

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to this edition of CEDA News. We'll be producing it, in addition to our regular members' e-newsletters, to share our



news with a wider audience. Through it we'll aim to give you a flavour of what we've been working on. We believe that cooperation of organisations and experts is key to finding the best solutions to the challenges we face as an industry, and recent months have seen a focus on knowledge exchange around dredging in the Iberian region.

Both the CEDA Iberian Conference in Lisbon, and our collaboration on the revisions to the Spanish Dredged Material Guidelines, have provided excellent opportunities to share state-of-the-art insights on the sustainable development of marine infrastructures in the real-world context of the region.

CEDA exists, in part, to provide a forum for knowledge and information exchange, and to raise the profile of the dredging profession throughout our region, while remaining a viable organisation for our young professionals. This newsletter aims to give just a glimpse of some of the activities that CEDA members, and the Association, are regularly involved in to help us maintain our brief.

If you have any feedback on its content, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact the CEDA Secretariat with any comments. We hope you enjoy it.

Polite Laboyrie
CEDA President



Central Dredging Association

OSPAR Commission's EIHA Committee clarifies terminology relating to dredged material – and CEDA played a role

The terms 'dumping', 'disposal', 'placement', 'relocation' and 'deposit' are commonly used in connection with the management options of dredged material, in the practice and often interchangeably. There has been some confusion even in the OSPAR commission's annual reports on dredged material. The point was raised by CEDA (Laura Lallier, eCoast, Belgium) in the framework of the EIHA 2016 meeting, and discussed as part of the Expert Assessment Panel (EAP) on dredged material. CEDA participated in this discussion, explaining our point of view and, as a result, we have contributed towards a clearer understanding of the existing terminologies.

In conclusion, the EAP at EIHA 2016 has agreed on the following use of terms:

Dumping is the legal term used in the OSPAR Convention and is described as "... the deliberate disposal of waste,

or other matter...". **Placement** is described as "...anything else beyond mere disposal...". **Deposit** (ref. Revised OSPAR Dredged Material Guidelines, 2014) is an overarching term to describe dumping and placement.

Aligned with the above definitions, EIHA 2016 changed the original title "OSPAR Annual Reports on dumping of wastes and other matter" to "OSPAR Annual Reports on **dumping and placement** of wastes and other matter" with a footnote stating that "Placement in this report only relates to dredged material, i.e. placement of dredged material for beneficial uses." The introduction further clarified that "This report will deal with the disposal of dredged material at sea (dumping within the Convention), beneficial use (placement as defined in the Convention), and with confined disposal facilities (dumping within the Convention)."

CEDA Past President wins inaugural CEDA Lifetime Achievement Award

The first DPC Innovations Awards gala dinner was held in November, in London, to recognise innovation and outstanding achievement in the dredging and ports construction industry.

Of the awards given on the night, CEDA was particularly pleased to be able to honour past-President, Anders Jensen, Danish Hydraulic Institute-DHI, with the first CEDA Lifetime Achievement Award, for his services to CEDA and the industry.

Anders said, "As a truly independent association for the uniquely broad-based

dredging community and associated stakeholders, CEDA has an essential role as provider of objective dredging knowledge and it does a commendable job of it. I am very proud and honoured to receive this Award. I will certainly remain involved in CEDA and will do my best to help in its important work".



Past-President Anders Jensen receiving his award on the night from CEDA General Manager, Anna Csiti

WHAT'S NEW...

New Dredging Management Commission Gets to Work

CEDA has added a new Commission to its ranks. The Dredging Management Commission (DMC) has been set up to initiate and facilitate discussions, innovations and questions, from the dredging community on the management of dredging works in the broadest sense. Its aim is to bring together all stakeholders related to dredging management works, and encourage open discussions which focus on mutually beneficial improvements and solutions for all involved.

The newly formed Commission had its inaugural meeting in Delft, the Netherlands, in September 2016. An enthusiastic and very knowledgeable group of international experts got together to further define the scope, and identify and agree its priorities.

Call for Commission members

The DMC aims to represent the CEDA membership across the board and is looking for further members to complement the current expertise and geographical spread. To find out more about joining the DMC, and helping with its important work, please contact Anna Csiti, ceda@dredging.org.

The Terms of Reference, and the current list of DMC members, are available on the CEDA website www.dredging.org. Go to CEDA/Governance/Dredging Management Commission.



Working in the relaxed and constructive manner that typifies CEDA commission meetings, the group agreed to start work on:

- optimising a dredging strategy for ports, waterways, coastal and flood protection
- contract management simplifications
- monitoring and promoting the development of state of the art dredging technology for tomorrow



CEDA Involved in Revision of Spanish Dredged Material Guidelines

CEDA Environmental Commission (CEC) was privileged to take part in a one-day seminar, on best practice in dredged material management, in Madrid, in May. The event was hosted by Puertos del Estado and Magrama and its outcomes will feed into the revision of the Spanish Dredged Material Guidelines.

The revision work will allow for amendments to the relevant sections of the Spanish Guidelines, and in particular to Annex VI on beneficial use, so members of the CEC are particularly pleased to be involved. Apart from the excellent opportunity to input into the amendments to the Spanish Guidelines, the event was a great source of useful examples for the new CEDA Working Group on Beneficial Use of Sediment which will be producing a CEDA Information Paper on the topic.

CEC will be reporting back to members as soon as there is more information on the amended Spanish Guidelines, so visit www.dredging.org for an update.

Excellent response to Working Group Call for Members

We've had an excellent response to our call for members for the new CEDA Working Group on Beneficial Use of Sediment. The new group consists of 16 experts from 8 different countries, including the WEDA and EADA regions, and represents the entire cross-section of CEDA's membership.

In early 2017 they will start work on an information paper highlighting recent advances

and best practices in the beneficial use of sediment in the context of sustainable development, and use case studies to highlight new lessons learned. It will consider strategic approaches to beneficial use and the use of the environmental flows (including both water and sediment flows), and the sustainable relocation concept as a part of beneficial use that is consistent with sustainable development.

CEDA's Iberian Conference showcased highly innovative solutions and pro-active approaches

In October, CEDA co-hosted a very successful conference, with the Portuguese Engineers Association (OE) in Lisbon. The CEDA Iberian Conference: Dredging for sustainable port development, had over 120 participants, and addressed key topics relevant to the success of port dredging and sediment management projects, with a focus on the Iberian Peninsula.

"Portuguese and Spanish professionals in the field of dredging and port construction initiated this event, inspired by increasing environmental and societal demands on the preparation and implementation of marine infrastructure projects. CEDA was delighted to accept the invitation to organise this unique gathering" – said Polite Laboyrie, CEDA President.

In his closing statement, Conference Chair, Stefan Aarninkof, Professor of Coastal Engineering at Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands, said "This was an outstanding conference. ...The presentations, the lively discussions, as well as the technical visit and the photo contest, clearly demonstrated that going beyond the scope of the traditional dredging project is becoming a growing



movement. Project stakeholders are increasingly seeking and achieving innovative partnerships. In particular, the achievements in beneficially re-using sediments, arising from dredging projects, for creating and enhancing wetlands, valuable habitats for many birds and with high recreational value, are truly remarkable."

True to the tradition, the conference offered plenty of opportunities outside the formal sessions for participants to talk business and relax and have a good time together.

Conference presentations are available to CEDA members on the CEDA website, www.dredging.org. There's also a great selection of photos in the photo gallery.

CEDA webinar series an outstanding success

We've completed our 6-webinar series, on dredging equipment and technology, presented by Dr. ir Cees van Rhee, full professor, and Dr. ir. Sape Miedema, associate professor, at the Delft University of Technology, Department Dredging Engineering. We're pleased to say it's been an outstanding success with over 150 people signed up for each of the foundation level webinars. The more in-depth, practitioner-level events attracted 60-80 registrations from all over the world. We received very enthusiastic feedback from participants, with many of them emphasising the value of these lectures for their everyday work.



Young CEDA

Young CEDA has a new Chair

After 3 years of excellent work, leading Young CEDA to new heights, Arjan de Heer, Witteveen + Bos, stepped down as Chair of the Young CEDA Commission during the CEDA Iberian Conference, in Lisbon, in October. Incoming Chair Peter de Looze, Hal Maritime, said "Young CEDA is great way to launch yourself into your career. I'm very excited to take over from Arjan and hope to extend his Young CEDA success into the future."



Photo: (l-r) Arjan de Heer and Peter de Looze in Lisbon



The Young CEDA group posing in front of the huge new Boskalis cutter

Young CEDA Commission members joined 25 students and young professionals at an event, specially-organised by Royal IHC, to give them an insight into dredging and marine construction.

SAVE THE DATE: 9-10 NOVEMBER 2017

CEDA Dredging Days 2017: Sustainable Dredging – Continued benefits

VENUE: Ahoy Rotterdam, the Netherlands

For 35 years CEDA's trademark conference, CEDA Dredging Days, has been the foremost international dredging conference in the region. Well-known, and valued, for its comprehensive technical programme, it's also seen as an excellent forum for leading researchers, and industry experts, to discuss dredging challenges, solutions, and experiences.

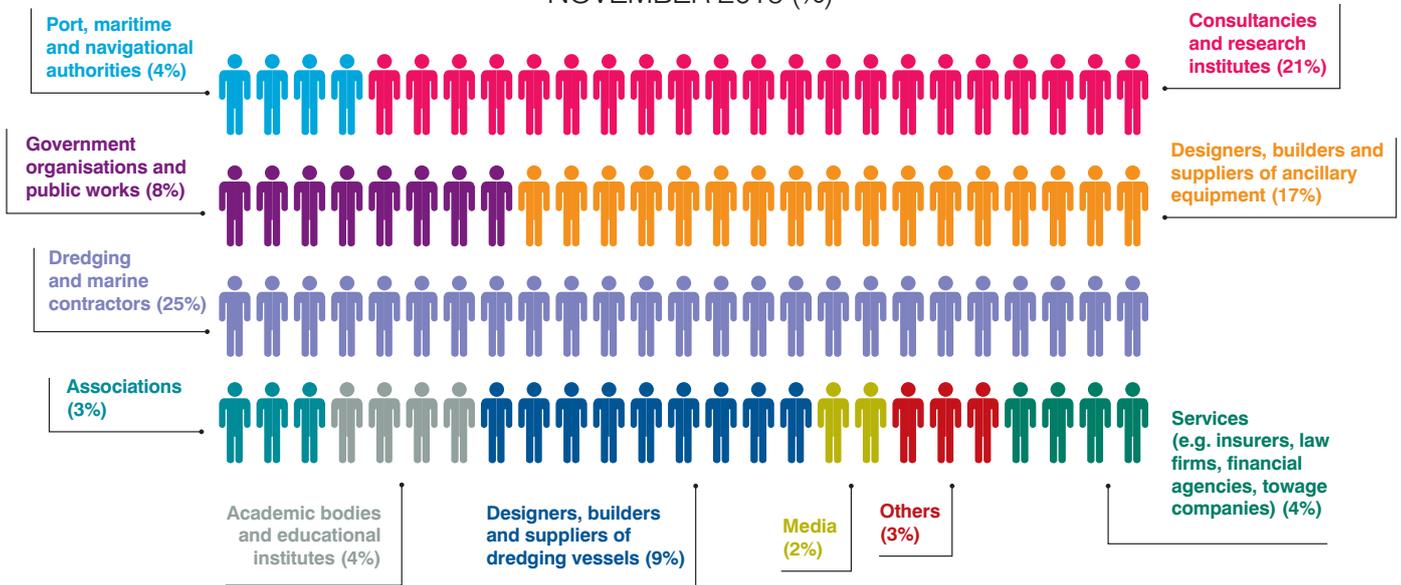


Put the date in your diary now and we'll update you on the programme content as it develops.

IN THE PIPELINE...
 The CEDA Environment Commission is working on a web-based publication on deep-sea mining. This dedicated section of the CEDA website will bring together up-to-date information on legislation, equipment, and environmental aspects.
Check our updates for more details.

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