

CEDA Dredging Days 2021

Conference and Exhibition

Sustainable Dredging and Innovation.
The science. The practice. The business.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Just about everybody in the dredging community knows **CEDA Dredging Days**: the Flagship Event of the Central Dredging Association (CEDA). They know it for its scientifically sound programme and high-quality technical papers. We have listened carefully to feedback from CEDA members, and other stakeholders in the world of dredging, and we are proud to announce that a newly revamped Dredging Days will be back with a vengeance in September 2021.

The preliminary programme features a unique mix of what was good in the past and what is needed for the future.

CEDA Dredging Days 2021 will have a strong focus on innovative solutions in dredging. Content will range from new technologies to the way we do business, all conceived with a clear 'sustainability stamp'. (Please see the list of topics we will focus on, in the conference, under point 2 in this document.)

The conference technical programme will feature both academic and practice-oriented presentations, in parallel tracks, in a variety of formats, as well as keynotes and high-level panel discussions. In addition to the technical content, the conference programme will include a business exchange session, designed to involve all participants, and explore reciprocal opportunities.

WHO WILL ATTEND?

CEDA Dredging Days will bring together expert representatives from academia, knowledge institutes, businesses, and public authorities, involved in dredging, reclamation and dredged sediment management. They work in the fields of ports and navigation, coastal and inland flood protection, deep-sea mining, offshore wind energy, offshore oil and gas production, and nature development and protection.

(See [here](#) for the list of organisations represented at CEDA Dredging Days 2019.)

By background, participants typically represent various branches of science, engineering, law and business.

(See [here](#) for typical job titles.)



SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

CEDA now invites expert members of the dredging community to contribute to the conference programme and submit abstracts for presentations in one of the following session categories.

1 Academic/Scientific Sessions (papers + oral presentations)

TOPICS

We invite abstracts for papers on academic and applied research, and innovative solutions, relating to any aspect of dredging and reclamation, for traditional or emerging markets, as well as dredged sediment use and management.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Abstracts (maximum 300 words) should be submitted to www.cedaconferences.org/dredgingdays2021 by **15 January 2021**.

The Technical Papers Committee will assess the abstracts and invite successful authors to write a full paper. All draft manuscripts will undergo a peer-review for quality, correctness, originality and relevance. The Technical Papers Committee will select the best 8-12 papers for presentation in the academic/scientific section of the programme. All accepted papers will be included in the conference proceedings.

PAPERS

Final papers should be 4000-6000 words in length. They must be original and should not have been published, or offered for publication, elsewhere.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will be 20 minutes long, including 2 minutes for a brief discussion.

AWARDS

The best academic conference paper, by an author under 35 years of age, will win the International Association of Dredging Companies' Young Authors Award. The winner will receive this award during the event. For details, please visit the conference website.



IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR AUTHORS:

- Submission of abstracts: 15 January 2021
- Notification of acceptance: 1 February 2021
- Submission of draft manuscripts: 15 March 2021
- Reviewer comments to authors: 1 May 2021
- Submission of final papers: 16 August 2021



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Practice-oriented Sessions (extended abstracts + oral presentations)

TOPICS

The Technical Papers Committee is particularly keen to receive extended abstracts on the following topics:

- Minimising green-house gas emissions
- Nature Based Solutions against climate change and other challenges related to the UN's Strategic Development Goals
- Funding Nature Based Solutions
- Dredging and cyberspace (autonomous ships; Global Navigation Satellite Systems; security)
- The role of dredging in securing raw materials offshore
- The value of dredged sediments in a circular economy

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for extended abstracts (maximum 750 words) is **15 March 2021**. Please submit your proposal online on www.cedaconferences.org/dredgingdays2021

The Technical Papers Committee will assess the extended abstracts. Successful authors will be invited to submit their final abstracts and presentation materials, which will undergo a peer-review for quality, correctness, originality and match with the relevant session in the programme.

The extended abstracts will be published in the CEDA Dredging Days 2021 proceedings.

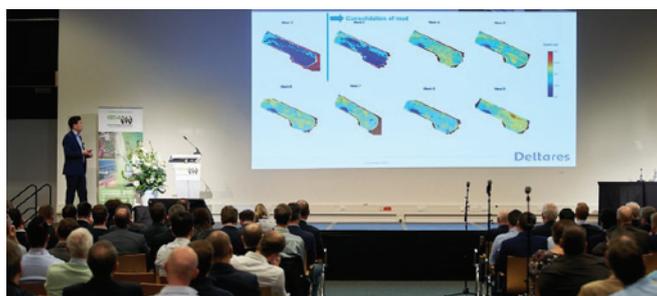
PRESENTATIONS

In line with the revamped programme, CEDA wishes the contributions in this category to be presented in different formats. For this purpose, presenters will undertake to work with CEDA and CEDA's Meeting Designer, Mike van der Vijver of MindMeeting. Together, they will develop an appropriate presentation format in mutual cooperation. CEDA considers this work an integral part of its continued pursuit of professionalisation and high-quality services for its members.



IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR SPEAKERS

- Submission of extended abstracts: 15 March 2021
- Notification of acceptance: 1 May 2021
- Submission of final extended abstract and draft presentation material: 2 August 2021
- Reviewer comments to authors about presentation material: 1 September 2021
- Submission of final presentation material: 15 September 2021



WHERE?

CEDA Dredging Days 2021 will take place at a venue in either Belgium or the Netherlands, which will be announced shortly. The change of location will allow members and non-members, alike, easier access and an environment that will help networking and a sense of belonging.

WHEN?

We are planning to start Monday evening, 27 September 2021, and end the programme on Wednesday afternoon, 29 September 2021. Depending on the availability of key speakers and venue, we may move the event to the following week – 4-6 October 2021.

ENQUIRIES

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ABOUT CEDA

CEDA is an established authority and the leading independent forum for the professional dredging community and associated industries in Europe, Africa and the Middle-East. It represents dredging professionals and organisations from government, academia and business in the region and fosters and promotes the understanding and advancement of dredging to the wider community. Drawing on the collective knowledge of its members, and as an impartial body, CEDA regularly gives expert advice to government and international regulatory bodies.

CEDA members are representatives of consultancies, research and educational institutions, port authorities, government agencies, dredging contractors, designers and builders of dredging vessels, suppliers of ancillary equipment and organisations providing a whole range of related services.

CEDA is part of the World Organisation of Dredging Associations (WODA). CEDA's two sister associations, WEDA (Western Dredging Association) and EADA (Eastern Dredging Association), serve the Americas and Asia, Australia and the Pacific region respectively.

