

The Norwegian Section of PIANC

2016 was a very good and active year for the Norwegian section. Representatives from PIANC Norway, took part in international events like COPEDEC in Rio de Janeiro, and the AGA in Brügge. We have also experienced an increased interest to take part and contributing at national conferences.

PIANC Norway has adopted PIANC international model by introducing Platina membership. Two firms have already joined as Platina members, the international consultant firm “Norconsult” and The Port of Borg.

The Board of PIANC Norway is proud to announce that our YP-section is growing and very active. Not least thanks to Onno Musch, who has taken responsibility for the Norwegian YPs by arranging several seminars and technical tours. By the end of 2016, PIANC Norway consists of 63 individual members, 14 corporate members, 3 honorary members and 10 YP-members in addition to our 2 Platina members. Our aim is to increase the number members further in 2017.



The Port of Borg Director Tore Lundestad receives the proof of being the first Platin-member of PIANC Norway!



Tore Lundestad – Vice President, Kjetil Braaten - the Port Director of Longyearbyen, Fridtjof Wangsvik - 1. Delegate and Roar Johansen, President PIANC Norway, during the Gala dinner I Longyearbyen!

Through 2016 our members have had the opportunity to take part in several technical seminars and workshops. The AGA in Brügge was attended by 6 delegates from Norway. It was a superb event, in a beautiful setting. For us the AGA is a perfect arena to meet friends and colleges with a common interest in maritime infrastructure. Networking and exchange of knowledge between dedicated engineers, are always added value for our delegates.



Technical seminar 2016 in Longyearbyen, Svalbard.

PIANC Norway's technical seminar was held in Longyearbyen in the high Arctic at 78° north with the Port of Longyearbyen as our host. The Port Director, Kjetil Braaten, contributed to make this seminar the most popular in decades. In addition to different technical lectures and presentations, we took part in technical tours where The Port of Longyearbyen was the main attraction. As with most PIANC events the social aspect is very important and popular. "The House" in Longyearbyen, known for its exquisite cuisine and extensive vine cellar, was the venue for the Gala dinner.



PIANC Norway in the high Arctic!

From the Technical visit, Port of Longyearbyen

We also attended a beer-tasting session at the northernmost brewery in the world. The Svalbard Beer was indeed worth a taste – and a few pints!

During the autumn PIANC Norway had a technical seminar where fenders and fender systems was the topic. One of PIANC International's Platina members, Trelleborg, was the main contributor and sponsor of the seminar. The program was very well received by the participants.

The Annual meeting was held in the end of November. It was hosted and sponsored by The Port of Oslo. As always the board of PIANC Norway made the general assembly more interesting by adding lectures and presentations on port infrastructure and coastal engineering.

At the annual meeting the board of PIANC Norway stressed the importance of active members. We have introduced a financial support scheme to make it even more attractive for our individual members to attend working groups.



Members at the annual meeting, Port of Oslo

PIANC Norway will express gratitude to our international colleges and “family” members for their contribution in making 2016 such a good year for our “congregation”. We are already preparing for the AGA in Cairns and NORDPIANC in Stockholm!

PIANC Norway – YP

2016 has been a year with many activities for YP-Com Norway. From active recruitment at the annual student career fair, to interesting and social events for both existing members and potential recruits.

The Coastal Engineering Day, 26.05.2016 brought together the coastal engineering professionals and students from NTNU to discuss new developments in the field as well as focusing on the academic options and possibilities for coastal engineering in Norway. The day concluded with the 'Best Master Presentation' competition, where master students presented their papers and participants voted on the best presentation. Congratulations Athul Sasikumar with the winning presentation!

In August YP-Com Norway arranged a technical visit to the Kongsberg Maritime ship-simulator facilities where participants were able to try out various simulations of shipping scenarios. After the technical visit participants were invited to dinner at the newly opened Dahls Brewery.

Thank you to all those who participated in the events and lets keep it up in the coming year!



Professor, Øivind Arntsen, presenting at Coastal Engineering Day



YP-Com delegate, Onno Musch, at student career fair, NTNU.



Great atmosphere during dinner at the newly opened Dahls Brewery following the technical visit.



Trying out the 'narrow passage' simulator during the technical visit of Kongsberg Maritime ship-simulator facilities.