

KRING 2016: Lincoln, England

Environment Agency

25th – 27th September



Announcement of the KRING 2016 in England

Dear friends and members of the KRING Van Zeewerende Ingenieurs

The Environment Agency has great pleasure in inviting you to join us in September 2016 for the annual meeting of the KRING. The KRING is scheduled for the 25th to 27th September 2016 and will be centred on the historic city of Lincoln in the East of England.



After last year's wonderful meeting in the beautiful city of Gdansk, Poland, we hope you can join us in Lincoln for three days of technical presentations, interesting visits and of course the opportunity, once again, to meet with friends and colleagues with the common purpose of professional flood and coastal risk management.

I look forward to greeting you in Lincoln this September.

Ian Hodge
Environment Agency

Dear members of the Kring of Coastal Engineers,

For this year's meeting we are all invited by our colleagues in the UK. Over the last two winters we have been following on the BBC news the major flood events all over the country. In the workshops of 2014 Alison and Ian have introduced us to the backgrounds of the political views and engineering challenges they were facing. This year we will be visiting the heart of the flooded coastal area which was discussed back then. I am looking forward to hearing more about the recent floods, the response of the EA, and especially their long term flood policy.



During the Kring meeting the UK team will introduce interactive meetings about very interesting topics. Combined with the very interesting program, it promises to be an exceptional event as always!

I would like to invite you all to Lincoln, and I am very much looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Petra Goessen
Chair of the Kring of Coastal Engineers

Our venue and the Itinerary

The first known settlement in Lincoln, dating back to the first century BC, was around the Brayford Waterfront area, giving the original name for Lincoln, Lindon: 'Lin' meaning pool and 'don' meaning at the foot of the hill.

Timber houses and pottery have been found dating back to that time on the east of the pool. In fact the famous Witham Shield, belonging to a local tribe's chief, was found in the River Witham heading east from the Brayford area. It dates back to 300BC and is now housed in the British Museum.

Great feats of engineering have been present in Lincoln for almost 1000 years, beginning with the building of Lincoln Cathedral. Built without the modern technology of today, the building still towers over the city today and is seen as one of the finest examples of gothic architecture.

The rich history continues at the nearby Lincoln Castle, dating back to 1068 and home to one of only four surviving copies of Magna Carta. Built by William the Conqueror in 1068 on a site occupied since Roman times, Lincoln Castle has dominated the Lincoln skyline for almost one thousand years.



We'll be taking a visit to the site of the Boston Barrier, a £100m project to build a tidal barrier which forms part of a flood risk management scheme to protect 20 000 properties over the next 100years. We'll also visit Black Sluice Pumping Station, which has drained the low lying Fens of Lincolnshire since its construction in 1946 and look at its role in the future of affordable flood risk management.

On Monday we will visit the open coast where the 'Lincshire' re-nourishment scheme regularly deposits 500,000m³ of sand on the beaches to protect the hard defences and clay foreshore from erosion, taking in the views of some of the 35,000 caravans, 25,000 properties and vast areas of agricultural land.





The following morning we will visit Grimsby Docks where the £20m tidal defence scheme over 1.4km in length is drawing to a close. Seeing 14 000 properties better protected and unlocking investment potential in the Grimsby Port.

Outline Itinerary (note: this is likely to change – for planning only)

Sunday 25th September

14:00-16:00 Arrival / Registration (Hotel to be confirmed – Lincoln City)
 18:30-21:00 Reception, Opening Conference
 Presentations followed by [informal] dinner

Monday 26th September

07:30-08:30 Breakfast
 09:00–10:00 Depart (by coach) to Boston Barrier site
 [Refreshments at Black Sluice Cottages]
 10:30-12:00 Group (a): Boston Barrier Hub
 Group (b): Black Sluice Pumping Station

 [Both groups will see both sites in rotation]

 13:00-14:30 Depart (by coach) to Sandilands / Skegness
 [Fish & Chips Lunch]
 14:30-16:30 Anderby Creek – Lincshore project offices
 Beach Nourishment programme presentation and site visit
 17:00-18:45 Lincoln Cathedral visit,
 [Return to Hotel]

 20:00 – close KRING 2016 Formal Dinner
 [Dinner in Jail – Lincoln Castle and Prison]

Tuesday 27th September

07:30-08:30 Breakfast and Hotel Check-Out
 09:00-10:00 Depart hotel (by coach) to Grimsby Docks
 10:00-12:00 Visit to Associated British ports (ABP) /
 New Tidal Flood defences Scheme, Grimsby
 [Lunch]
 12:00-1300 [Lunch]
 13:00 Coaches depart:
 • One coach to Humberside then Doncaster Airport
 • Remaining coach returns to Hotel, Lincoln

