Smart Rivers 2017

The SMART Rivers Conference is a biennial international forum bringing together those involved in river transport to benchmark best practices for inland waterways around the world, and to better integrate inland waterborne transport into the global supply chain. Originally the “Strategic Maritime Asset Research and Transformation for 21st Century River Systems”, SmartRivers began in 2004 with a cooperation agreement between U.S. and European partners. The first conference was held in October 2005 in Pittsburgh, so it is fitting that we return to the ‘City of Three Rivers’ for this eighth SmartRivers conference. Beginning in 2011, the SmartRivers conference series was placed under the umbrella of PIANC, the World Association of Waterborne Transport Infrastructure.

Participants and presenters are sought to share their experiences, practices, and especially innovations. We invite you to submit an abstract and join us in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, to experience a week full of networking, technical presentations, short courses, and the latest science and information on navigation technology.

Smart Rivers 2017 will include:
- Technical Short Courses
- Plenary Sessions
- Keynote Speakers from Around the World
- Concurrent Technical Session Tracks
- Industry Exhibition
- Technical and Cultural Tours

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 events.

Key Dates
Abstracts Due: February 1, 2017
Author Notification: April 2017
Presentations Due: August 2017
Conference: September 18-21, 2017

Promote Your Organization’s Products & Services

Sign up today to get the best booth locations!

Organizations that provide services or goods related to any aspects of inland waterborne transport are cordially invited to join us at Smart Rivers 2017. This conference provides an excellent opportunity to maintain industry contacts, cultivate new customers, and increase recruiting potential. The professional interaction and exchange of ideas remains a hallmark of the SmartRivers conference series.

For More Information

For more information about the conference, please visit our website at http://pianc.sites.usa.gov or contact us at pianc@usace.army.mil or (703) 428-8565.

PIANC USA was organized in 1902 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers serving as the Secretariat located at the Institute for Water Resources in Alexandria, VA. Its goal is to advance the sustainable development of shallow and deep-draft navigation issues including dredging and dredged material disposal, navigation and port infrastructure, recreational navigation and related environmental matters.
Welcome to Pittsburgh

In holding our conference in Pittsburgh, we are returning to the location of the first Smart Rivers Conference! Located at the confluence of three rivers, Pittsburgh has a long and historic tradition of waterway transportation and is fast becoming a must-visit destination for tourism as well. The conference venue is located on the bank of the Monongahela River and right below the famous Monongahela Incline, which offers a picture perfect view of the city. Pittsburgh is also increasingly being known as a food destination and has many famous dishes to try! Technical tours will highlight the diverse and dynamic role that Pittsburgh plays in waterborne transportation.

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