



Inland Waterways International



INVITATION

"Day of the Canals"

*In reality every day is a day to enjoy canals :
we just don't think about it!*

VIP/Press Day &
Conference at the
**Inland
Waterways
Pavilion**

Monday 20th January

10:00 - 18:00

boot Düsseldorf 2020

Hall 13, Stand D73

"Waterway recreational use is not only about boats. People bring animation and a sense of place to the waterside and economic value to the surrounding area." Rob Vrolijk

Cannaregio in Venice, October 2019

SECOND “DAY OF THE CANALS” PROGRAMME

Monday, January 20th 2020

- 10:00 Venue opening & coffee wake-up call
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- 10:30 **Petros Michelidakis** – Managing Director of **boot** Düsseldorf
David Edwards-May – President of Inland Waterways International
Opening & Welcome
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- 11:00 Session 1 - World Canals Conference
Heiko Rosenthal – Mayor of the City of Leipzig, host of the World Canals Conference – *Waterways in transition – from mining to water landscapes*
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- 11:30 Break coinciding with launch of the press and VIP event on the adjacent stand (D61) of IWI corporate member **Le Boat**
Cheryl Brown CEO – *Welcome*
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- 12:00 Session 2 – UK
Colin Watts – Chairman of the Yacht Harbour Association Ltd.
The royal River Thames
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- 12:50 Session 3 – Germany
Dagmar Rockel – Quick Maritim Medien, boating journalist
Boating in the land of 1000 lakes – From ponds to little oceans, the Berlin area has developed since the fall of the wall to become one of Europe’s best cruising areas
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- 13:15 Opening Lunch Buffet
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- 14:10 Session 4 – Germany
Angela Zábajnik - Head of Division of Water and Land Management, City of Leipzig – *World Canals Conference 2020 Leipzig: main topics*
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- 14:45 Session 5 – UK
Kevin Desmond - President of the Electric Boat Association – President of VeniceAgenda 2028 – Co-organiser e-Regata Venice, June 3-7, 2020
Solutions for zero emissions electric power in inland navigation
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- 15:20 Session 6 – Belgium - Flanders
Rudy van der Ween - Vice-president, IWI, promoter of water tourism City of Ghent – *Water tourism in the city of Ghent – the economic impact of Ghent’s marinas*



World Canals Conference 2019 in Yangzhou, China – delegates board a passenger boat on the historic Grand Canal

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- 16:00 Session 7 – Germany
Yvonne Schön – Marketing & Sales Manager, Locaboat Holidays – *‘And the way becomes the destination’ – Facts and figures about Locaboat’s activity and its clients – Presentation of the new Evolution – other new developments in 2020*
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- 16:20 Session 8 – Netherlands
Geert Dijks – Managing Director, HISWA-RECROW Dutch Marine Industry Federation – *The blue economy in the Netherlands: the importance of Dutch waterways for the marine leisure and tourism sector*
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- 17:00 Session 9 – Germany
Elke Witt – Manager of World Heritage Region Anhalt-Dessau-Wittenberg – *A story of coal, steam and lakes*
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- 17:30 Closing speech by
Rüdiger Dittmar – Director of Division, Urban Green Areas and Watercourses, City of Leipzig – *Introduction to the World Canals Conference 2020 in Leipzig*
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- 19:00 Closing and goodbye
David Edwards-May – President of Inland Waterways International
See you In Leipzig in September 2020!

Störnthaler See in Leipzig’s new lake district



WORLD CANALS
CONFERENCE

2020
LEIPZIG

INLAND WATERWAYS INTERNATIONAL (IWI) is a voluntary organisation which brings together people and organisations who support the conservation, use, development and proper management of inland waterways worldwide. We aim to raise public awareness of the benefits of using our waterways for a wide range of activities, from their historic function of transporting goods and persons to all forms of recreation.

We believe that rivers and canals have a positive effect on people's lives. The waterside environment, urban or rural, offers an invitation to relax and enjoy healthy outdoor activities leading to improved wellbeing and closeness to nature.

Walking, biking, horseback riding, fishing or boating: it doesn't matter how you experience the waterside, we believe that young and old must have easy access

to our inland waterways, which offer priceless 'breathing space' in our hectic lives. With their rich historic, architectural and landscape values, waterways also give us inspiration and inform us about our past.

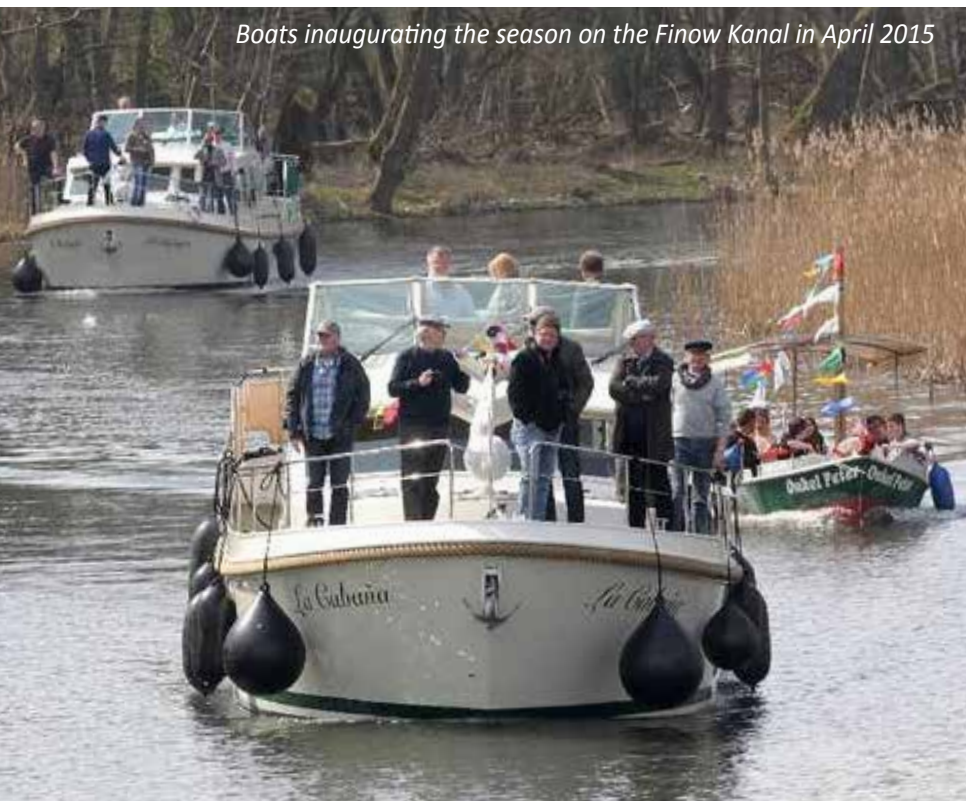
IWI promotes and stimulates restoration, where appropriate, of waterways which have become derelict. We are the patron of the annual World Canals Conference (WCC).

IWI's membership includes leading navigation authorities, as well as voluntary bodies, museums and commercial companies in the nautical and hydraulic engineering world. Individual members include both users and experts in the various disciplines. All have a keen interest in both the history and the modern significance of inland waterways for commercial carrying and recreational use. Today the membership covers 25 countries from around the world.

Co-exhibitors in the Inland Waterways Pavilion:

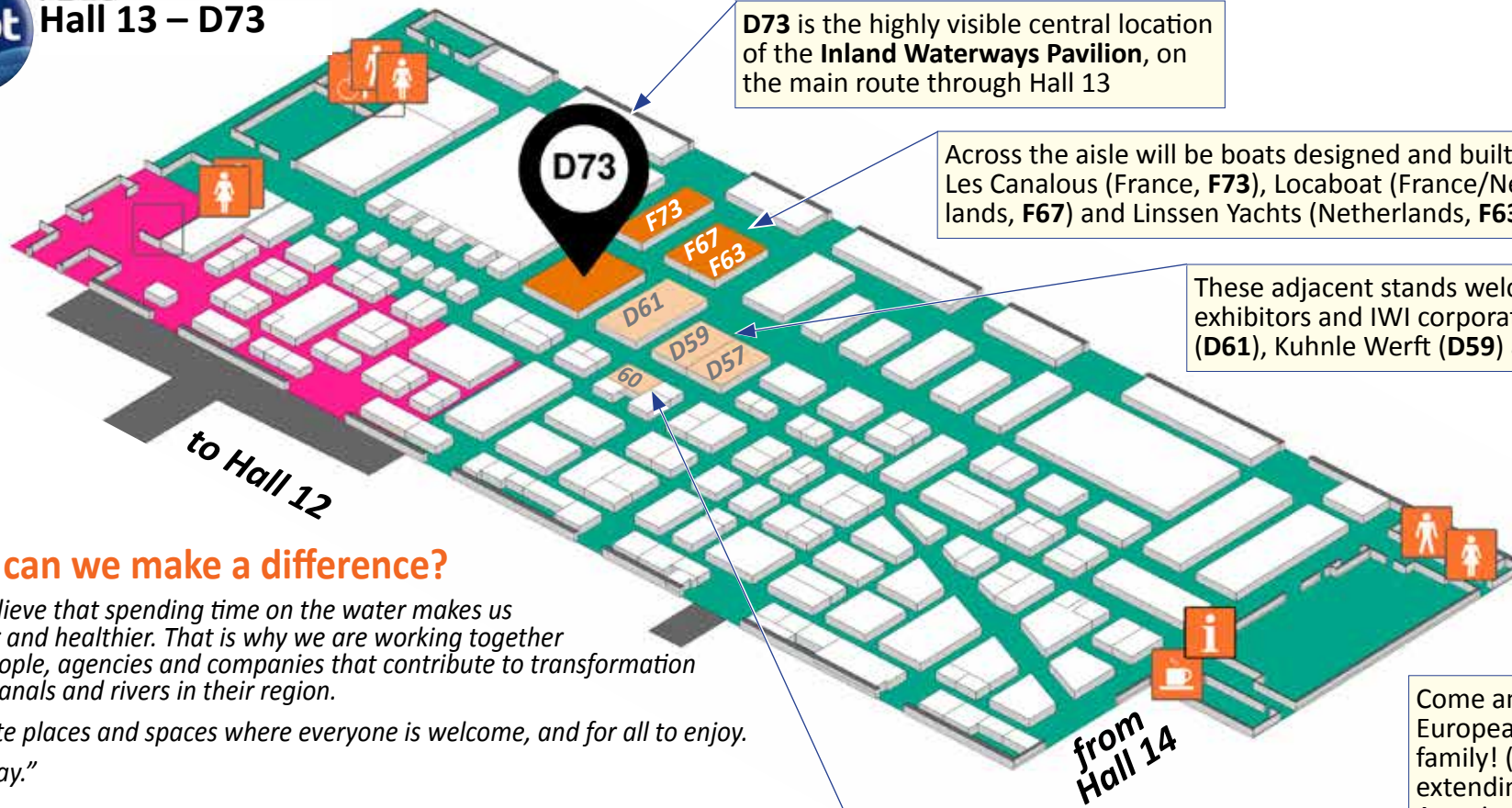
• City of Leipzig	Germany
• Host of World Canals Conference 2020	Germany
• Anhalt-Dessau-Wittenberg	Serbia
• Danube Propeller	France/UK
• French-Waterways.com	France
• Les Canalous	France
• Locaboat Holidays	Netherlands
• Linssen Boating Holidays®	Netherlands
• Maasplassen	Netherlands
• Maasgouw Canal & River City	Belgium
• Marec Marinas on the Meuse	France
• Transmanche Publications	France
• VeniceAgenda 2028	Belgium
• De Vlaamse Waterweg NV	

see additional partners, next page





Hall 13 – D73



D73 is the highly visible central location of the **Inland Waterways Pavilion**, on the main route through Hall 13

Across the aisle will be boats designed and built by Les Canalous (France, **F73**), Locaboat (France/Netherlands, **F67**) and Linssen Yachts (Netherlands, **F63**).

These adjacent stands welcome inland waterway exhibitors and IWI corporate members Le Boat (**D61**), Kuhnle Werft (**D59**) and Kuhnle Tours (**D57**).

Come and meet the European Waterways family! (hopefully extending to North America in 2021)

Also on the central aisle opposite Kuhnle Werft is Waterway Tourism Initiative of Northern Brandenburg (WinTO, **D60**).

How can we make a difference?

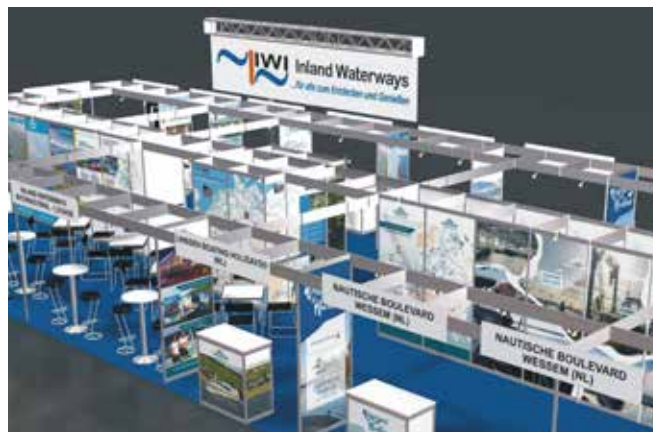
“We believe that spending time on the water makes us happier and healthier. That is why we are working together with people, agencies and companies that contribute to transformation of the canals and rivers in their region.

To create places and spaces where everyone is welcome, and for all to enjoy. Every day.”

Come and meet us at the world’s unique **INLAND WATERWAYS PAVILION**

at boot Düsseldorf
January 18 - 26, 2020

Please confirm your participation in the ‘Day of the Canals’ conference on January 20th to our Press and VIP contact :
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- Additional partners and sponsors in the Inland Waterways Pavilion 2020:**
- Aqua Libra Yachtcharter Belgium
 - Jonkers Yachts Netherlands
 - Kuhnle Tours Germany
 - Kuiper Insurance Netherlands
 - Linssen Yachts BV Netherlands
 - Maasgouw Canal & River City Netherlands
 - Unser Finowkanal e.V. Germany

