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NATIONAL ACTIVITIES 2013

Traditionally the PIANC-AIPCN. Belgium Young Professionals started their year 2013 on January 17 with a culinary road trip. This time organized in Brussels, on which 15 gourmands participated.

On March 26 2013, the **annual general assembly** of PIANC-AIPCN. Belgium took place. About 92 members participated in the assembly. This year, it was the Brussels region that organised the annual meeting in the neighbourhood of the Port of Brussels, on a place where you can still find the ancient warehouses and sheds. The assembly itself took place in one of the marvellous old wine cellars of the port.



Ancient warehouses and sheds



General assembly in the old wine cellars

During the statutory part of the assembly, three new board members were appointed: ir. Freddy Aerts (Flemish authority), prof. dr. ir. Peter Troch (UGhent) and ir. Jean Polet (Besix) in replacement of ir. Luc Van Damme, prof. dr. ir. Julien De Rouck and ir. Jules Janssen. Ir. L. Van Damme, now retired, was appointed as treasurer of PIANC-AIPCN.be.

During the academic part of the assembly, interesting presentations about the foundation and the construction of the Up-site-project, bordering the ABC canal were presented. Up-site building the new landmark of Brussels-North.



Up-site building



Port of Brussels from the top of the tower



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Tour & Taxis



Top-information to the PIANC group

The lunch was served in the Royal Depot of Tour & Taxis.

Afterwards a numerous part of the PIANC members took the opportunity to climb up the highest residence tower in Brussels (140 m high), still in construction. They could admire all construction phases from fresh concrete at the top, to furnishing activities in the base part apartments of the tower.

On Mai 23 2013 a one day seminar on “**Renewal Energy**” was organised by the Belgian PIANC Young Professionals. This included a visit by boat to the wind-farms on the Belgian part of the North-sea. Unfortunately, due to the extreme bad weather circumstances, the trip to the windmills was impossible. So the festivity “Oostende voor Anker” was an alternative for the seminars attendees.



YP During their visit to "Oostende voor Anker"



The traditional **summer event** was organized on August 30 2013, at the Deurganckdok-lock under construction on the Waaslandhaven (Left bank of the port of Antwerp).

This new lock will be, when finished, (once again) the biggest in the world. The lock have the same dimensions of the Berendrecht-lock (right bank), but the bottom of the lock lies at -17.80 TAW, so what 4,30 meter deeper.



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Interesting presentations and a visit to the construction site were followed by a delicious BBQ for the 59 participants.





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From 23 to 27 September PIANC-AIPCNI.be organised together with PIANC-NI the Smart Rivers Conference 2013.

The Belgian part took place in the city of Liège. You can find more details about this very successful organization in this yearbook.



Smart Rivers 2013 : Maastricht Liège

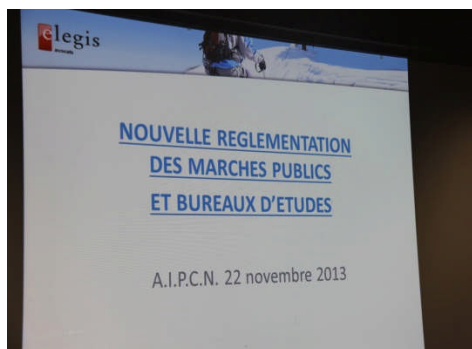




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Finally, November 22, the fourth autumn SPW seminar was organised in Namur. More than 40 participants attended. The new rules for public tenders were the central item of this seminar.



You find more about our Belgian activities in 2013 on our national website www.pianc-aipcn.be

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

A complete Belgian delegation took part in the AGA-Marseille and the 2nd Med Days from May 20 till 24 2013.



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FACTS and FIGURES

Membership in 2013

Platinum member:	2	
Life member:	22	
Honorary member:	3	
Individual member:	124	
Small collective member:	47	
Large collective member:	9	
Student members:	24	



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