

## PIANC

### **Incom Inland Waterways Commission**

#### **Annual Report 2007**

The purpose of this report is to give details of the activities of the Incom Commission over the past year.

#### **1 - REPORT ON MEETINGS**

The InCom Commission held two meetings during the year 2007:

- Meeting No. 55, held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February in Brussels.
- Meeting No. 56, held on 21<sup>th</sup> September in LOUISVILLE (KENTUCKY)

The meetings were aimed mainly at achieving the following:

- informing the members about the activities of the Association
- giving an update of progress made by the various working groups,
- preparing new working groups,
- drawing up the INCOM action plan for the 2006 – 2010 period

One final report from working group has been published this year, the report from WG No. 28: " Developments in automation and remote control of river works (dams, locks, movable bridges)". This report has been published under the number PIANC WG 96.

One working group has been created, WG 32 "Performance Indicators for Inland Waterways Transport"

Mrs Sandra KNIGHT resigned as a chairman and has been replaced by Mr Ian WHITE.

#### **2 - STATE OF PROGRESS OF WORKING GROUPS**

##### INCOM WG 27 : Guidelines to reduce environmental impact of vessels

The report is now ready. The final report has been sent to publication

##### INCOM WG 29: « Waterways locks design »

This group is following its work under efficient chairmanship of Mr Rigo.

From the beginning of this working group, it has held five meetings. In 2007 the group held two meetings in GRENOBLE (FRANCE) and AMSTERDAM (NETHERLAND),

The report should be ready in draft form for end of 2008 and published in 2009.

##### INCOM WG 30: Inventory of inspection and repair techniques

The working group is progressing actively. In 2007 the group held three meetings in LYON (FRANCE), KUOPIO, KOLI and LAPPEENRANTA (FINLAND) and LOUISVILLE (USA)

After Mr Willis' retirement, Mr Eric Van Draeg (Belgique) has been nominated as new Chairman.

The final report should be ready in a draft form at end of year 2008.

#### INCOM WG 31: « Management and missions of rivers ports »

Mr Morin , Chairman, is managing the working group which is undertaking this activity.

Until now, six meetings have been held in Europe and in the USA, the last of them in ROTTERDAM on December 2007.

Final report is planned to be ready by the end of year 2008.

#### INCOM WG 32: Performance Indicators for Inland Waterways Transport

The first meeting (kick off meeting) of this group took place in LOUISVILLE on the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Mr R. PFLIEGL accepted the position of Chairman of this working group.

Next meetings will occur in February in VIENNA and in May in BEIJING. An intermediate report will be drawn up during the autumn of 2008 for publication in early 2009.

### **3 – CREATION OF NEW WORKING GROUPS**

During the year 2007, the launching of four working groups has been decided:

#### PIANC WG 125 : new working group about River Information Services (RIS)

This working group is to update the report done some years ago by our working group 22.

The TOR have been approved and the call to members has been launched in December 2007.

#### PIANC WG 127 : New working group on fish passes

Project terms of references have been prepared by Mr CLARKSON.

The TOR have been approved and the call to members has been launched in December 2007.

#### PIANC WG 128 : New working group for alternative bank protection

Project terms of references have been prepared by Mr WHITE.

The TOR have been approved and the call to members has been launched in December 2007.

#### PIANC WG 129 : New working group related to asset management

Project terms of references have been prepared by Mr BEHRENDT.

The TOR have been approved and the call to members has been launched in December 2007.

### **5 – INCOM ACTION PLAN**

The action plan was discussed in all meetings. It is based on the association's "Strategic Plan 2006 – 2010" and its main strategic themes. Three main chapters have been selected:

- Guides and Recommendations
- Cooperation and Networking

- Information and Communication Technologies

## **6 - COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION**

Many changes have been registered this year in the composition of the INCOM commission:

- The chair has changed : Mrs Sandra KNIGHT resigned and has been replaced by Mr Ian WHITE.

Nine new members have been designated :

⌘ Mr John Clarkson, USACE, Chief Structural Engineer of Huntington district (West Virginia). He is the new USA representative and is replaces Mr Batra

⌘ Mr Ron Coles, vice president of Hanson Professionnal Services of Nashville (Tennessee) is Mr Clarkson's substitute.

⌘ Mr Francisco Esteban Lefler, Director at the the technical service of FCC Construction SA in Madrid. He is representing Spain and is succeeding to Mr Berenguer

⌘ Mr Michael Fastenbauer, Head of Transport Management for VIA DONAU is representing Austria.

⌘ Mr Troegl, Team Manager RIS for VIA DONAU is joining the Commission as young professional from Austria

⌘ Mr Luca Crose, is representing Italy

⌘ Mss Muskatirovic, is representing a new member of PIANC, SERBIA.

⌘ Mr Ljubisa is acting as a substitute for Mss Muskatirovic.

## **7 - CONCLUSIONS**

A good work has been done in 2007, with one report published and four new working groups on the trail.

A notable feature of the year has been the INCOM commitment in the SMART RIVERS CONFERENCE in LOUISVILLE (Kentucky) in september