

Introduction CoCom database for training courses

In 2007 CoCom decided to look into the professional training in the field of ports and waterways, especially with respect to the Countries in Transition. Therefore, a Task Group was set up including Mr Dastgheib and Mr Peter de Wolf (Secretary of CoCom) to establish the initial inventory of the courses to provide a basis for a Working Group.

Later on, Working Group 126 was established with Prof. Billy Edge acting as Chairman (at the time working for Texas University and now for the University of North Carolina). The first meeting of the WG was hosted by Mr Dastgheib in UNESCO-IHE Delft on May 11, 2009, with 8 out of 12 members of the WG attending.

However, after the meeting there was a stop in communication and after a year in several occasions Prof. Edge announced that he did not want to continue with the Working Group.

During its first meeting of this year CoCom decided not to continue with the WG but to turn SC1 of CoCom in to a training SC with Mr Ronald Stive as Chairman.

Also, it was decided to design an interactive database and to encourage the institutes with those types of courses to submit their courses to the database. Mr Dastgheib has prepared the format of the database and discussed it with Marleen Vareman (the PIANC webmaster). The test version of this website will hopefully be launched by October 20, 2011.

The next step is to use our connections all around the world to make this database as complete as possible.