

IVR Congress

Frankfurt am Main | 15-17 May 2024



"Navigating into the future, the value and versatility of inland waterways"

Location: Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof, Am Kaiserplatz, Bethmannstraße 33, 60311 Frankfurt am Main

13:30 - 15:15 | Workshop part 1



13:30 - 13:45 | Anneke Kooiman

Official opening of the IVR Congress 2024 by the president of IVR.

13:45 - 14:15 | Maurits van der Linde

Understanding the context in which wheelhouse / bridge collisions occur



Maurits van der Linde works as a policy advisor on safety and dangerous goods for the Royal Dutch Inland Shipping Organization (KBN). He is also secretary of the safety and environment committee of the European Inland Waterway Platform (IWT). He is the initiator of the Platform Zero Incidents (PZI), an initiative of the inland shipping industry to collect incident data with the aim of learning from them and preventing future events. The PZI database currently contains more than 8,000 incident reports and near misses.

14:15 - 14:45 | Jan Eric Klonki

Safety Culture in Inland Navigation – Examples to enhance Safety Culture and reduce incidents more efficiently than "more rules and regulations"



Jan Klonki's maritime journey began as a Ship's Mechanic on container ships, where he mastered vessel maintenance and operations. With a degree in Nautical Science, he progressed to Marine Officer, navigating global voyages and ensuring crew safety. Joining Imperial Logistics in 2014 (acquired by HGK in 2020), Jan initially contributed to their Inland Barging division, focusing on Quality, Environment, Health, and Safety. His role evolved to oversee the Shipping Training Center and promote a robust safety culture. In 2023, he assumed a broader role, coordinating all Quality, Health, and Safety matters for the entire HGK Group. Currently, Jan drives safety initiatives across HGK Group and HGK Shipping, prioritizing safety culture and standards.

14:45 - 15:15 | Didier Leandri

Inland waterways in service of the 2024 Olympics



Didier Leandri began his career in the shipping industry in 1993, later becoming a key figure in various sectors. Notably, he played a pivotal role in the establishment of AUTF and served as Director of Land Transport. His leadership continued as General Secretary of Veolia Cargo and later as Chairman of the Comité des Armateurs Fluviaux (CAF), which evolved into Entreprises fluviales de France (E2F). Didier's influence extends to roles such as Director of Voies Navigables de France (VNF) and Vice-Chairman of the Haropa - Port of Paris Territorial Development Council. Furthermore, he is a member of the Executive Committee of IVR.

15:15 - 15:45 | Coffee break

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15:45 - 16:15 | Ignace Kroos - Caluw

Floating Degassing anno 2024: important developments



Ignace Kroos was admitted to the Antwerp Bar in 2009 and enjoyed years of training at a reputable maritime law firm. Meanwhile, as a partner, he and his team within Caluwaerts Uytterhoeven built an important law practice and knowledge centre, with a very strong focus on everything related to transport and logistics, in particular international and national inland navigation. Ignace is a member of various transport organizations, among others the IVR Legal Committee and the Belgian Maritime Law Association on, as well as author of several relevant articles notes in specialised trade and transport law journals. He is also a member of advisory boards of inland waterway companies.

16:15 - 16:45 | Salih Karaarslan

Greening in inland navigation



Salih works for the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management as senior policy officer on sustainable inland navigation. The dossiers under his watch include REDIII, the inland shipping emissions label, practical trial of FAME diesel, ETD, etc. Prior to his current role, Salih worked for more than nine years at the Expertise and Innovation Centre for Inland Navigation, where he gained experience in both sustainability and digitalisation of the inland shipping sector as a project manager. With a background in economics, Salih combines his analytical skills with a passion for sustainability to create a positive impact within this vital industry.

16:45 - 17:00 | Frouwke de Vries



Secretary General of IVR Frouwke de Vries will give the final closing remarks of the Workshop.