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Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine puts River Information Systems definitions on-line at www.risdefinitions.org

Strasbourg, 09.05.2012. The River Information Services (RIS) currently concern almost every area of inland navigation in Europe. The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) has now set up a web page that gives the most important definitions used in the RIS, with the aim of making it easier to use the RIS and promoting their use. This is the CCNR's follow-up to a suggestion made by PIANC, the originator of the collection of these definitions.

In the course of the development and implementation of the RIS, the groups of experts and international organisations working on them defined a large number of concepts related to the RIS. To avoid any possible difficulties caused by the coexistence of competing or divergent definitions, the RIS Working Group set up by PIANC brought together all the relevant concepts and definitions in a single document, and this document is now available to all on the Internet site set up and administered by the CCNR at www.risdefinitions.org.

The Internet site is designed to be interactive – users are invited to contribute to the collection and maintenance of the information, by suggesting any alterations and new definitions the Internet site may need. This will continue to expand the quantity of information on RIS definitions, and keep it up to date.

The CCNR has been supporting the development and implementation of the RIS for nearly fifteen years. The CCNR sees the desire of the European RIS experts to cultivate the RIS definitions as a sign of recognition, more particularly of the competence of its RIS Working Group. In addition to the RIS definitions, the CCNR has also developed a general data bank for terminology on inland navigation on the Rhine and elsewhere. The name of the data bank is MINT (Multilingual Inland Navigation Terminology <http://mint.ccr-zkr.org/>), and it is freely available via the CCNR's Internet site.
