

CEDA Welcomes a New President



Polite Laboyrie (Witteveen+Bos, The Netherlands) became president of CEDA on 5 November 2015 after one year as CEDA president-elect. He succeeds Anders Jensen (DHI, Denmark) who steps down as president after providing seven outstanding years of service to the Association.

For new president Polite, taking on the role has meant leaving [CEDA's Environment Commission](#) (CEC) where he was a member for more than 12 years and chairman for 7 years. He leaves with fond memories and has made a huge contribution to its work over the years.

During Polite's term as CEC chair, the Commission was involved in the publication of nine CEDA information and position papers on a range of subjects from climate change to ecosystem services and underwater noise. They also started work on a new book on environmental and social aspects around dredging project. Other highlights of Polite's leadership of the CEC include actively [engaging in the discussions around relevant EU directives](#), in particular the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. As part of their work CEC helped CEDA to expand its geographic reach and establish a strong working relationship with the Russian State Hydrometeorological University, based in St. Petersburg, Russia.

As chairman of the CEC, Polite represented WODA/CEDA on numerous occasions at the London Convention meetings. He contributed to the discussions, drawing on CEDA's collective knowledge and experience, including the recent revision of the Dredged Material Guidelines. Polite also represented CEDA at various events organised by others such as PIANC and SedNet.

The Board of CEDA expressed their gratitude to Anders for his dedicated service on the Board, and their delight that he will be continuing his valued contribution to the Association, in other capacities, in the future such as chairing the Editorial Advisory Board of the CEDA-IADC handbook "Sustainable dredging", and membership on the [Educational Activities Commission](#).

Image: With a handshake the outgoing president, Anders Jensen, passes the baton to new CEDA president, Polite Laboyrie. Image courtesy: CEDA, Haalbeeld Fotografie