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PIANC NEWS

PIANC USA to Host Smart Rivers 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA

The Smart Rivers 2017 Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 18-21, 2017. Jim McCarville, formerly of the Port of Pittsburgh Commission and one of the SMART Rivers founding fathers, will serve as the conference chair. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square. Technical topics include waterway infrastructure, environment and climate change, inland waterway transportation, information services, cooperation and regulations, sustainability and new markets, financing and energy. Abstract submission is now open. More information on the conference can be found at <https://pianc.sites.usa.gov/>.

9th International PIANC-COPEDEC Conference held October 16-21, 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The 9th International Conference on Coastal and Port Engineering in Developing Countries (COPEDEC) was held in Rio de Janeiro on October 16-21, 2016 in conjunction with PIANC. There were a number of PIANC USA members in attendance including PIANC USA Commissioners Helen Brohl, Ed Schmeltz, and Lillian Almodovar and staff from USACE IWR and ERDC.

The conference began with a PIANC Council Meeting on October 15th where topics of discussion included changes to PIANC rules and regulations, updates of the Think Climate Coalition, and upcoming conferences. Short courses were held on October 16th and the conference officially began on October 17th with the plenary address being given by Dr. Todd Bridges (ERDC) on "Adaptation to Climate Change in the Port and Navigation Sector."



Dr. Todd Bridges (USACE ERDC) gives the opening plenary address

Kevin Knight and Lillian Almodovar held a PIANC workshop on October 18th to administer a questionnaire to determine what participating member countries perceived the biggest challenges and opportunities of waterway transportation for the future.



Panelists at the PIANC Inland Navigation Workshop on October 19th

On October 19th a number of technical tours were held throughout the city. Helen Brohl (CMTS and PIANC USA Commissioner) was a panelist on a workshop entitled “Inland navigation and a more sustainable use of natural resources: networks, challenges and opportunities for South America.” Technical presentations continued for the next two days with the conference ending on October 21st.



Helen Brohl (CMTS), Kevin Knight (USACE IWR), Emily Vuxton (USACE IWR) and Alex Renaud (USACE ERDC)

December Issue of *Sailing Ahead*

The December issue of *Sailing Ahead* has been released and is available at <http://www.pianc.org/edits/sailingaheaddecember2016.htm>.

WORKING GROUP NEWS

MarCom Working Group 172 Releases Report

The Working Group Report of MarCom 172, "Design of Small to Midscale Marine LNG Terminals, including Bunkering" has been released and is available on the PIANC website. For PIANC members, the reports are free on the Members Only pages. Look under "Free Technical Reports." For non-members, the reports are available in the download shop. Look under "MarCom."

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following individuals who were chosen as representatives for the PIANC InCom Working Group 195, "Corrosion Protection of Lock Equipment":

Principle Representative: Dr. Rebekah Wilson, USACE ERDC

Alternative Representative: Brooke Divan, USACE ERDC

Young Professional: Alexandra Schafer, USACE IWR

OTHER NEWS

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