



COASTS, OCEANS, PORTS AND RIVERS INSTITUTE and the U.S. SECTION, INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION ASSOCIATION

Partnering Agreement

In recognition of our common purposes and shared interests, the Coasts, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute (COPRI) and the U.S. Section, International Navigation Association (PIANC) agree to establish this partnership to advance our mutual interests in global navigation and the global coastal, ocean, port, waterway, and riverine environment. We are committed to work together toward the following goals:

- Encourage continuing dialogue and cooperation between COPRI and PIANC at national, state and local levels to advance science, education, technology, and operations;
- Work to expand the network of continuing education opportunities for our members;
- Identify common interests and issues relating to our involvement in the fields of marine science, technology, engineering, construction , and human affairs related to the global water-borne trade environment;
- Develop programs and forums of mutual interest to our members;
- Encourage membership by all professional disciplines interested in the advancement of our purposes and shared vision;
- Collaborate to improve public education and to promote sound public policy on water-borne trade-related issues.

The respective society will be represented as follows:

COPRI President:	James E. Dailey
COPRI Staff:	Brian K. Parsons, Executive Director of COPRI
PIANC President:	Major General Robert H. Griffin
PIANC Staff:	Thomas M. Ballentine, Secretary

COPRI and PIANC would like to formalize their past cooperation and formally create an agreement to further the ongoing mutual cooperation of the two organizations. Historically, cooperation between our organizations has been accomplished through activities including when: the COPRI Institute, in conjunction with PIANC, holds the Ports

conference every three years, the last one being in Norfolk, VA in April 2001; COPRI and PIANC have cooperated on conferences on Dredging; and both COPRI and PIANC have worked together to produce professional technical documents to further the advancement of the profession. The US Section, PIANC holds an annual conference; the most recent one being in April 2000. COPRI holds additional specialty conferences of interest to PIANC members.

It is envisioned this document would be used to guide the development of either jointly sponsored conferences or a mutually agreed schedule of individual conferences operating on a non-competitive basis. If it was deemed desirable to develop a jointly sponsored conference, issues such as the name of the conference, the technical theme of the conference, composition of the governing body, initial funding, start-up date, and division of surplus revenues will be identified and agreed upon in advance. Generally, members of either organization who reside near the location of the conference will help organize sessions and local events at the conference.

It is understood this partnering agreement is conceived as a living document meant to change as circumstances and priorities warrant. This document is a beginning point. The accompanying protocol of specific projects and activities is intended as an integral part of this understanding.

It is agreed that all activities of the parties hereunder shall be consistent with federal, state and local laws, including antitrust laws and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Neither party is authorized by the other under this agreement to act on behalf of or in the name of the other party. Neither party shall have the authority to bind the other in contract, debt or otherwise. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the other.

It is also agreed that this partnering agreement will be instituted for an indefinite period and will be reviewed by both associations bi-annually for relevance and possible amendment.

Executed this 16th day of April, 2002



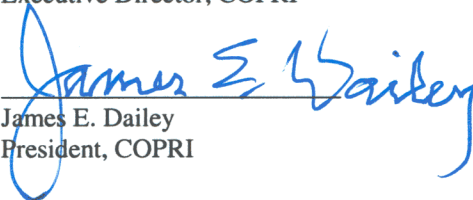
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Protocol
of the
Partnering Agreement
between the
Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute (COPRI)
and the
U.S. Section, International Navigation Association (PIANC)

This protocol identifies specific projects, activities and joint interests the respective signatories have identified as initial steps and activities consistent with the goals and objectives established in a partnering agreement. COPRI and PIANC agree to pursue them in furtherance of the letter and spirit of the agreement, and to do so in accordance with the resources and priorities of the signatories.

- Encourage collaboration on joint meetings, projects and activities.
- Establish direct links on each respective web page.
- Agree to a pricing reciprocity policy which will extend member prices to our respective members for attendance at selected educational workshops and meetings presented by either national organization; to include Sections and Branches as agreed upon separately by the respective Sections and/or Branches.
- Exchange complimentary booth space at agreed upon conferences and technical exhibitions.
- Ensure effective communications between each association and their respective memberships about the partnership and its goals and objectives.
- Develop a protocol which will result in the exchange of membership lists for purposes of marketing educational events, publications, and other educational opportunities to the respective memberships.
- Seek opportunities for collaboration and/or partnerships in the development and implementation of seminars, conferences, or symposiums consistent with the strategic goals and objectives of each organization, specifically to include mutual involvement in conferences such as the COPRI Ports Conference and Dredging Conference and U.S. Section, PIANC conferences.
- Seek opportunities for collaboration and/or partnerships in production of new and innovative publications in areas of mutual interest.
- Share in the financial benefits of mutually supported activities such as conferences, educational events, publications, and any other beneficial work products of the organizations.