to our sector, both related to climate mitigation and adaptation. The new Champion will be supported by the outgoing Champion during a transition period, but is expected to continue an active involvement in key strategic Working Groups.

National Sections are being invited to nominate potential candidates for this 'climate change champion' position. If you are interested in being nominated as a candidate for this position, please contact your National Section. If you are in a country that does not currently have a PIANC National Section, please contact the [RecCom Chair](#) for advice.

Nominations must be received by PIANC HQ before 29 October 2024.

Jan Brooke
Chair of PTG CC

NEWS FROM INCOM

InCom WG 255 - Kick-Off Meeting in Brussels, Belgium



Working Group 255 met in August for its kick-off meeting. The group convened at PIANC Headquarters in Brussels with an excellent in-person turnout (17 members of the group). The group has excellent international representation, including members from Germany, USA, China, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, UK and Vietnam. The Working Group's Terms of Reference were reviewed and an initial contents agreed.

Chapter Chairs were assigned and the next three meetings scheduled, which bodes well for the group.

Some of the group enjoyed an Indian meal in Brussels after the meeting. They're looking forward to their next meeting in Hamburg.

Will Evans
InCom WG 255

NEWS FROM ENVICOM/PTG CC

EnviCom and PTG CC Meet in Dover, UK

The Permanent Task Group on Climate Change (PTG CC) and EnviCom held back-to-back meetings in Dover, UK on 9-11 September 2024.

PTG CC met on 9 September with a joint meeting with EnviCom on the morning of 10 September. As part of the joint programme, the Port of Dover led a visit of the port, including the ferry terminal (see photo).



During the EnviCom meeting, the good progress being made to complete several WG-reports was discussed. Two Terms of Reference (ToR) related to resilience and biodiversity were approved for drafting that bode well for EnviCom's future.

In the meantime, PTG CC discussed:

- A first draft of a proposed supplement to WG 188 (Carbon Management) on Comparative GHG Emissions' Accounting. This initiative follows a request from MarCom for further guidance on this topic.
- Plans for a PIANC-PTG CC webinar on energy transition in ports. This webinar will represent the first step in determining whether further activities and products on

the energy transition topic are needed. Other PTG CC webinars are also in the pipeline, so watch this space!

Many thanks to the Port of Dover for their exceptional hospitality and for organising a port visit during our stay.

PTG CC Welcomes Three More New Members

Further to the call for members to fill gaps in PTG CC's expertise, [Laurence Banyard](#) from Jacobs has joined the Group to bring knowledge and experience on energy transition. PTG CC also welcomed new members [João Paulo Ribeiro Santana](#) from PIANC Platinum Partner, Ports of Paraná, and [Jessica Kelln](#) as a new German National Section representative. Our new members introduce themselves below.

Kick-Off Meeting of EnviCom-PTG CC WG 256 on Blue Carbon

Coincident with the joint meetings in Dover, several members travelled to London for a subsequent kick-off meeting of WG 256 on Blue Carbon, held at Jacob's office in London on 12-13 September 2024. Thanks to Jacobs and Luce Bassetti for hosting the kick-off meeting.



WG 256 - 'Understanding Blue Carbon: A Practical Guide' seeks to define the blue carbon concept and why and how blue carbon is relevant to waterborne navigation infrastructure sector. Whilst blue carbon is associated with marine and coastal marine ecosystems, the WG will explore the relevance of blue carbon to tidal habitats and related management of inland waterways and infrastructure, with the intent to receive input from InCom contributors as well.

After welcome messages and overview from the EnviCom (Burton Suedel) and PTG CC (Jan Brooke) chairs, participant introductions, and an overview of the WG, attendees listened to a series of related presentations by WG-members. Later, an initial table of contents was developed through a group discussion and included a literature review and potential case studies. The following day, workshoping sessions were undertaken through breakout groups to begin identifying key topics that should be included in the report. At the end of the 1.5-day meeting, roles and responsibilities were identified, and Chairs/Co-Chairs, Secretary were elected.

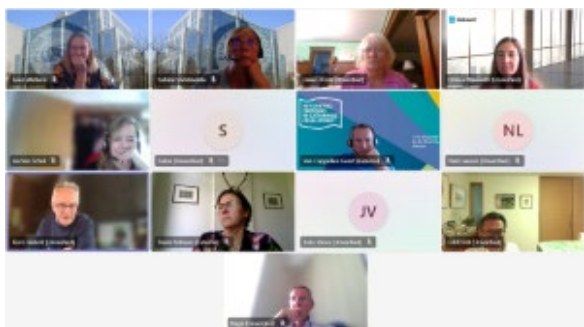
The meeting was well attended, with 10 persons attending in person and an additional 13 persons attending virtually.

Jan Brooke & Burton Suedel

Chairs PTG CC & EnviCom

NEWS FROM PROCOM

ProCom Meeting 2024-3 (Online)



The PIANC ProCom team met virtually for its third meeting of the year on 19 September 2024.

The different subgroups of ProCom discussed their ideas and suggestions, especially the subgroup on social media and the one on membership.

Some of these ideas will be taken to the brainstorming session of the Council on 17 October in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Mr João Henrique Vieira from Brazil was also presented to the ProCom team as the new YP-Com Observer within the Commission. He will also be the contact point for the National Sections, in order to enhance the connection between PIANC HQ and the National Sections.

The ProCom team also ran through a few 'lessons learnt' from the 35th PIANC World Congress in Cape Town, South Africa.

The team will meet again virtually for its last meeting of the year in November/December 2024.

Leen Weltens
Secretary of ProCom

NEWS FROM YP-COM

Updates from Inside YP-Com

Next YP-Com Delegates Meeting - 17 October 2024

To all YP's and potential observers/interested delegate newcomers please note the following Commission meeting: 44th Delegates meeting - Thursday, 17-10-2023 13:00 to 15:00hrs (online).

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested to join, please reach out to us via [email](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

Nomination of New YP Observers in ProCom and FinCom

PROCOM: João Henrique Vieira (Wilson Sons, Brazil). João is a coastal and port engineer with a diverse background in the port and maritime industry, including a master's research focused on container terminal efficiency. Currently, he is based at the Port of Santos, working in tug operations planning. His greatest professional drive comes from his passion for the coastal environment, ports, and navigation, with a strong focus on research and innovation.



FINCOM: Juliana Jacomini Menegucci (Engenheira Civil & Oceanógrafa, Brazil).

Juliana is a coastal engineering specialist with bachelor's degrees in both civil engineering and oceanography, as well as a master's in business administration. Her expertise includes capital and maintenance dredging, coastal protection structures, beach nourishment, design of navigation channels and layouts for port structures. Her passion for the sea extends beyond her career, as her main hobby is technical diving.

Past PIANC YP-Events - Retrospect

The PIANC YP's all over the world have not been sitting still! Click on the links below to find out more about the following activities:

ASIA:

- [Visit of the Japanese YP group at the Port and Airport Research Institute \(PARI\)](#)

EUROPE & AFRICA:

- [YP-Com Networking Evening During the NordPIANC Conference in Svolvær, Lofoten, Norway](#)
- [Joint Site Visit of the Belgian And Dutch Young Professionals](#)

AMERICAS:

- [YP Argentina - Strong Participation in the Argentine Port Engineering Congress, Buenos Aires](#)

Upcoming YP Events in 2025 - Preview/Announcements

SAVE THE DATE!

BIENNIAL TECHNICAL VISIT 2025 IN BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA



We are happy to announce that the 10th edition of our signature event will take place on 14-16 May 2025 in South Korea! Taking place at the vibrant Port of Busan overlapping the AGA this event is not only giving Young Professionals to get exciting insights to the industry but also to network with other YPs and the representatives of PIANCs National Sections from all over the world.

Since this event is free of charge for every YP, we are thankful for the support of our hosts PIANC Korea and the Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries as well as our Sponsors! The Organising Committee is looking forward to open the registration in November, so please spread the word and stay tuned to further announcements via Newsletter/Mail or on our [LinkedIn page!](#)

NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY

Some of our National Sections or national divisions have news to share on their past and upcoming activities. Please click on the country logo for some local news from our PIANC National Sections!



PIANC Australia & New Zealand



PIANC Germany



PIANC Japan



PIANC UK



PIANC USA

PUBLICATIONS

JUST SHIPPED



The following publication was released in July 2024:



PTG CC Technical Note No. 2 (FREE publication for both members and non-members!):
['Climate Change Costs to Ports and Waterways: Scoping the Business Case Assessment for Investment in Adaptation'](#)

COMING UP

The following publications will be released in October/November 2024:

- WG 128 (InCom): 'Technical-Biological Bank Protections for Inland Waterways' (3 parts)
- WG 230 (EnviCom): 'Green Financing of Nature-Based Navigation Infrastructure'
- WG 224 (MarCom): 'Planning of Fishing Ports'

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NEWS FROM OUR PLATINUM PARTNERS

NEWS FROM SHIBATAFENDERTEAM (SFT)

ShibataFenderTeam Offers First-Ever Seminar about the PIANC Fender Guidelines 2024 in Spanish

As Platinum Partners of PIANC, ShibataFenderTeam remains committed to fostering education within the maritime industry. In line with this commitment, we are excited to offer the first-ever seminar about the new PIANC Fender Systems Guidelines 2024, presented and customised entirely for the Spanish-speaking professionals.

- Date: Wednesday 2 October 2024
- Time: 16:00 CEST (Spain), equivalent to 11:00 in Argentina and 08:00 in Mexico
- Duration: 2 hours

Eduardo Roderó, a leading expert and key contributor to the PIANC WG 211 Guidelines, will lead this comprehensive seminar. Designed for Spanish-speaking stakeholders, the seminar will focus on the most significant updates and essential aspects of the new guidelines, preparing participants for the upcoming changes in the maritime sector.

In addition to covering the main updates, the seminar will highlight key topics from important chapters, including Chapter 5 - 'Berthing Energy', Chapter 6 - 'Fender System Selection', Chapter 8 - 'Fender System Components Design' and Chapter 10 - 'Test Procedures of Marine Fenders'.

Por favor, si está interesado y desea acudir al seminario, regístrese [aquí](#) o envíe un correo a marketing@sft.group (In case you are interested and wish to attend to the seminar, please register here or send an email to marketing@sft.group).

Empar Dolz González
Senior Marketing Manager ShibataFenderTeam

NEWS FROM TRELLEBORG MARINE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Trelleborg Platinum & Gold Sponsor for PIANC APAC 2024 & the 13 Argentine Congress of Port Engineering

As we enter the third quarter at Trelleborg Marine and Infrastructure, we pause to reflect on the key industry engagements that defined the first half of the year.

A major highlight was our role as the platinum sponsor for the PIANC APAC 2024 held in August - an event that brought together PIANC members from across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, centering discussions on the latest in harbors, ports, and recreational boating. The event offered an opportunity to engage with industry peers, discuss changes within the sector, and showcase our comprehensive range of solutions addressing the evolving needs of ports on both a regional and global scale.



In September, we continued our active engagement by participating as a gold sponsor at the 13th Argentine Congress of Port Engineering, held on 17-20 September 2024 at the Argentine Center of Engineers in Buenos Aires. This event provided an excellent platform to highlight our premium marine fender systems, including our advanced foam fender solutions. Both these systems are crucial in enhancing the safety and efficiency of port infrastructure, and our R&D, and engineering teams continue to innovate on these solutions to meet the ever-changing demands of the market.

As we move closer to the end of the year, we look forward to participating in more industry events and engaging with our partners and customers.

Alexandra Yang
Trelleborg Marine Systems

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

NEWS FROM IADC

Course 'Dredging for Sustainable Infrastructure' Rescheduled for January 2025. PIANC Members Can Join at a Special Rate!

IADC and CEDA have rescheduled the next 'Dredging for Sustainable Infrastructure' course, from September to 28-30 January 2025 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Supported by DHI, this comprehensive 2.5-day programme includes a site visit and is tailored for professionals engaged in dredging-related activities for water infrastructure development. PIANC members can participate in the course at a special rate of € 1,099.00 excluding 25 % Danish

VAT.

Participants will benefit from a specialised programme designed to equip them with the latest insights and techniques in achieving sustainable dredging projects. The course emphasises integrating environmental and socio-economic considerations into project development, ensuring projects meet primary functional requirements while enhancing natural systems and stakeholder engagement.

The lecturers

Attendees will learn from experienced lecturers who will impart cutting-edge methodologies and practical strategies through workshops and case studies. Whether you're an engineer, ecologist, regulator or financier, this course offers invaluable tools to enhance your professional practice.

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**DREDGING FOR
SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

**28-30 JANUARY
2025**

Erik van Eekelen
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Engineering Department,
Van Oord

Thomas Vijverberg
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Hydrodynamic Engineering
Department, Boskalis

Sina Saremi
Senior Coastal Engineer,
DHI

The following experts are part of the team for this course: Erik van Eekelen (Van Oord), Sina Saremi (DHI) and Thomas Vijverberg (Boskalis).

More information

To find out more about the learning objectives, programme, lecturers, fees and registration, please click [here](#).

Ria van Leeuwen
Senior PR & Communications Officer IADC

OBITUARY

KIMMO MANNOLA (1937-2024)

We are saddened to announce that PIANC's Honorary Member, Mr Kimmo Mannola, passed away on 17 June 2024.



Kimmo Mannola was born in 1937 in Wyborg, from where his family moved to Helsinki after the war. He went to school in Helsinki, where he also studied to become M.Sc in Civil Engineering.

For almost all of his career, he worked for governmental organisations on waterways. He worked in the Roads and Waterways Administration (RWA) as Head of section and Head of division since mid 1960. In 1990, RWA waterway functions were merged to the Finnish Maritime Administration and Mr Mannola was appointed as Director of the Waterways Department. He worked in this position until the year 2000, when he retired.

Mr Mannola represented the Finnish Maritime administration in PIANC, IALA and IHO. He was PIANC's Chief Delegate and Chairman of the Finnish Section in 1990-2000. In the year 2000, he was appointed as Honorary Member of PIANC.

We extend our sincere condolences to Mr Mannola's loved ones.

Keijo Kostiainen & Kirsi-Marja Hinkkanen
PIANC Finland

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