



PIANC 32nd Congress – Liverpool 2010

Invitation to Liverpool



The UK Section of PIANC looks forward to welcoming you to the **Annual General Assembly and 125th Anniversary Congress** in Liverpool next year. Liverpool is a flourishing Atlantic port in a region with a strong maritime and inland waterways heritage, and the original home of “The Mersey Sound” and The Beatles. Recent investment in regeneration and modernisation has transformed Liverpool into a lively, modern waterfront city – the European City of Culture 2008 – while retaining its maritime history as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The AGA and Congress meetings will be held **from 10 to 14 May 2010** in the new Liverpool Convention Centre on the Waterfront in the centre of the city. A choice of modern hotel accommodation has been reserved within close walking distance, and there is a wide variety of eating places nearby.

The Scientific Committee has received over 300 abstracts offering technical papers, so there will be **a lively programme of high-quality technical sessions**. In addition, each Commission will have its own Session in which to showcase and discuss its work. Technical visit options to both the modern port and waterway developments and the historic inland canals are being planned. There will also be opportunity to take an evening buffet cruise on the Mersey Ferry.

The **Partners Programme** includes a guided tour of Liverpool with lunch in the Liverpool Palm House. There will be full-day tour options to the ancient walled city of Chester, and the historic workers village and art gallery of Port Sunlight – home of Sunlight Soap. Liverpool has many museums and art galleries, which will be visited during the week.

The **Congress Reception** will be held in St George’s Hall, one of the finest neo-classical buildings in Europe, and the Congress Banquet in Liverpool Cathedral, described as “one of the great buildings of the world”.



Courtesy The Mersey Partnership



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AGA and Congress Programme Outline

Saturday 8th May

Secretariat meets with UK Organising Committee
Evening: Executive Committee Dinner

Sunday 9th May

Executive Committee meets
Registration opens for AGA and Congress
Evening: AGA Dinner – Liverpool Maritime Museum

Monday 10th May

Annual General Assembly meets – Full day local excursion for partners
Evening: Congress Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening

Tuesday 11th May

Congress Opening Ceremony and Keynote address – Technical Sessions
Full day guided introduction to Liverpool for Partners
Evening: Reception – St George's Hall

Wednesday 12th May

Technical Sessions – Full day cultural excursions for Partners
Evening: Mersey buffet cruise option

Thursday 13th May

Morning Technical Sessions – Local cultural options for Partners
Afternoon Technical and Historical visits – Delegate and Partners
Evening: Mersey buffet cruise option

Friday 14th May

Morning Technical Sessions – Cultural excursion options for Partners
Afternoon Closing Ceremony and Prize Presentations
Evening: Congress Banquet – Liverpool Cathedral

Exhibition and Sponsorship

An integral technical exhibition will be held in the Congress refreshment area. Up to 50 shell units 3m x 2m are available. Companies and organisations are invited to exhibit their expertise and create their own Congress meeting place.

There are also opportunities for a limited number of organisations to reach the delegates through sponsorship of Congress events.

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Getting to Liverpool

Liverpool John Lennon Airport

(www.liverpoolairport.com) is just 11 km from the city centre and is connected directly to many European cities by Easyjet, Flybe, KLM, Ryanair and Wizz Air. Long-distance travellers may find it easiest to fly with the Skyteam Alliance via Amsterdam, from which KLM has several flights a day to Liverpool. There are taxis and an express bus service to the city centre every 30 minutes.

Manchester International Airport

(www.manchesterairport.co.uk) is about 80 km from Liverpool. There is an express coach to Liverpool centre every hour (journey time about 90 minutes).

Delegates who wish to spend time in **London** may find it easiest to travel from London to Liverpool by train from London Euston (www.thetrainline.com). Direct trains take about 3hours.