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New from PIANC “Working with Nature” Certificate of Recognition and Award

‘Working with Nature’ is an international initiative of PIANC to promote a proactive, integrated approach to navigation infrastructure projects. Its philosophy represents an important shift in thinking. ‘Working with Nature’ focuses on achieving project objectives within an ecosystem context and on identifying win-win solutions rather than simply minimising ecological harm.

Certificate of Recognition

Since 2008, numerous navigation infrastructure projects around the world have been developed using elements of the ‘Working with Nature’ philosophy. PIANC is now keen to recognise these environmentally ambitious projects by awarding a Certificate of Recognition.

What projects qualify for a Certificate of Recognition?

Qualified projects should have one or more of the following:

- developed win-win solutions through stakeholder engagement
- ensured ‘no net loss’ of biodiversity
- enhanced ecosystem services or
- used natural processes to realise project objectives

To qualify, a project cannot simply be a proposal. Ideally the project should be completed or at least officially accepted by a contracting authority. When the ‘Working with Nature’ philosophy has been adopted in developing a project but where the project has not yet received the consent or authorisation it requires, one can opt for ‘Candidate of Certificate of Recognition’.

Why is a Working with Nature Certificate of Recognition significant?

Receiving this honour:

- enables developers to promote their project as an example of international best practice
- enables companies and individuals to network with like-minded individuals and groups working on similarly innovative projects
- contributes to building PIANC’s ‘Working with Nature’ database, which will consolidate worldwide experiences of environmentally ambitious initiatives and provide information that will help reduce lead times and make high levels of achievement the norm.

The ‘Working with Nature’ Award

All navigation infrastructure projects which receive a Certificate of Recognition will automatically be considered for PIANC’s ‘Working with Nature’ Award.

Every four years at PIANC’s International Congress, this Award will be presented to a single project which – in the view of the award jury – best achieves the ‘Working with Nature’ objectives.

The first such award will be granted at the 2014 PIANC World Congress in San Francisco, California.

Submit a project online now

All entities responsible for navigation infrastructure projects which provide an example of implementing the ‘Working with Nature’ philosophy are encouraged to submit their projects for a ‘Working with Nature’ Certificate of Recognition.

Online submission of projects is easy. Read the evaluation criteria for the Certificate and other details at the website <http://www.pianc.org/wwnactivities.php>. Then simply use the links on the page to submit your project to the ‘Working with Nature’ jury, a panel comprising highly respected senior experts from all technical PIANC Commissions.

‘Working with Nature’ represents a significant advance in navigational infrastructure development. Your contributions are important to future environmental progress.

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