

WORKSHOP 2019
THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 2019, 14.45 – 17.30 h
Congress hotel Park Inn

“ACCIDENTS IN INLAND NAVIGATION”

Inland Waterway Transport is a safe and sustainable mode of transport. On European waterways it carries 550m tons of cargo and 1.4 million passengers. It disposes over 40.000 km of waterways out of which many rivers and canals are part of the Trans-European Transport Network TEN-T which by 2030 need to comply with European standards regarding a.o. water level.

According to CESNI (CESNI/PT (18)63) serious accidents on waterways are rare. In the past 50 years there has only been a half dozen accidents that have interrupted navigation on the Rhine for more than 48 hours.

Insurance companies in Europe face an increasing number of incidents in inland navigation causing high damages to vessels. Notwithstanding the high technical standard of the vessels and highly advanced equipment to assist the crew on board the number of accidents seems to increase. Reasons so far are not sufficiently known and analysed although according to insurers 70 % seem to be caused by human factors. On the other hand external factors like low water and insufficiently maintained waterways also have a major influence on this development.

CESNI recently launched an initiative to include accidents registration of inland navigation in its work program to allow an analysis of the accidents and incidents. IVR welcomes this initiative. It initiated within its Loss Prevention Committee attempts to investigate into accidents and is prepared to support such initiative. It proposes a joint approach with all parties involved – authorities, waterway managers, carriers, insurers – in order to prevent accidents as much as possible.

By tabling this topic IVR aims to promote the establishment of harmonized data collection systems that would allow reliable analyses of the causes of accidents resulting in recommendations towards appropriate measures.

In the workshop these recent developments are discussed from different angles including the legal consequences and liabilities of accidents on inland waterways.

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- For IVR-members included in congress fee.
- For IVR-members not attending the congress EURO 50,-- excl. VAT
- For non-members EURO 100,-- excl. VAT

PROGRAM

14.45-17.30 H

Moderator: **Stéphanie PEIGNEY-COUDERC**, *Cheffe de Bureau Inland Waterway Transport, Ministry of Transport, Paris*

14.45 Opening and set the scene by the moderator to be followed by presentations from

Ronald Koops, *Sr. Hull Underwriter RSA Nederland Global Risk Solutions and chair Loss Prevention Committee IVR*

Collection and analyses of accidents by insurers

Brummelen, Timco van (WVL), *Senior adviseur Nautische Veiligheid, Rijkswaterstaat Water, Verkeer en Leefomgeving (tbc)*

Presentation of a national accident database from a waterway managers' perspective

Kirsten Schreiber, *Intergo (tbc):*

Presentation vessel bridge collisions and the human element

15.45 Break

16.15-17.15 presentations by

Pieter den Haan, *lawyer AKD NV*

Legal consequences and liabilities resulting from accidents in inland navigation based on recent examples

Representative CCRN/CESNI, *Role and initiatives of CCNR/CESNI*

17.15. Recommendations and conclusions

17.30 Closure