

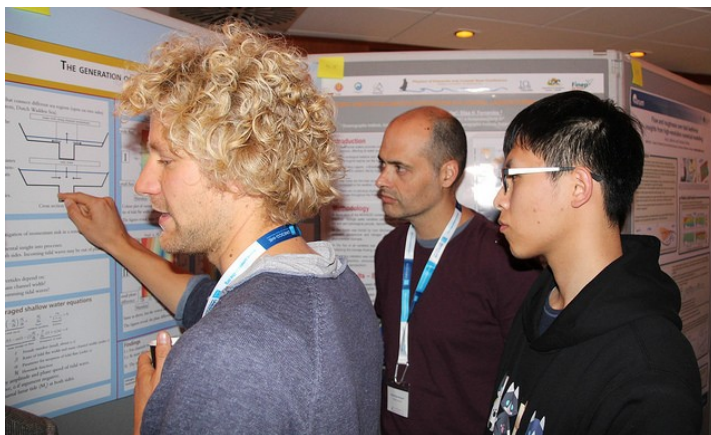
Brief scientific report of the Conference

**“Physics of Estuaries and Coastal Seas”**

October 9-14, 2016

The 18<sup>th</sup> conference on Physics of Estuaries and Coastal Seas conference was held in Scheveningen, from October 9-14, 2016. The PECS conference is a biennial meeting at which the results of field and laboratory measurements, and theoretical and numerical analysis are discussed, with the aim of better understanding the underlying physical processes. This conference series emphasizes informal exchanges in a collegial environment. All sessions were plenary, and there were 163 participants, coming from many different countries, and with a very diverse background (ranging from universities and research institutes to dredging companies), see the website '<http://2016.pecs-conferences.org/>' for a complete list of all participants.

All contributions were grouped into ten sessions and each session contained both poster and oral presentations. The abstracts can be found on the website and can be downloaded per session. As all posters were on display permanently during the conference, there were no distinct poster sessions. Since the posters were at display at the location of the coffee breaks (9:45-11:00, 12:15-13:45 and 15:00-16:15), the posters were well visited during the conference. Since there were no parallel oral sessions, all participants were always present at the same location, stimulating the interaction between them. Below, some pictures of the conference are shown.



During the conference, one of the 'founding fathers' of the PECS , prof. dr. Co van de Kreeke, was present and gave a presentation. The community honored him by presenting him a book with photos of previous PECS conferences.



To stimulate interaction, there were many social events organized:

- Ice breaker at sunday afternoon
- Turbulence mixer at wednesday evening
- Conference dinner at thursday evening
- Three different excursions (Visit to the salt marshes near Yerseke, cultural visit to the Hague and biking trip along the coast) on wednesday afternoon
- Friday afternoon, there was a possibility to a post-conference visit to Deltares

The papers resulting from the conference will be published in a peer-reviewed journal (Ocean Dynamics), in a topical collection that will be guest-edited by the organizers of this PECS conference.