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WORKING GROUPS SEEKING CANDIDATES- DEADLINE JULY 9TH

- InCom 237 'Bottlenecks and Best Practices of Transport of Containers on Inland Waterways'
- MarCom 238 'Guidelines for use of BIM in Infrastructure for Ports and Waterways'
- MarCom 239 'Mitigation of Tsunami Disasters in Ports'
- MarCom 240 'Guidance for Ports in Small Island Countries'
- InCom 241 'Handling Accidents and Calamities in Navigation and Hydraulic Structures'
- InCom 216 Re-Launch of 'Best Practices in Planning Inland Waterways Multimodal Platforms'

VISIT [PIANC.US/NEWS-AND-EVENTS/WORKINGGROUPVACANCIES/](https://pianc.us/news-and-events/workinggroupvacancies/) FOR A LIST OF WORKING GROUP VACANCIES, AND TO APPLY.

PIANC USA ANNUAL MEETING RECORDING

On April 22 2021, PIANC USA hosted a virtual Annual Meeting for all members and those interested in learning more about PIANC USA. The meeting opened with remarks by Mr Vance Stewart III, the acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works). The key-note address was provided by Mr Francisco Esteban Lefler, President of PIANC. Mr Lefler addressed how PIANC has adapted in the COVID environment and plans for the organization moving forward. The US Principal Representatives to the PIANC Technical Commissions provided overviews of current and upcoming working groups and recently published reports. Dr Calvin Creech, PIANC-USA Liaison to PIANC America, provided an overview of the "PIANC Americas Initiative." This is a newly formed initiative that brings together leaders from North, Central, and South America in the areas of Port Infrastructure, Waterway Development and Waterborne Transport. There was a panel discussion consisting of four PIANC-USA leaders who discussed trends in future technologies related to ports, waterways, marinas, and coastal areas, as well as effects on the organization and the maritime community due to the COVID pandemic. The meeting concluded with recognition of PIANC-USA members who served on working groups that delivered published products and PIANC-USA leaders who completed their terms. For additional information see the PIANC USA website at https://pianc.us/annual_meeting_2021.

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PORTS '22 - ABSTRACTS DUE JUNE 23RD



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Continuing a long tradition of excellence, PORTS[®] '22 will be the 16th in a series of international port and harbor development specialty conferences held on a triennial basis since 1977.

The COPRI Ports '22 conference will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii from September 18-21 2022.

Abstracts are due by 11:00 PM EDT, June 23, 2021. Please note that all accepted presenters and moderators are required to register and attend the conference. Before submitting, confirm you can attend the conference. Learn more and submit an abstract on their website:

<https://www.portsconference.org/program/call-abstracts>

Additional Upcoming Events sponsored by ASCE's Coasts, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute (COPRI) can be found here: <https://collaborate.asce.org/waterforum/events/coprievents>.

PIANC USA WEBINAR SURVEY

PIANC USA is planning a series of quarterly webinars with each focused on a recently completed PIANC Working Group Report. Each quarterly webinar will be provided at no cost with presentations rotating between the different PIANC Commissions. PIANC-USA is also considering additional webinars for the benefit of PIANC members. To understand the level of interest and type of interest in such webinars, we ask for your assistance in completing the following survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V22W9PV>

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UPDATES FROM PIANC USA YPCOM

DE PAEPE-WILLEMS AWARD- ABSTRACTS DUE AUGUST 31

This yearly prize is being given in honour of Professor Gustave Willems, President of PIANC from 1956 until his death in 1982. As the PIANC President for seventeen years, Robert De Paepe fostered the international spirit and the professional development of PIANC. In 2002, it was decided



De Paepe-Willems Award

to merge the 'Foundation Robert De Paepe' with the Gustave Willems Award. Since 2003, the former Gustave Willems Award is known as the 'PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award'.

Contestants for the prize should not have reached the age of forty and they are required to submit a paper on subjects in the fields of design, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of inland and maritime waterways (rivers, estuaries, canals, port approaches), or inland and maritime ports and of coastal areas.

Three winning authors receive amounts of € 4,000.00, € 2,000.00, and € 1,000.00 respectively.

To submit an abstract and learn more about the award, visit: <https://www.pianc.org/awards/pianc-de-paepe-willems-award>.

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CALL FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

PIANC USA is seeking Young Professional Representatives for RecCom, EnviCom, InCom, and CoCom. The main responsibilities include reporting to YP-Com about the activities in each Commission. In addition, the YP-Com Observer shall keep YPs involved in that Commission's YP-Com activities. This is a four year term with the potential for a maximum of two additional terms of four years. Members must commit themselves to:

- attend the meetings of the Commissions on a regular basis;
- execute the actions that they are assigned to them;
- help review Working Group reports, assuring they are in accordance with the approved terms of reference and the high technical standards of PIANC;
- provide advice when requested;
- represent PIANC in events (within their country).

Learn more about the commissions here: <https://www.pianc.org/commissions-and-working-groups>

The deadline to apply is July 9th. Learn more and apply for a vacancy here: <https://pianc.us/pianc-usa-leadership-vacancies/>.

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WEDA

The Western Dredging Association is pleased to introduce the new WEDA Fellows program. Effective September 1, 2021, the program will provide an incentive for students to contribute to the advancement of the dredging profession through significant and sustained contribution to the dredging discipline via excellence in dredging education, innovation in practice or education, demonstrated meritorious service, and/or knowledge sharing.

The fellows program will provide \$5,000/term or \$10,000/school year to an eligible student. Eligible students are those currently in their senior year of undergraduate work and masters and doctorate students, a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, and studies in educational disciplines including, but not limited to, dredging, coastal engineering, civil engineering (with a study focus on water), and oceanography.

- [Fellowship Position Information](#)
- [Download Fellowship Application](#)
- [Fellowship Webpage](#)

Applications for the WEDA Fellows must be completed and submitted by July 15, 2021 and emailed to Tom Cappellino at tcapellino@westerndredging.org

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