

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES 2010

PIANC-Belgium started the year 2010 on January 13 with the traditional culinary walk, this time in the city of Ghent, organised by the Belgian Youngsters. 18 gourmands participated in it.



PIANC-AIPCN members during the session.

On January 18, PIANC-Belgium organised a new year's activity in the harbour of Zeebrugge.

During this session the project Flanders Bays in which several national and international partners are applying the principle of Building with Nature to the specific projects along the Flemish coastline, was presented.

On March, CERES, a study society of the university of Liège, together with PIANC-Belgium (professor Rigo) organised a study day about the new lock (225m x 25m) in Ivoz-Ramet on the Meuse.

On March 18, PIANC-Belgium organised its annual general assembly. In 2010 it was the Brussels region that organised the meeting in the world famous town hall of the city of Brussels.



Town hall of Brussels during the PIANC event.



Ir. Alfons Moens talking about the port of Brussels.

About 75 members participated in the general assembly meeting.

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After the administrative part of the meeting an interesting paper about the sanitation of a heavily polluted area near the Brussels-Scheldt canal was presented by Mr. Geert Ide of the association Katoennatie-De Nul-Envisan.



General Assembly meeting.



Dirk is drinking WATER: aperitif in the wedding hall.



Lunch in a typical brasserie.



Cultural visit of the town hall.



After the lunch in a typical Brussels brasserie at the Grand Place, a guided tour of the town hall was organised.

During the general assembly, the replacement in the board of ir. Henri Brouet by ir. Yvon Loyaerts, secretary-general of the SPW-Wallonie, was announced and approved.

On the left: Ir Henri Brouet SPW.

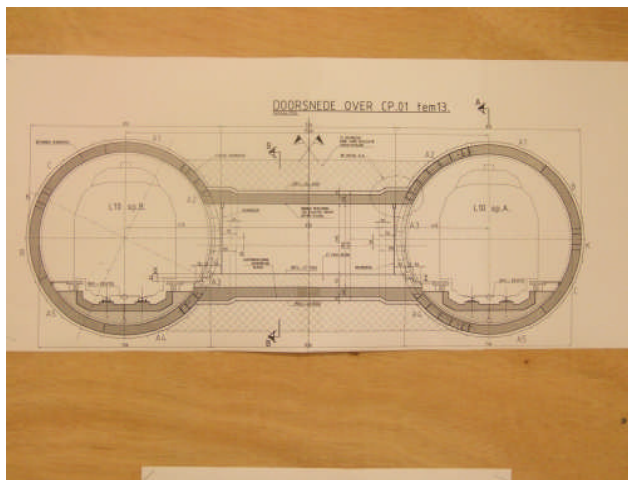
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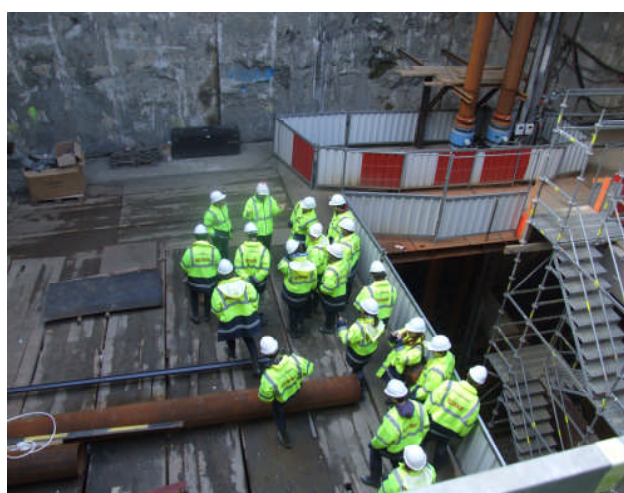
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On April 1, the young members organised a symposium on the “Multimodal approach of the port of Antwerp” in Beveren, on the left bank.

In total 66 participants learned everything about the future of the port and especially on the left bank.

Railway tunnel between Left en Right banks under construction: port of Antwerp



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On April 23, professor Rigo organised a visit to the “barrage gonflable” in Villers-devant-Mouzon near Sedan, France. 30 participants enjoyed a high-grade technical visit.



Barrage gonflable : Villers-devant-Mouzon (photos ANAST)

On June 24, the renovation of the “Van Cauwelaert lock” in the port of Antwerp was visited by 42 members. This lock, built in 1928 is undergoing a complete restoration with the construction of new doors.



Renovation of the Van Cauwelaert lock: port of Antwerp

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The traditional summer activity was organized on August 27, in Ostend. After the presentation of a technical paper about the construction of the new harbour entrance to the port of Ostend and a site visit, the 89 participants enjoyed a gastronomic BBQ until the small hours.



New Harbour entrance to the port of Ostend under construction. Before the BBQ started.

On November 8, CERES and PIANC-Belgium organised a second technical evening. This time the subject was “Le projet Seine Escaut Est en Wallonie”.

On November 18, a technical session was organised in Antwerp about the new fleet of the Flemish Maritime Administration. Well documented papers about the construction of the new SWATH-vessels were presented. You can find them on www.pianc-aipcn.be.

Finally on December 10, an autumn seminar was organised in Namur. More than 70 participants could learn everything about the new organisation SPW (Service Public Wallon) and about “Environnement et voies navigables”



With great regret we also have to mention that ir. Luc Steyaert passed away on June 16. He was a former vice-president of PIANC-Belgium.

In his successful professional career he was amongst many others in charge of the construction works for the new outer harbour in Zeebrugge and the new airport terminal in Brussels.

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Luc Van Damme representing PIANC.be anywhere .

During this celebration year a delegation of 7 Belgian members participated in the 6th Argentinean Congress of Port Engineering in Buenos Aires. 8 papers were presented by the Belgian delegation; 3 among them are about the works on the Panama Canal where Belgian contractors play a leading role.

The problem with the ash cloud caused by the Eyjafjallajökull made the post-conference tour extra long. There were no complains about that.

The highlight of 2010 was of course the international conference in Liverpool.



PIANC - Belgium received the BP award



Mr Thomas Gernay received the DPW award

A delegation of 62 Belgian participants was very active as well in the AGA as in the congress itself.

Mr Thomas Gernay received the DPW award with his paper “Optimization of lock gates in the framework of the Seine-Escaut Est Waterway”. He gave an excellent presentation on the paper and received the prize of 5.000 euros.

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Furthermore, PIANC-Belgium was elected as the best performing section of 2010. The picture demonstrates the joy this recognition caused among the Belgian delegation.

During the congress the Belgian delegation presented 23 papers. Belgium was also very well represented in the exhibition.

On the Left: Prof. Eng. Philippe Rigo, Belgian candidate for the succession of ir. Eric Van den Eede whose mandate is coming to an end in May 2011.



The highlight of the congress was of course the traditional Belgian reception. The Maritime Museum was an excellent setting



7 Juin 2010
Lunch à l'honneur
de ir. Henri Brouet

for an unforgettable evening with the Cheatles. "She was just seventeen" ... and many other songs were very much appreciated by the audience.

Once again many PIANC-friends enjoyed the social networking.

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FACTS and FIGURES

Membership in 2010

Platinum member:	3
Life member:	23
Honorary member:	3
Individual member:	126
Small collective member:	44
Great collective member:	8



PIANC-AIPCN.be members and the sea: united

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