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## ABOUT PIANC ([www.pianc.org](http://www.pianc.org))

PIANC is the forum where professionals around the world join forces to provide expert advice on cost-effective, reliable and sustainable infrastructure to facilitate the growth of waterborne transport. Established in 1885, PIANC continues to be the leading partner for government and private sector in the design, development and maintenance of ports, waterways and coastal areas.

A non-political and non-profit organisation, PIANC brings together the best international experts on technical, economic and environmental issues pertaining to waterborne transport infrastructure. Members include national governments, public authorities, corporations and interested individuals. PIANC provides guidance to public and private partners through high-quality technical reports. Its international working groups develop regular technical updates on pressing global issues to benefit members on shared best practices.

PIANC holds an international Congress every four years in one of its member countries. This forum is open to members and non-members to present and discuss topics relevant to the waterborne transport infrastructure sector. Additionally, PIANC organizes the PIANC-COPEDEC International Conference on Coastal and Port Engineering in Developing Countries. Its mission is to allow coastal and port engineers from countries in transition to exchange know-how and experience with colleagues around world.



## STRUCTURE OF PIANC

(<http://www.pianc.org/management.asp>)

### 1. THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The supreme governing body, the **Annual General Assembly (AGA)**, is composed of official delegations from the Qualifying Members (governments and bodies representing a country). These delegations do not only represent the governments themselves, but also individual and corporate members of the National Sections, which most countries have established.

The AGA operates through a Council and an Executive Committee (ExCom), which in turn, direct the following commissions:

- **InCom: Inland Navigation Commission**
- **MarCom: Maritime Navigation Commission**
- **EnviCom: Environmental Commission**
- **RecCom: Recreational Navigation Commission**
- **CoCom: International Co-operation Commission**
- **FinCom: Finance Commission**
- **YP-Com: Young Professionals Commission**
- **ProCom: Promotional Commission**

All Qualifying Members are entitled to have representation in all commissions (and working groups).

The following gives an overview of PIANC's next AGA's:

- 2009: Helsinki
- 2010: Liverpool
- 2011: Berlin
- 2012: Spain
- 2013: France
- 2014: United States

### 2. THE COUNCIL

The Council meets twice a year and consists of the members of the Executive Committee, the honorary vice-presidents and the chief delegates of the Qualifying Members of PIANC. It examines and approves proposals and recommendations of the Executive Committee and submits them to the AGA for ratification.



### 3. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee meets three times a year. It ensures the executive management of the Association and monitors the decisions and directives of the AGA and the Council.

### 4. WORKING GROUPS

The guidelines and recommendations of PIANC are elaborated by technical working groups composed of high ranking experts from its member nations and sister associations.

Participation in the international working groups results in worthwhile contacts with experts concerned to study technical and managerial matters of current importance.

### 5. NATIONAL SECTIONS

Delegates of a government and/or corporate and individual members of the same country may establish a National Section. 24 National Sections are recognized and operate to facilitate contacts between PIANC HQ and the membership (<http://www.pianc.org/nationalsections.asp>).

The purpose of a National Section is to promote interest in the objectives and activities of the Association among their members, as well as facilitating certain administrative matters such as the collection of subscriptions, the enrolment of new members, the appointment of working group members, the organization of seminars, etc.

In order to support their administrative costs, National Sections that collect the subscriptions of their own members shall be entitled to retain a maximum percentage of fifteen percent of the total collected from individual members, student members and corporate members. This right shall not apply to government subventions.

Ordinarily, a chairperson, assisted by a secretary, shall head each section. The chairperson is usually (though not necessarily) the chief government delegate of the country to the Annual General Assembly.



## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (<http://www.pianc.org/ypcom.asp>)

In PIANC's strategic plan 2006-2010, participation of YP's in PIANC in general and in working groups in particular was identified as the most tangible activity for the involvement of YP's on an international level.

The creation of national YP-groups was regarded as the most efficient means to attract new younger members to PIANC. The Young Professional Implementation Group (YPIG) met at different places in Europe and focused mainly on the following topics:

- Creation of national YP-groups;
- Participation of YP's in working groups and commissions;
- Participation of Young Professionals in the PIANC Congress;
- Contributions to PIANC newsletter and magazine.

National YP-groups were created in different countries. Currently, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, UK, South Africa, Austria, Italy, India, Portugal, Japan, the United States and Iran all have active national YP-groups, organising technical and social events and representing a network amongst national and international YP's.

At the AGA 2006 in Estoril, Portugal, the creation of a permanent Young Professional Commission (YP-Com) was decided. Its objectives are:

- To identify and address the needs of YP's in PIANC for the future;
- To encourage national YP-groups and YP-participation in working groups, commissions, etc.;
- To increase the attractiveness of PIANC for YP's;
- To ensure the continuity of a YP-network.

The inaugural meeting of PIANC YP-Com was held in Palermo (Italy) on 29 September 2006. The newly formed YP-Com consisted of fifteen members from eleven countries. Main objectives of the meeting were to define the structure of YP-Com and to develop an action plan for the years 2007 to 2010.

The action plan of YP-Com for the years 2007 to 2010 focuses on the expansion of the number of YP's, the creation of more national YP-groups; the increased involvement of YP's in PIANC by participation in PIANC working groups, publication of technical papers in the magazine and during the Congress, and organization of technical and social events, technical workshops, on national and international levels; and the promotion of PIANC through, flyers, presentations and personal visits to universities and companies by Young Professional members.

## MEMBERSHIP

(<http://www.pianc.org/membership.asp>)

The Association comprises several categories of members:

### I. QUALIFYING MEMBERSHIP

This kind of membership applies to (non-) governmental organizations representing a country. For the procedure for Qualifying Membership application (expression of interest, Candidate Qualifying Membership, Subventions and Rights to the Government Members), please visit: <http://www.pianc.org/qualifyingmembers.asp>.

### II. CORPORATE MEMBERS

Corporate Members are authorities or public services of:

- countries and regions
- scientific and technical associations;
- port authorities;
- chambers of commerce;
- laboratories;
- universities;
- public and private sector companies;
- consultants;
- user associations;
- other organisations concerned with issues relating to navigation.

Corporate Members are divided into two categories, being:

- Small Corporate Members: small organisations – up to twenty employees directly concerned with navigation or PIANC;
- Large Corporate Members: large organisations – more than twenty employees directly concerned with navigation or PIANC.

### III. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Individual members are persons with an interest in navigation related matters, and who, after applying for and being admitted to membership of the Association, pay an annual subscription fee.



Students under the age of thirty with interest in navigation related matters, after applying for and being admitted to membership of the Association, can also subscribe as individual members.

The amount of the fees varies due to the exchange rate with the euro and the possibility offered to National Sections to add an additional amount to cover their working expenses.

#### In return for subscription fees :

- Individual Members and Student Members receive, free of charge, one copy of all publications issued the year of their enrolment.
- Corporate Members receive, free of charge:
  - Small organizations : 2 copies of the publications
  - Large organizations : 4 copies of the publications

Members can purchase publications issued prior to the year of enrolment at a reduced price (twenty percent rebate). Membership follows calendar year (from 1 January till 31 December). If you enrol in the course of the year, you will automatically receive all publications issued in the year of your enrolment. Subscriptions are due as soon as a member is admitted and thereafter in January of each succeeding year. They shall be paid either directly to the General Secretariat or to the National Section, in case there is one.

Membership of the Association shall be automatically ended by non-payment of the annual subscription and may also be ended by cancellation. Cancellation shall be notified in writing to the Secretary-General or to the member's National Section. A member that cancels his/her subscription, shall pay all outstanding arrears. If he notifies his/her cancellation after 31 March, his subvention or subscription for the current year shall also be paid. The dispatch of the Association's publications shall be suspended for all members in the event of non-payment of subventions or subscriptions for a period of one year, until outstanding arrears are paid.

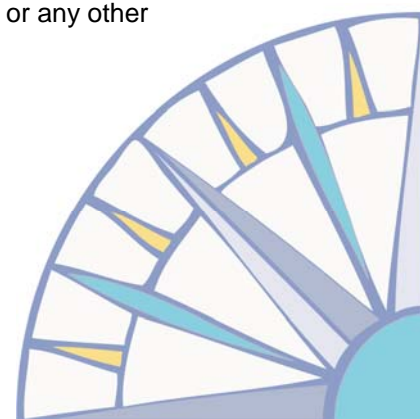
## IV. PLATINUM PARTNERS

Platinum Partners constitute a special membership category. PIANC appreciates their support, which is crucial for maintaining professional standards and keeping up the high quality of our publications. Our Platinum Partners commit themselves for four years.

#### The advantages for a platinum partner are:

- Every four years, at the occasion of PIANC's international Navigation Congress, two representatives of the Platinum Partner are invited to participate free of charge to all parts of the program.
- In each Magazine 'On Course', the partner will be mentioned as a Platinum Partner, and his logo will be reproduced in full colour.
- At the occasion of exhibitions, (co)-organized by PIANC, the logo of the partner will be displayed in a prominent manner.
- The partner gets a twenty percent discount for publicity in the Magazine or any other PIANC publication.

The annual fee for platinum partnership is minimum 5.000 euro.



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## How to apply?

Please contact the secretary of your National Section, who will inform you about the procedure and modes of payment. In case your country doesn't have a National Section, please fill in the appropriate online Membership Application Form (to be found at <http://www.pianc.org/membership.asp>) and send it back to PIANC General Secretariat.

For more information, please contact the General Secretariat. You can find the address, e-mail address and phone numbers at the end of this brochure.





## PUBLICATIONS

(<http://www.pianc.org/publications.asp>)

PIANC invests lots of time and effort into the creation of publications. A list of all available PIANC publications is available for survey and they can also be ordered on-line.

### I. TECHNICAL REPORTS

All technical reports of PIANC's Working Groups can be ordered on-line via the website at <http://www.pianc.org/publications.asp>. You can browse through the catalogue and order whatever report you need. The publication pipeline provides you information about the reports that will be published in the near future.

PIANC has a restrictive policy for advertising in its Working Group reports. For detailed information on this subject, please visit <http://www.pianc.org/publicity.asp>.

All information about how to order and how to advertise can be found on the website, or you can write to [editing.officer@pianc-aipcn.org](mailto:editing.officer@pianc-aipcn.org).

### II. MAGAZINE 'ON COURSE'

PIANC's magazine 'On Course' includes technical articles, as well as a general news section, called 'News from the Navigation Community'. The magazine can be ordered on-line.

PIANC offers advertising opportunities to private companies, contractors, port and harbour authorities and public services. The PIANC magazine is published four times a year, and has a world-wide circulation of 4.000 subscribers in 67 countries. It is aiming at highly qualified professionals, mainly in the field of civil engineering. PIANC members and addressees hold key positions in private companies, in consultancy or in public service.

All information (guidelines for publications, format, how to order, etc.) can be found on the website (<http://www.pianc.org/preparingpublications.asp>). If you wish to send in articles for the magazine, please send them to [editing.officer@pianc-aipcn.org](mailto:editing.officer@pianc-aipcn.org) (technical articles) or to [leen.weltens@pianc-aipcn.org](mailto:leen.weltens@pianc-aipcn.org) (regarding articles for the News section of the magazine).

### III. ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER 'SAILING AHEAD'

PIANC's electronic newsletter 'Sailing Ahead' is published on a regular basis on its website and contains all kinds of news from within the Association itself (Commissions, Working Groups, Young Professionals, Congresses, etc.). 'Sailing Ahead' occupies a substantial part of the PIANC website and reaches 2.500 people with each issue, making it a unique and important medium for promotion.



On-line subscription to the newsletter is free of charge and can be done at <http://www.pianc.org/sailingaheadsubscribe.asp>.

If you have any information about the Association, which you consider to be of interest for the broader PIANC membership (news from the different commissions, PIANC activities, etc.) and you wish to see it published in 'Sailing Ahead', please send your contributions to [leen.weltens@pianc-aipcn.org](mailto:leen.weltens@pianc-aipcn.org).

#### IV. THE PIANC WEBSITE

With a daily average of more than 350 unique visitors from all over the world, PIANC's website is by far the most important communication tool of PIANC. Furthermore, the PIANC website is used internally as a communication tool for sharing documents among commissions and working groups and as a forum for National Sections.

Not the least important, the website is a source of income for PIANC: on-line ordering of publications is a success, as well as on-line application for membership. Requests for publicity can be easily managed on-line and, indirectly, the website mediates in subscription for congresses, seminars and other PIANC activities.



## AWARDS

(<http://www.pianc.org/awards.asp>)

### I. DE PAEPE-WILLEMS AWARD

#### a) Background

This yearly prize is being given in honour of Professor Gustave Willems, who served as president of PIANC from 1956 until his death in 1982. Professor Willems dedicated much of his energy to promoting PIANC among young engineers, research workers and other young professional people involved in ports, waterways and coastal areas.

Robert De Paepe fostered the international spirit and the professional development of the International Navigation Association. Serving as Secretary-General in his home country, Belgium, he held the highest office in both the federal and the Flemish ministry of Public Works. Robert De Paepe always looked beyond the borders of his own country. When he retired in the early nineties of last century, he preferred not to receive any kind of present - which led his friends to suggest the establishment of a Foundation in his memory. In 2002, it was decided to merge the "Foundation Robert De Paepe" with the Gustave Willems Award. As from 2003, the former Gustave Willems Award is known as the "De Paepe-Willems Award".

#### b) The Award

Candidates for the award are asked to submit a paper before 31 August of any year on subjects in the fields of design, construction, improvement, maintenance of operation of inland and maritime waterways (rivers, estuaries, canals, port approaches), of inland and maritime ports and of coastal areas. The Award consists of an amount of 5.000 € and free membership of PIANC for a five-year period. The Award-winner will be invited to present his/her paper at the AGA. Free hotel accommodation for three nights will be provided, together with a payment of travel expenses in economy class to the AGA.

Please visit <http://www.pianc.org/awardsdepaepewillems.asp> to know more about the rules and conditions for this award. You can also find an application form on this site.

### II. 'JACK' NICHOL MARINA DESIGN AWARD

The John M. 'Jack' Nichol Marina Design Award for outstanding marina design was created in memory of the late Jack Nichol, honorary member of PIANC and well-known marina designer. The purpose of the award is to recognize excellence in the design of modern recreational boating facilities around the world. Anyone may submit an application to be considered for the Jack Nichol Award.

To be eligible for consideration, a facility must:

- Provide berthing for recreational boaters;
- Have been constructed within the last twenty-five years;
- Have operated successfully for the last five years;
- Be accessible to the boating public.





The Recreational Navigation Commission of PIANC will evaluate the applications and make a decision based on the criteria of functionality, aesthetics and environmental sustainability.

The Award consists of a bronze plaque suitable for display. It will be granted annually – provided a sufficient number of applications are received – and announced at the Annual General Assembly of PIANC by the Chairperson of the Recreational Navigation Commission. Furthermore, it will be published in PIANC's magazine 'On Course'. The application consists of a letter with the following information about the facility:

1. Name of the project;
2. Name of the owner;
3. Name of the designer;
4. Name of the builder;
5. A description of the recreational boating community that benefits from the project, and the principal features of the project, including relevant figures;
6. A discussion that shows how the project satisfies the eligibility criteria, and how it merits the Award based on the Award criteria; photographs may be used to support the discussion;
7. Cost of the project (optional).

Abstracts should be submitted before 31 August of each year. The full paper should be submitted before 31 December of each year. More information can be found at <http://www.pianc.org/awardsjacknichol.asp>.



## ACTIVITIES

(<http://www.pianc.org/activities.asp>)

### I. THE PIANC CONGRESSES

To fulfil its aims, the Association has organised international congresses in the member countries at four-yearly intervals, attracting audiences sometimes exceeding one thousand in number, composed of members and non-members. The proceedings of the many congresses constitute an unrivalled collection of information concerning the history, technical development and progressive introduction of new technology of the wide range of subjects of interest to the Association.

Every four years, a Congress, open to all, is held in one of the member countries for the presentation and discussion of papers on subjects of current significance to waterways and maritime interests. These Congresses are particularly valuable for the exchange of knowledge and opinions.

The last PIANC congresses took place in Japan, the Netherlands, Australia and Portugal. The next congress – PIANC's 32<sup>nd</sup> World Congress Mersey MMX – will be held in Liverpool, UK in 2010. It will continue the successful PIANC congress series, which is the world's premier forum on navigation, waterways and related subjects.

For more information about the congresses, please visit the website at <http://www.pianc.org/calendarcongress.asp>.

### II. SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

PIANC co-operates with the following associations within the framework of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):

- IAPH – International Association of Ports and Harbours (<http://www.iaphworldports.org>)
- CCNR – Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine (<http://www.ccr-zkr.org>)
- ICOMIA – International Council of Marine Industry Associations (<http://www.icomia.com>)
- IALA – International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (<http://www.iala-aism.org>)

### III. PROJECTS

- EU Water Framework Directive task group (<http://www.pianc.org/euwfd.asp>)
- Water dictionary (<http://www.waterdictionary.info>)

For more information, please visit <http://www.pianc.org/cooperations.asp>.



## IV. CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Examples of seminars and conferences where PIANC was involved in the past include:

- **PIANC AGA 2008 and International Navigation Seminar:** Beijing, China, May 26-30, 2008.
- **Smart Rivers**, September 2007, Louisville – Kentucky, USA
- **PIANC Mediterranean Days of Coastal and Port Engineering:** Palermo, Italy, October 7-9, 2008.

Future seminars and conferences comprise:

- **World Water Forum**, March 2009, Istanbul – Turkey
- **Smart Rivers**, September 6-9, 2009, Vienna – Austria

## V. PIANC-COPEDEC

The success of the First International Conference on Coastal and Port Engineering in Developing Countries (COPEDEC), held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in March 1983, resulted in the creation of a Permanent Secretariat to organize this special conference once every four years.

During the COPEDEC VI conference in Colombo on 19 September 2003, a Merger Agreement between PIANC and COPEDEC was signed and subsequently, a new International Organizing Committee (IOC) was formed, in order to continue the tradition of the former COPEDEC conferences. PIANC-COPEDEC VII, held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 24 to 28 February 2008 was the first COPEDEC Conference under the aegis of PIANC. The next conference is scheduled for 2012.

For further information, please visit <http://www.pianc-copedecdubai.com> or visit the PIANC website at <http://www.pianc.org/calendarcopedec.asp>.



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- The PIANC President's and Secretary-General's schedules and travel arrangements, the reservation of meeting rooms and information on meetings, seminars, congresses, etc.,

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- Working group reports;
- The electronic newsletter 'Sailing Ahead',

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