



Announcement and Call for Papers

Gulf Coast Hurricane Preparedness, Response, Recovery & Rebuilding Conference

Mobile, Alabama
November 11-14, 2008

The Gulf Coast Hurricane Preparedness, Response, Recovery & Rebuilding Conference is being organized by PIANC USA. The objectives of the event are: to learn from recent hurricane experiences and challenges; to develop proactive navigation preparedness, response and recovery plans on regional and watershed scales; to foster interagency learning, coordination and cooperation leading to community and ecosystem resiliency; and to provide technical experience and directions for engineering and environmental challenges.

This conference is a “must attend” conference for all professionals interested in sharing knowledge and experience in post storm ecosystem restoration and coastal infrastructure protection. Take this opportunity to share your personal insight, technical experience, and knowledge by submitting an abstract for consideration. Download the brochure with complete details at www.pianc.us.

CO-SPONSORS

- American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA)
- Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi
- Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute of ASCE (COPRI)
- EPA Gulf of Mexico Program
- Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association
- National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Northern Gulf Institute
- Transportation Research Board /Marine Board
- US Army Corps of Engineers

CONFERENCE FORMAT

This three-day conference will include:

- technical presentations
- exhibits
- technical field tours to local sites of interest
- pre-conference workshops
- networking functions
- featured luncheon speaker

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- Long Term Economic and Environmental Recovery
- Emergency Preparedness
- Watershed wide flood hazard master planning

- Self Sustaining Ports
- Navigation
- Regional Sediment Management
- Ecosystem Resiliency
- Community Resiliency
- Beneficial Uses of Dredged Material
- Flood and Storm Damage Reduction
- Engineering and Environmental Challenges
- Technological Advances

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFO

Each abstract must be written in English and limited to 500 words. Abstracts shall be submitted to pianc@usace.army.mil. Deadline for abstract submissions: May 15, 2008.

On the abstract form, please:

- Designate the conference topic listed that best fits your paper.
- Provide the required contact information for the corresponding author and any co-authors.
- Include a text-only summary description of the topic of the paper and a statement of why the paper will be of interest and benefit to conference attendees.

MOBILE, ALABAMA

The Gateway to the Gulf Coast, Mobile, Alabama is a beautiful, historic port city by Mobile Bay. From historic homes under a canopy of majestic oaks to lush, tropical gardens, Mobile offers a Southern charm that is unique and enjoyable for visitors from around the world. Founded by the French over three centuries ago, Mobile was once the capital of the Colony of Louisiana and later governed as a colony by both Britain and Spain. Mobile's "gumbo culture," makes it a vibrant port city that is unique in America. Find out all that Mobile Bay has to offer when you attend the conference. With its unique attractions, fresh delicious seafood, Delta excursions, fascinating museums, twenty-one world-class golf courses, white sandy beaches, and beautiful historic homes, the possibilities are endless!

EXHIBITS AND SPONSORS

If you are interested in exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities for this conference, please contact Kelly Barnes at kelly.j.barnes@usace.army.mil or 703-428-9090.

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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. PIANC USA is chaired by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); the President is the Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.