



Smart Rivers 2011 Conference

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**September 13-16, 2011
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
Westin New Orleans Canal Place
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Mark your calendar for the next installment of the outstanding **Smart Rivers Conference** series, a biennial forum bringing together an international group of professionals involved in inland / river transport from around the world.

This 3-day technical specialty conference is organized by PIANC USA, along with more than twenty partnering organizations*. The concept of 'Smart Rivers' sprang from a group started in 2004 called *SmartRivers21*, an international coalition intent on realizing "**Strategic Maritime Asset Research and Transformation for 21st Century River Systems.**" It began with a cooperation agreement between American and European partners, and was followed by the organization of Smart Rivers 2005 Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Smart Rivers 2006 Conference was held in Brussels, Belgium, and the 2007 conference was held in Louisville, Kentucky. The organizers decided to move to a biennial schedule and Smart Rivers 2009 was held last September in Vienna, Austria.

Themes for the 2011 conference in New Orleans will include topics such as "Smart" Service Design and Innovation, System/Technology, Public Policy/Finance, Environmental Management, Flood Protection/Mitigation, Port & Landside Economic Development, etc., with a particular emphasis on making this a global conference. A "Call for Abstracts" will be issued this summer (2010). Two full days of technical sessions are planned for September 14 & 15, 2011, along with industry exhibits, networking functions, workshops and technical tours.

2011 Conference Hotel:

Westin New Orleans Canal Place
100 Rue Iberville, New Orleans, LA 70130 USA
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<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1763>

Presentations from Smart Rivers 2009 are posted at www.smartivers.org.

**Partnering Organizations (as of 01/27/2010)
American Association of Port Authorities*

Appalachian Regional Commission
Austria Tech
Committee on the Marine Transportation System/DOT
Coasts, Oceans, Ports & Rivers Institute / ASCE
Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies
Ingram Barge Company
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