

## NATIONAL ACTIVITIES 2011

In 2011 PIANC-Belgium lost two pioneers of the Belgian Section. On February 28, ir. Robert De Paepe, honorary president of PIANC passed away, and on July 18, ir. Johan Demoen, honorary first delegate PIANC-AIPCN.be passed away.

Traditionally PIANC-Belgium started the year 2011 on January 20 with the culinary walk, this time in the city of Kortrijk, organised by the Belgian Young Professionals. 18 gourmands participated.



Eng Johan Demoen



Freddy AERTS and Joris DOCKX of the A M T

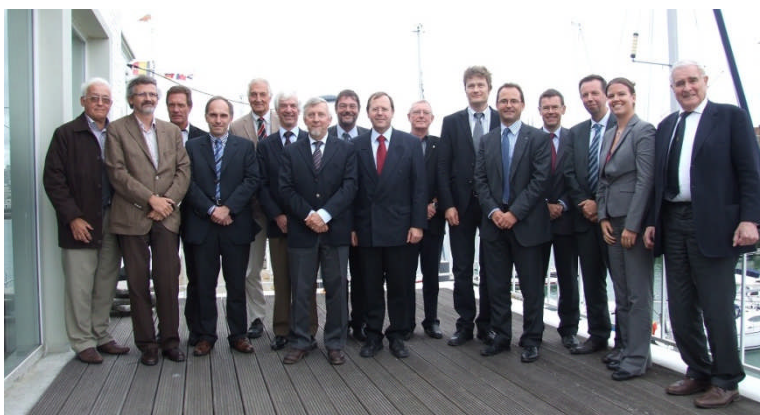


We remark P. RIGO, A. MOENS and J-M HIVER



Y KREPS-HEYNDRIKX and Robert SIMOEN

On March 31, the annual general assembly of PIANC-Belgium took place. It was the Flemish region that organised the meeting in Hof ten Damme in Kallo on the left bank of the river Scheldt (Waaslandhaven - port of Antwerp). About 86 members participated in the assembly.



On the picture, taken after a PIANC.be meeting at the Royal North Sea Yachtclub in Ostend, we also remark to the right, ir. Jean Jacques De Cloedt, honorary president, Joke Lievens, president YP and ir. Dirk Geeraerts, former commissioner

During this meeting the following members were elected for a 4-year mandate:

ir. Peter Mortier,  
ir. Yvon Loyaerts,  
ir. Philippe Rigo,  
ir. Jos Smits and  
ir. Bart Verboomen.

The board of PIANC-Belgium is now constituted as follows:

ir. Alfons Moens, president (port of Brussels)  
ir. Fernand Desmyter, first delegate (Flemish Authority)  
ir. Bart Verboomen, vice-president (Baggerwerken De Cloedt & Zn: DEME Group)  
ir. Luc Van Damme, secretary-treasurer (Flemish Authority)  
ir. Peter Mortier, member (port of Ghent)  
ir. Yvon Loyaerts, member (Wallonia Authority)  
ir. Denis Maly, member (port of Zeebrugge)  
ir. Jules Janssen, member (Besix)  
ir. Jacques Hacourt, member (Wallonia Authority)  
Prof. Dr. ir. Julien De Rouck, member (University of Ghent)  
Prof. Dr. ir. Philippe Rigo, member (University of Liège)  
ir. Herbert Smitz and ir. José De Regge (Technum-Tractebel Engineering) were appointed as commissioners.



After the administrative part of the meeting an interesting presentation about the AMORAS-project was presented by Ir. Freddy Aerts and Ir. Joris Dockx of the Department of Maritime Access and Joury Van Gyseghem of the THV SeReAnt. AMORAS is a dewatering treatment plant for dredged material. After the lunch a guided visit to the AMORAS site was organised.

On May 24 2011, the reconstruction of the locks in Maasbracht, Born and Heel in the Netherlands were visited with 87 members. This was an initiative of Ir. Jacques Hacourt (SPW) and Mr. Jean Pollet (Besix). The works are performed by Besix. The visit to the sites included an interesting boat trip.



Ir. Alfons Moens during his first opening speech for PIANC.be



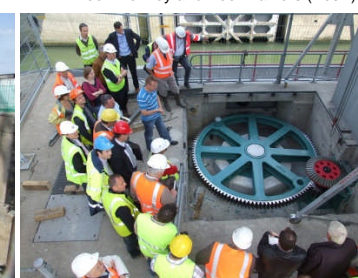
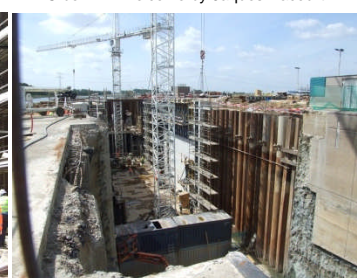
Welcome by Jacques Hacourt



Koen De Mey and Koen Lamers (Besix).



Reconstruction and prolongation of the lock in Born



Panama wheel of the inland navigation lock in Heel



The traditional BBC summer activity was organised on August 26, in Brussels.

Presentations about the railway RER-project, a project to enhance a better mobility in and around the Brussels Region, were given by Ir. Guy Hendrix, Mr. Gerard Dupuis and Ir. Alfons Moens.

On the left: Ir Guy Hendrix during his presentation RER-Project





Mr. Gerard Dupuis during the technical tour. Ir. E. Van den Eede .

BBQ until the late hours

After a visit to the site the 63 participants enjoyed a BBQ until the late hours. During this happening ir. Eric Van den Eede was honoured for his 12-year mandate as international president, which ended in 2011.

Finally on November 18, a second autumn seminar was organised by the SPW in Namur. More than 80 participants could learn everything about the Seine-Scheldt-project in Belgium.

## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

A complete Belgian delegation took part in the AGA-Berlin from May 16 till 19. For the first time in history the presidency of PIANC went over to a non-Belgian member of PIANC.

Mr. Geoffroy Caude of France was elected president, with the congratulations of PIANC-Belgium.

A delegation of Belgian participants, headed by prof. Philippe Rigo, was very active in the Smart Rivers Conference in New Orleans (13-16 September). During this conference, it was decided that the next conference in 2013 will take place in Liège-Maastricht, as a joined organisation of PIANC-Belgium and PIANC-Netherlands.

## FACTS and FIGURES

### Membership in 2011

Platinum member:	3
Life member:	23
Honorary member:	3
Individual member:	124
Small collective member:	46
Great collective member:	8

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