

EDINNA is the educational network of inland waterway (navigation) schools and training institutes on various levels from 13 European countries. It is the aim of EDINNA to come to a more structured cooperation and to establish a harmonized education, training and certification system for Inland waterway personnel in Europe to ensure high quality of trained staff on board of vessels.

Dear members,

At this moment hundreds of ships are waiting until MTS Waldhof , which capsized at km 554 on the river Rhine, will be removed. The place where the accident happened, the famous Loreley is one of the narrowest passages we know on the river Rhine.



In 1822 the legend of the famous virgin “ Loreley”, who draw the attention of many unlucky skippers, inspired the German poet Heinrich Heine to write his poem “ Ich weiss nicht was sol es bedeuten...”

Of course no one can prevent accidents like this. The investigations about what happened that early morning have not started yet. No one knows yet if a mechanical or human failure caused the capsizing of the ship.

Continuing our work on the standardization of education and training in inland navigation is the least EDINNA can contribute to reach the goal of Inland Navigation being the safest and most economic way of transport.

This second EDINNA newsletter contains information on the upcoming General Assembly, latest developments , new (associated) members etc. As chairman of the EDINNA board I look forward to see you all in Bydgoszcz, Poland. During our previous visit over there we were very friendly welcomed by our Polish members so I can promise you all a very good stay over there. Beside the information about EDINNA activities and the board election we will try to inform you on developments in building electronic lesson materials on operational level and the work done on RIS courses by our NELI partners in the South Eastern part of Europe. See you in Poland!

Arjen Mintjes, chairman EDINNA

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General Assembly, the 15th and 16th of February 2011



Mr. H.A.L. Mintjes,
President



Our fourth General Assembly is scheduled at the 15th and 16th of February 2011 in Nakło nad Notecią and Bydgoszcz, Poland.

The agenda for our fourth General Assembly consists of, amongst others:

- 1) (re)election of the EDINNA Board Members;
- 2) Developments Joint Working Group and STCIN;
- 3) EDINNA partner of Platina and news from Work Package 3;
- 4) Presentation of the Working Group on Riverspeak and Exchange Programs;
- 5) Presentation lesson materials Operational Level (Danae, the Netherlands);
- 6) Presentation NELI;
- 7) Presentation Platina



Mr. H.G. Portmann,
Vice-President

We herewith would like to thank the Organising Member, Zespół Szkół Żeglugi Śródladowej, and especially Mr. Nadolny, Mrs. Wiczorek and Mrs. Wazbinska, for all their efforts to facilitate the fourth General Assembly.



Mr. R. van Reem,
Secretary and
Treasurer



EDINNA and the press



Mr. M. Ghiba, advisory-officer



Mrs. D. Munteanu,
advisory-officer

Since the beginning of October 2010, more and more articles on EDINNA and its activities appear in Dutch Journals. Some examples of the articles:

- 1) Profound article on EDINNA and its activities appeared in "Schuttevaer" on the 12th of November 2010:
<http://www.schuttevaer.nl/nieuws/varend-bestaan/nid14750-iedere-stuurman-hetzelfde-kennisniveau.html>
- 2) An article on the Flemish day of Inland Navigation, organised by our member KTA, appeared in "de Scheepvaartkrant" in November 2010:
<http://reader.scheepvaartkrant.nl/default.asp?editie=218&pagina=19>

We are sure that articles concerning EDINNA and its activities appear in more countries. We would like to request you to sent any articles on EDINNA to the Daily Secretariat of EDINNA:

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Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine



We are proud to announce, that EDINNA has recently been recognised by the CCNR as non-governmental organisation for a period of five years. This means, that EDINNA is able to participate to certain CCNR meetings and that EDINNA will also be consulted on certain topics.

Furthermore, the CCNR recently started a Working Group on Simulators, in which EDINNA is involved as well. The outcomes of this Working Group could be incorporated in the STCIN, in which one of the chapters will be established concerning "Standards governing the use of Simulators". Herewith we would like to thank the CCNR, which is also an associated member, for their confidence in EDINNA and its activities. In one of the following newsletters we will inform you upon the progress of the cooperation between the CCNR and EDINNA.

Inland Waterway Transport in the European Union

The European Union is focussing more and more on IWT. Platina, the Platform for the implementation of Naiades, is an initiative to enhance the use of inland navigation as part of intermodal freight solutions, in order to create a sustainable, competitive and environmentally friendly European wide transport network. Platina organised a “Barge to Business” Event on the 30th of November and the 1st of December 2010, which was attended by the President and Secretary/Treasurer of EDINNA. Presentations and podcasts of the conference are available on <http://bargetobusiness.eu/>.

“Hungarian Presidency”

The importance of IWT was not only underlined by the participation of e.g. Sim Kallas, vice-president of the European Commission, to the Barge to Business Event, or the panel discussion with members of the European Parliament, but will be underlined during the Hungarian presidency of the EU as well. The Hungarian minister of Transport, Tamás Fellegi, will focus on the IWT-transport sector and the revision of the TEN-directive during the presidency. The goal during the first half of 2011 is to pursue the EU ministers of Transport to approve the conclusions of the interim reports of programmes which stimulate the IWT-sector (e.g. Naiades).

NELI

Another EU-project running is NELI. This project will establish a cooperation network between stakeholders involved in inland waterway transport activities, research and education institutions and authorities and administrators from this sector along the Danube corridor in order to develop balanced capacities for transnational cooperation in the field of logistics and nautical education and training including regional policy support action. Several of our (associated) members are partner in the project and will present the progress on Neli during our General Assembly. Edinna President Arjen Mintjes attended the NELI meeting in Ennshafen to present the progress of the STCIN development.



Picture 1: NELI meeting Ennshafen

“Rivers of the World”

That not only Europe is focussing more and more on our sector, could be seen during the “Rivers of the World Conference” which took place from the 8th until the 10th of December 2010 in Rotterdam. The conference was organised by the Dutch Expertise Innovation Centre for Inland Barging (EICB) and NEA and attracted about 120 delegates from e.g. China, Brazil, India, Bangladesh, Egypt, Vietnam and Central and Eastern Europe. The conference could be seen as a start of worldwide cooperation to strengthen the transport via the inland waterways, and to foster and exchange knowledge of inland shipping. The president and the secretary of EDINNA gave a presentation on EDINNA, its activities, and the STCIN. The presentations and other interesting information are available on www.riversoftheworld.nl

In case you would like to make notice of any events, please contact the daily secretariat. The next edition will follow in May 2011.

Associated Members

EDINNA is open to an associated membership for institutions, companies or individuals. Currently, EDINNA knows 8 associated members. We would like to thank them for their support. The associated members are:

1. College of International Management and Business Studies, Budapest, Hungary. www.kkfk.bgf.hu;
2. Education Centre for Inland Shipping, Rotterdam, the Netherlands. www.binnenvaart.nl;
3. VTL, Alphen aan den Rijn, the Netherlands. www.vtl.nl;
4. CCNR, Strasbourg, France. www.ccr-zkr.org;
5. ITB, Brussels, Belgium. www.itb-info.be;
6. Hungarian National Shipping Federation, Budapest, Hungary. www.plimsoll.hu;
7. Via Donau, Vienna, Austria. www.via-donau.org;
8. Promotie Binnenvaart Vlaanderen, Hasselt, Belgium. www.binnenvaart.be.

Retirement Mr. W. Huysmans, KTA Zwijndrecht

On the 17th of December 2010, mr. W. Huysmans officially started his pension, after a dinner organised by his colleagues. We all know Willy Huysmans and his wife, Mrs. A. Dekonick, as e.g. coordinator of the Working Group on Riverspeak. Mr. Huysmans promised us that he will be involved with EDINNA and its activities in the future. From this side, we would like to wish Mr. Huysmans health and prosperity for the future, and we would like to thank him as well for his efforts during the last years.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) The 14th of February 2011: Meeting Working Group on Riverspeak, Bydgoszcz, Poland;
- 2) The 14th of February 2011: Board Meeting, Bydgoszcz, Poland;
- 3) The 15th and the 16th of February 2011: General Assembly 2011, Naklo nad Notecia and Bydgoszcz, Poland;
- 4) The 8th of March 2011, WP3-Meeting Platina, Bonn, Germany;
- 5) The 23rd of March 2011, Working Group Simulators CCNR, Strasbourg, France.