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is pleased to invite you to the

*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 Addresses

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)

15.15 Geoffroy CAUDE, President of the Permanent International Association for Navigation Congresses, PIANC (Belgium)

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 Michel MARGNE, President of the *Compagnie Nationale du Rhône*, CNR (France)

16.45 Reception

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 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
- 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, Université de la Sorbonne (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 A. RICH, PhD. Candidate, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)
Shiver Me Timbers! No Cedar Ships in Middle Ages?
- 15.10 Nora MAREI, Laboratoire Géollitomer, 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 Géollitomer, Nantes University (France), Jacques GUILLAUME, Laboratoire Géollitomer, 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, Etat Major de l'Armée de Terre (France)
Piracy
- 17.10 Discussion
- 17.30 Conclusion
Christian DE MEYER, President of the Commission "Strategies & Development" of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)

Saturday 9 June 2012

Optional Post-Conference Tour: Visit of the Port of Antwerp