

SmartRivers 2006
International Joint Conference on synergies for an
efficient waterway system in Europe and the US
Brussels, 5–7 November 2006

(Registration form at the end of the programme)



5 November

- Arrival of the American participants
- Guided tour of Brussels
- Evening reception in the City Hall

6 November

- 11 am – 1 pm** **Visit of the Port of Brussels**
Welcome drink in the offices of the port
Presentation of an inland port in the heart of
Europe; history and presentation of various
projects by Charles Huygens

Followed by a boat trip and presentation of the port facilities

- 1:00 – 2:30 pm** **Lunch offered by the Port of Brussels**
- 2:30 – 5:30 pm** **Transfer to Antwerp and visit of the port facilities**
- 5:30 – 7:00 pm** **Transfer to Brussels**

7 November

Location: Hotel Bedford in the centre of Brussels

- 8:30 – 9:00 am** Registration and welcome coffee

Session 1: *The contribution of inland waterways to the development of a sustainable transport system*

The institutional framework in Europe and the US

Chairman: Corien Wortmann-Kool, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome address by the Chairman of the Transport Committee in the EP, Paolo Costa (tbc)
Presentation of the European Common Transport Policy and the importance of American-European partnership in transport

9:15 – 9:30 am Institutional challenges to improving US Waterways – Helen Brohl, Executive Director of Committee for Marine Transportation (invited)

9:30 – 9:45 am Presentation of the Commission's priorities for the development of inland waterways and ports – Commissioner Jacques Barrot (invited)

9:45 – 10:00 am The US's States' Role in inland waterway transportation – Larry L. "Butch" Brown, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Transportation and Chairman of the American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials Committee on Inland Waterways

10:00 – 10:15 am National inland navigation policy – Austrian Supreme Shipping Authority, Reinhard Vorderwinkler (tbc)

10:15 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 10:50 am Coffee break

The viewpoint of the actors

Chairman: Fotis Karamitsos, Director Maritime Transport and Intermodality, European Commission (tbc)

10:50 – 11:05 am The viewpoint of the shipping industry - Heinz Hofmann, President of European Barge Union

11:05 – 11:20 am Private Sector Role in Waterway Infrastructure Development – Daniel P. Mecklenborg, Senior Vice President, HR & Chief Legal Officer, Ingram Barge Company

11:20 – 11:35 am The viewpoint of the shippers – Dick van den Broek Humphrey, President European Shippers Council

11:35 – 11:50 am The viewpoint of the clients (freight forwarders) – Jean-Claude Delen, President of CLECAT (tbc)

11:50 – 12:15 am Discussion

12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch

Session 2: ***The need for adapted transport infrastructures and partnerships – Understanding the social and environmental benefits of IWT***

Chairman: **Charles Huygens, General Manager Port of Brussels**

1:30 – 1:45 pm The Inland Ports' viewpoint – Willy Robijns, President of European Federation of Inland Ports

1:45 – 2:00 pm US Innovation in Assessing Economic Impact of Navigation – Jerald Barnes, Chief of Operations of the US Army Corps of Engineers

2:00 – 2:15 pm The European experience through the Trans-European Networks – Edgar Thielmann, European Commission (tbc)

2:15 – 2:30 pm Major infrastructure projects: The example of the Seine – Nord Europe – Nicolas Bour, VNF, Project Manager

2:30 – 3:00 pm Discussion

3:00 – 3:20 pm Coffee Break

Session 3: ***Changing infrastructural frame work for infrastructure management***

Chairman: **Robert Portiss, Port Director at Tulsa's Port of Catoosa**

3:20 – 3:35 pm The added value of inland Ports for the development of seaports – Patrick Verhoeven, European Sea Ports Organisation

3:35 – 3:50 pm The added value inland waterway ports and carriers bring to the deepwater Port of New Orleans – Gary LaGrange, President and CEO of the Port of New Orleans

3:50 – 4:05 pm An example of cooperation: the Interports project – Holger Platz, Planco

4:05 – 4:40 pm Discussion

Session 4: ***Developing strategies for an efficient water system in Europe and the US***

4:40 – 6:00 pm Round table

Wrap up session 1 - Chairman: Journalist from the Lloyd (tbc)

“Possible future conferences and a more permanent organization”

1. Bruce Lambert, Secretary of US Section of PIANC and senior Economist of US Army Corps of Engineers
2. Butch Brown, Mississippi Department of Transportation
3. James R. McCarville, Executive Director, Port of Pittsburgh Commission
4. Otto Schwetz, TINA Vienna
5. Manfred Seitz, via donau
6. Willy Robijns, Diane Chevreux, European Federation of Inland Ports
7. Eric van Eede, President PIANC international

Wrap up session 2 - Chairman: Sandra Knight

“Areas for Continued Research and Benchmarking”

1. Barry Palmer, CEO Waterways Council, Inc.
2. Worth Hager, President, National Waterways Conference
8. Deirdre McGowan, Executive Director, Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals, Inc. Otto Schwetz, TINA Vienna
9. Manfred Seitz, via donau
10. Willy Robijns, Diane Chevreux, European Federation of Inland Ports
11. Fotis Karamitsos, Director Maritime Transport & Intermodality, European Commission
12. Patrick Verhoeven, ESPO – European Sea Ports Organisation

6:00 – 7:00 pm Cocktail

8/9/10 November – Additional Programme for the American partners

Additionally, the European partners can organise or facilitate a visit to:

- Port of Paris
- Port of Rotterdam
- Port of Duisburg
- Port of Vienna
- Strépy–Thieu Liff

NB: This list is provided as an example and should be further discussed as a function of interest of US participants.

Concept

Bringing together all partners involved in the development of inland waterways, inland ports and seaports around the theme of an efficient water system in Europe and the US.

Who should attend?

American side

- American Partners
- American Inland Ports
- American seaports
- Administration
- Media
- AAPA
- UACE
- USCG
- National Waterways Conference
- others

European side

- European partners
- Members of European Federation of Inland Ports
- Members of the European Parliament
- Members of the European Commission
- Permanent representations and Council
- Other associations
 - Inland Navigation Europe
 - European Barge Union
 - European Shippers' Council
 - European Sea Ports Organisation
 - CLECAT (European Association of forwarding, transport, logistic and custom services)
 - European Intermodal Association
 - European Shipowners' Association
 - Federation of European Private Ports Operators
 - Eurocommerce
- Media
- Think tanks or platforms involved in American–European partnerships

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SmartRivers 2006 Conference – REGISTRATION FORM

7 November 2006 – Brussels (Belgium)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To participate in **the SmartRivers 2006 Conference**, please register as a delegate.

The **registration fee is EUR €150 (free of charge for speakers and institutions).**

Payment may be made by

Bank Transfer

An invoice will be sent on registration with full bank transfer details.

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CANCELLATIONS & SUBSTITUTIONS

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

To register **for SmartRivers 2006**, please complete and return this form to the Registration Office. If you wish to register more than 2 delegates, please photocopy this form.

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Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Organisation: _____

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ACCOMMODATION

Special accommodation rates have been negotiated at the Hotel Bedford where the conference takes place and are available to delegates. But it is possible to stay in another hotel. Further details will be sent on receipt of a completed delegate registration form.