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THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE THEMES
HAVE BEEN SELECTED:

1. Information Services and Technology for Inland Waterway Transport
2. International and Trans-boundary Collaboration in IWT and River Management
3. Integration of IWT in the intermodal supply chain
4. IWT and the environment (including climate change)
5. Inland Ports and Waterways
6. Hydraulic Structures
7. Multi-purpose use of river systems (transport, energy, recreation)
8. Operational management and maintenance of waterways
9. Inland waterway vessel types, ship manoeuvrability in waterways

23 - 27 September 2013

**PIANC - SMART Rivers
Conference 2013**

Maastricht / Liège

www.smartivers2013.org

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The SMART Rivers Conference is a biennial forum bringing together those involved in river transport from countries all over the world.

The PIANC SMART Rivers Conference 2013, the sixth of its kind, is unique because it is held in two cities along the same river: Maastricht, the Netherlands and Liège, Belgium both bordering the river Meuse, 25 kilometers apart.

The Conference will comprise two days of preconference meetings and workshops in Maastricht, two days of technical sessions in Liège and one day of technical excursions.

A number of networking events will be offered to maximize your opportunities for a lively exchange of new ideas. You can look forward to reconnecting with old friends and meeting new colleagues at the conference social events.

The SMART Rivers Conference started as an initiative of major international organizations in the field of Inland Water Transport to promote transport by barge, the first conference being held in 2005 in Pittsburgh. As from 2011, SMART Rivers has been placed under the umbrella of PIANC.

KEY DATES

Abstracts due:	1 January 2013
Author notification:	1 March 2013
Registration opens:	1 March 2013
Presentations due:	1 July 2013
Conference:	23-27 September 2013

PROGRAMME

VENUE

ORGANISATION

WorkShops

shopping

EXHIBITION

TECHNICAL excursions

WORKSHOPS

Five workshops have been planned. Details will be available on the Conference website.

1. Design Guidelines for Inland Waterways
2. Dynamic Traffic Management
3. Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Lessons Learned
4. Ship Behaviour in Locks
5. Values of Inland Waterways

CONFERENCE FEE

The PIANC - SMART Rivers Conference 2013 will include two days for meetings of commissions, working groups and workshops in Maastricht, two days for presentations in Liège and one day for technical excursions to the Netherlands and Belgium. It offers ample opportunities for networking.

The Conference fee for non-PIANC members is:

- € 100 for a half day workshop, including lunch
- € 150 for a one day workshop, including lunch
- € 500 for the two days conference, including the conference banquet
- € 550 for the two days conference, including a technical excursion and the conference banquet
- € 150 student fee for the two days conference, including a technical excursion

The Conference fee for PIANC members is:

- € 75 for a half day workshop, including lunch
- € 100 for a one day workshop, including lunch
- € 450 for the two days conference, including the conference banquet
- € 500 for the two days conference, including a technical excursion and the conference banquet

There is no special partner programme. However, partners are welcome at social events. A banquet ticket for partners or students is € 50 per person. Technical excursions are free for partners.

The list of papers will be available on the Conference website in due time.

EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

Take the opportunity to join the Conference as an exhibitor! Adjacent to the conference rooms, there will be an exhibition in the Grand Hall of the Palais des Congrès in Liège. The participation cost in the exhibition is:

- € 600 for a booth of 6 m², including 3 panels of 2 m², 1 table, 2 chairs, electricity, WiFi
- € 1000 for a booth of 12 m², including 4 panels of 3m², 1 table, 2 chairs, electricity, WiFi

For more information, please contact Ms. Amandine de Coster of Conceptum Conferences and Events (adecoster@conceptum.eu) www.smartrivers2013.org.

TECHNICAL EXCURSIONS

On the last day of the Conference, participants have a choice between six technical excursions in the Netherlands and Belgium. Please note that the number of participants per excursion may be limited.

1. **River Meuse, the Netherlands**
Boat tour showing upgrading of the Meuse River and Julianakanaal and Barge Terminal Born
2. **By-pass canal of the city of 's Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands**
10 km new canal, construction of two new locks and several road and railway bridges
3. **Barge terminals at Maasvlakte 2, Port of Rotterdam**
Lectures on the construction of Maasvlakte 2 and policy to promote inland waterway transport, visit of a barge terminal
4. **Visit of major Meuse river infrastructures and projects near Liege including the Port of Liege, Belgium**
Construction site of the new TEN-T lock at Ivoz-Ramet (dimension 25 x 220 m), visit of the Liege harbour and presentation of the Trilogiport project
5. **Shiplifts of the historic and present-day Canal du Centre, Belgium**
Visit of the UNESCO World Heritage hydraulic shiplifts dating from 1910 and visit of the new giant shiplift at Strépy-Thieu, 73 m waterhead !
6. **Cycling tour along the Meuse river and the Albert canal, Belgium**
From Liège to the construction site of the new TEN-T lock in Lanaye, approximately 45 km, including several short visits to the Port of Liège and presentation and visit of the new lock of Lanaye.