An IADC Best Paper Award for a Young Author under the age of 35 was presented to Brianne Cohen at the WEDA XXXI / TAMU 42 Conference held at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee, June 5-8 2011.

THE PAPER
Over the past decade, the State of Louisiana’s Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration (OCPR) has perceived an increase in dredging costs for projects involving the placement of dredged sediment for inland marsh restoration purposes. The State of Louisiana is anticipating developing a new statewide programme with the objective of providing a balance between completing marsh restoration projects while controlling overall project costs.

An international research team was assembled and concluded that revisions could be made to optimise the dredging component of the current restoration programme. The report included the team’s findings and included a dredging market analysis, a summary of available innovative technologies, bidding and contracting alternatives, an evaluation of state ownership of dredgers, and recommendations for a Regional Inland Marsh Restoration Plan.


Ms. Cohen is a wetland scientist with 6 years’ experience focusing on sediment remediation and environmental restoration and provides unique biological expertise to the restoration of contaminated waterfront properties. Her experience includes the preparation and implementation of excavation and restoration designs, permitting and regulatory support, evaluation of environmental liability under CERCLA and MTCA, wetland delineation and monitoring, and biological evaluations. She received a BS in Botany and a BA in Anthropology from the University of Washington, Washington State, USA in 2002 with a minor in Japanese. She is a member of the Society of Wetland Scientists and received a Wetland Science and Management Certification from the University of Washington in June 2008.

THE IADC AWARD
Each year at selected conferences, the International Association of Dredging Companies grants awards for the best papers written by younger authors. In each case the Conference Paper Committee is asked to recommend a prizewinner whose paper makes a significant contribution to the literature on dredging and related fields.