



2021 World Canals Conference

Annual meeting
March 26, 2022



Successful conference

- Registration: 85
- 26 presentations
- Two study tours as planned; One truncated
- Financial success
- Celebrated the park's 50th anniversary





Registration

- Final full-conf. registration: 85
- Registration counts for each event were:

Totals	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Presentations	94	98	92	89
Sightseeing	2	2	2	
Study Tour	88	88	87	
Evening	88		97	

- 12 Europeans cancelled due to travel restrictions
- 12 late cancellations, because of COVID

Financial Picture



Resources	
COCA Appropriation	\$ 5,000
Total member donations	\$ 45,743
Exhibitor income	\$ 375
Grants/sponsorships	\$ 38,000
Registration income	\$ 46,298
Total	\$ 135,416
Expenditures	\$ 96,477
Surplus	\$ 38,939

Opening session



Speakers included:

- John Noel, C&O Canal NHP
- George Lewis, C&O Canal Commission
- Jeffrey Cline, President,
Washington County Commissioners
- Sharon Leighton, Vice President,
Inland Waterways International

Presentations



- 26 presentations
- Selection committee:
 - Tim Snyder
 - Kerry Gruber
 - Jane Hanna
- Still available on website, wcc2021.org

Study tours



- Monday: Paw Paw Tunnel,
organized by Rita Knox and Joe Reed
- Tuesday:
 - Lunch at Monocacy Aqueduct
 - Great Falls
- Wednesday:
 - Williamsport, rained out
 - Bus tour of Antietam battlefield

Evening events



- Sunday:
Welcome reception at Ramada Plaza
- Monday:
Western Maryland Sportmen's Club
- Wednesday:
Banquet at Springfield Barn

Closing session



- Presentation on climate change by engineering organization PIANC
- Presentation by Deputy Mayor of Leipzig via Zoom
- *Passing of the Waters* ceremony included:
 - Leipzig officials via Zoom
 - Hagerstown Mayor Emily Keller
 - Representative from German embassy



Volunteers



- Dozens of volunteers helped
- Appreciation event held October 11 at Elmwood Bed & Breakfast

