

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

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.

### Conference Themes:

- **Ecosystem Resiliency: Coastal Recovery**
- **Navigation (Ports & Industry)**
- **Community Resiliency: Watershed Wide Flood Hazard Master Planning**
- **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

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.

## CO-SPONSORS

- American Association of Port Authorities
- Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi
- Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute of ASCE
- EPA Gulf of Mexico Program
- Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association
- National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration
- Northern Gulf Institute
- US Army Corps of Engineers



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Announcement and Call for Papers

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## CONFERENCE FORMAT

THIS FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE:

- **Technical presentations**
- **Exhibits**
- **Technical field tours to local sites of interest**
- **Pre-conference workshops**
- **Networking functions**
- **Featured luncheon speakers**



## TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS

Technical workshops are planned for November 11, 2008. Any professional who is interested in conducting a technical workshop related to the conference topics, and who has a strong background in the specific technical field of expertise, should submit a workshop proposal to PIANC USA. The proposal should include a description of the proposed presenter's qualifications and credentials, a summary of the proposed course content, and a description of how participants will benefit from course attendance. Please send proposals to [pianc@usace.army.mil](mailto:pianc@usace.army.mil).

## 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](mailto:pianc@usace.army.mil). Deadline for abstract submissions: May 15, 2008.

### ON THE ABSTRACT FORM, PLEASE:

Designate the conference theme 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.

Proposing authors must recognize that submission of an abstract indicates commitment to attend the conference to present the paper. PIANC USA will accept or reject proposed papers based on the information provided in the abstract. To the extent possible and appropriate, papers will be assigned to conference technical sessions based on the theme identified by the author and co-authors, as best suited for their subject material.



PIANC USA reserves the right to assign papers to other conference sessions. For questions regarding abstract submission, please contact PIANC USA at [pianc@usace.army.mil](mailto:pianc@usace.army.mil).

## EXPENSES

All expenses associated with the preparation, submission, and presentation of abstracts and papers are the responsibility of the authors and co-authors. Scholarships and/or travel funds are not available for conference attendees. All attendees are required to pay conference registration fees.

## KEY DATES

- ★ **Abstracts due: May 15, 2008**
- ★ **Author Notification: June 15, 2008**
- ★ **Registration Opens: August, 2008**
- ★ **Presentations Due to Moderators: October 28, 2008**
- ★ **Conference: November 11-14, 2008**

## DESTINATION 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!

## PIANC USA

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. [www.pianc.us](http://www.pianc.us)

## EXHIBITS AND SPONSORS

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