

IADC International Dredging Seminar

From 15th to 19th June, 22 young professionals from Albania, Bahrain, Cameroon, China, Denmark, Gambia, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, UAE and Vietnam spent a week in The Netherlands learning about the intricacies and challenges of dredging and marine construction.

The 32nd IADC International Seminar on Dredging and Reclamation was organised by the International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC) in co-operation with UNESCO-IHE in Delft, The Netherlands. Since 1993 the IADC has offered this seminar, especially developed for professionals in dredging-related industries, on a regular basis at a variety of locations including Delft, Singapore, Buenos Aires and other cities.

A highlight of the week is always a site visit. In this week there were two. The first site visit was at the Grensmaas project, a project on the border between the Netherlands and Belgium that aims to reduce the probability of floods together with the development of large-scale nature areas and the extraction of gravel for construction purposes. The second site visit took place at a dredging equipment yard at Moerdijk, where the extensive logistics related to a dredging project were explained.

The lectures are presented by experts from IADC member companies, whose practical knowledge and experience give added value to the classroom theory. Amongst the subjects covered were: the development of new ports and maintenance of existing ports; project phasing; descriptions of types of dredging equipment and costing of projects and types of dredging projects.

The next IADC seminar will be organised in co-operation with the National University of Singapore in Singapore, from 16-20 November 2009. The seminar's venue will be the Grand Park City Hall Hotel.

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