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*International Colloquium
Interoceanic Canals and World Seaborne Trade:
Past, Present and Future*

7, 8 and 9 June, 2012

Paleis der Academiën — Palais des Académies
Hertogsstraat 1 — rue Ducale 1
1000 Brussels

Thursday 7 June 2012:

13.30 Registration

14.30 Welcome Address

Jacques CHARLIER, President of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)

State-of-the-Art Lectures

14.45 Honoreus PAELINCK, member of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)
Changes in world economy and the effect on world shipping

15.15 Geoffroy CAUDE, President of the Permanent International Association for Navigation Congresses, PIANC (France)
PIANC's role in the design of new major projects and the specific services it can provide to emerging countries

15.45 Theo NOTTEBOOM, President of the Institute of Transport and Maritime Management Antwerp, *Universiteit Antwerpen* & member of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)
Competition between the Suez Route and the Cape Route in international container shipping

16.15 Coffee Break

16.45 Yann ALIX, SEFACIL Foundation (France), Valérie LAVAUD-LETILLEUL, Montpellier University (France) & Jacques CHARLIER, *Université Catholique de Louvain* & member of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)
The Panama Canal in the Container Era

17.15 Michel MARGNES, President of the *Compagnie Nationale du Rhône*, CNR (France)
Nouveau Canal de Panama, conception et étude des nouvelles écluses

Friday 8 June 2012

9.30 John EVERAERT, hon. professor *Universiteit Gent* & member of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)
A la recherche d'un passage interocéanique. Les Belges et le Canal du Nicaragua

9.50 Donald BOSCO, President of the Nicaraguan Interoceanic Railroad & Ports Project (USA)
The Nicaragua Interoceanic Crossing: Past, present and future opportunities for Nicaragua and world commerce

10.10 Peter HALL, Urban Studies Program, Simon Fraser University (Canada) & Pamela STERN, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Simon Fraser University (Canada)
Waiting to transit the Isthmus: Vancouver's ports and the Panama Canal

10.30 Discussion

11.00 Coffee Break

- 11.30 Petra DRANKIER, Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea, Utrecht University (Netherlands)
Connecting China overseas through the marine Arctic: Legal implications and geopolitical considerations
- 11.50 Robert MCCALLA, Department of Geography, Saint-Mary's University (Canada) & Jacques CHARLIER, *Université Catholique de Louvain* & member of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)
Cruise shipping in the Overpanamax Era
- 12.10 César DUCRUET, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Géographie-Cités, Sorbonne University (France) & Olivier JOLY, Le Havre University (France)
The Polarization of global container flows by interoceanic canals
- 12.30 Discussion
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 Danielle DE LAME, Ethnosociology & Ethnohistory Research Unit, Royal Museum for Central Africa & member of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)
Connected by oceans, parted by land
- 14.50 Sara RICH, Department Ancient Near Eastern Studies, *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven* (Belgium)
Shiver My timbers! No cedar ships in Middle Ages?
- 15.10 Nora MAREI, *Laboratoire Géolittomer*, Nantes University (France)
The Strait of Gibraltar: New challenges around a strategic chokepoint
- 15.30 Discussion
- 16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.30 Nora MAREI, *Laboratoire Géolittomer*, Nantes University (France), Jacques GUILLAUME, *Laboratoire Géolittomer*, Nantes University (France) & Jacques CHARLIER, *Université Catholique de Louvain* & member of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)
The Suez Canal in the Container Era
- 16.50 Eric CARREY, Colonel, état-major de l'Armée de Terre (France)
Piracy in the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea
- 17.10 Discussion
- 17.30 Conclusion
Christian DE MEYER, President of the "Strategies & Development" Commission of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)

Saturday 9 June 2012

Post-Conference Tour: Visit of the Port of Antwerp