The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) is pleased to share with you its e-Bulletin "CIP Highlights".

Course Dates: September 10 – October 12, 2018

Application Deadline: April 30, 2018

Organized by the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Advanced Course on Port Operations and Management will be carried out by the Institut Portuaire d’Enseignement et de Recherche (IPER), from September 10 to October 12, 2018 in Port Le Havre, France. The General Secretariat of the IMO will grant a total of 20 scholarships, worldwide, to
port personnel who meet all established criteria. Please note that the candidate must be proficient in either English or French.

As part of the IMO’s contribution towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda, and specifically to SDG 5 on gender equality and empowerment women and girls, the nominating authorities are strongly encouraged to recommend a female candidate who meets the criteria. However, in case that a female candidate does not comply with the requirements, male candidates will also be considered for scholarships.

Course fees, accommodation and some meals will be provided for the selected participants through donor funding, including IMO funding. In addition, IMO will provide each participant with € 20 per day to cover incidental expenses. Port Authorities have to cover the traveling costs (round ticket to Paris and round train trip Paris/Le Havre) and arrange travel individually.

For further information on the Course, please visit the CIP portal, or contact Montserrat Ambriz, Project Coordinator, S/CIP, at mambriz@oas.org.

Seminar Dates: May 23 – 25, 2018

Organized by the National Port Authority (APN) of Peru and the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Seminar will provide an international platform for public and private dialogue, and will allow
decision makers from governments, international organizations, private sector and civil society to share strategic actions and successful practices on:

- Modernization of the Socially Responsible Port-Logistics Supply Chain;
- Port Legislation for Social Responsibility;
- Environmentally Responsible Port Operations;
- Gender Equality Strategies for Competitive Port Operations; and
- Improvements Towards an Inclusive and Efficient Port Sector.

The Seminar will also include a Port Dialogue Roundtable in which representatives of National Port Authorities will offer a series of recommendations to face the challenges of port development through socially responsible and inclusive strategies. For further information, please contact Cristina Rechy, S/CIP Project Coordinator, mrechy@oas.org or visit the CIP Portal.

Meeting Dates: July 24 – 27, 2018

XL Port Meeting of the Central American Isthmus

Organized by the Central American Maritime Transport Commission (COCATRAM), the Port Meeting of the Central American Isthmus (REPICA, for its acronym in Spanish) provides a forum to exchange ideas to tackle regional challenges in port management and operations. In addition, REPICA allows participants to network and learn about strategies for the implementation of modernization, innovation, and legislation plans, among others. In this XL edition that will take place in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, the main discussion panels will address:
• Cruise Industry;
• Port Environmental Management;
• Climate Change;
• Impact of the MARPOL Agreement in the Ports;
• Emergency Management;
• Quality Management;
• Port Security and Protection;
• Port Strategy of the Dominican Republic;
• Short Sea Shipping;
• Land Transportation and its Impact on the Supply Chain; and
• Experiences in Public-Private Partnerships, and the Role of Women in the Port Industry.

REPICA is directed to Port Managers and Administrators, Representatives of the Ministries of Transport, Port Authorities and private sector. For more information about REPICA, please click here.

Meeting Dates: August 1 – 3, 2018

Recognizing the importance of a three-dimensional sustainability strategy in ports, which includes environmental, social and economic aspects, the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS)
adopts the theme: Sustainable Management for Port Competitiveness. This Meeting provides a forum for high-level public-private sector dialogue to promote the development of the 4th Generation ports, faster, smarter, cleaner and more interconnected. The Meeting will convene representatives from 34 National Port Authorities of the OAS member States, as well as from international organizations, private sector, and civil society. Industry decision-and-change makers will tackle challenges and discuss trends, blending policy with best practices and technical solutions to achieve sustainable ports in the hemisphere.

Organized by the Government of Mexico, as Chair of the CIP Executive Board 2016 – 2018, the Meeting will also assess progress in the commitments made during the Tenth Regular Meeting of the CIP, and approve the Resolution of Mexico City, a new Biennial Plan of Action and its corresponding budget.

The topics addressed include:

- Sustainable management for competitive port development;
- Security and integral port management;
- Risks mitigation and business continuity in the face of disasters and emergencies;
- Modern port legislation for efficient management;
- Sustainable regional connectivity; and
- Corporate Social Responsibility and inclusive policies in the maritime and port industries.

For more information, please contact the CIP Secretariat through: cip@oas.org
**Congress Dates:** November 19 and 20, 2018

**XIII Maritime Port Congress**

The National Port Commission of Guatemala (CPN) and the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) will hold the thirteenth edition of the MARTIME PORT CONGRESS, a high-level international event, unique in its kind. The Congress offers a space for discussion and commercial exchange in the port and maritime sectors, among others. It will bring together experts of recognized trajectory and high professional profile, who will share their experience and knowledge for the benefit of the participants. The Congress is directed to professionals from National Port Authorities as well as from the public and private sectors related to maritime and foreign trade. In addition, there will be an exhibition hall with stands to facilitate and promote the linkage and strengthening of commercial ties between the members of the port community and the private sector.

For further information on the Congress, please visit the CIP Website, or contact Montserrat Ambriz, Project Coordinator, S/CIP, at mambriz@oas.org.
Carbon Neutral Shipping Solution for an Industrial Chemicals Company

RightShip and CBL Markets, a global exchange platform providing participants with access to the world’s environmental commodity markets, have established a partnership. In the past, measuring emissions from the shipping activities of a major charterer was difficult, however, RightShip’s robust and verifiable Carbon Accounting tool – based on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Rating and compliant with EU standards – was launched in 2016 to accurately measure, monitor and manage total emissions. RightShip offers charterers the ability to offset their carbon emissions by purchasing voluntary carbon credits from CBL Markets, who operate a leading spot exchange for carbon offsets and other environmental commodities. An early adopter of the tool, IPL, now uses the method to measure emissions from the activities of the 200 vessels it charters each year. Through this tool, IPL is supporting two verified carbon projects in China which support renewable energy generation and more efficient energy generation via natural gas.

For further information on RightShip’s Carbon Accounting Tool, click [here](#).

The Japanese NSK Warner starts operations in GPI

With an investment of 34 million Mexican pesos (nearly US $2,000,000) aiming to generate more than one hundred jobs, the Japanese company NSK Warner Mexico started operations in Guanajuato Inland Port (GPI, for its acronym in Spanish) – it is the second project of the company in GPI. In this plant, clutch systems and components for the
automatic transmission will be manufactured; this way, the supply and supply chain of the automotive cluster will be complemented. During the inauguration, the words of thanks and motivation were immediate from the governor, Miguel Márquez, the Executive Vice President of NSK, Shigeyuki Suzuki, and the first Consul of Japan in Mexico, Kayako Furukawa.

For more information about NSK Warner’s operations in GPI, click here.

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Green Marine Releases its 2018 Performance Indicators Criteria

Green Marine released its 2018 Performance Indicator Criteria for North American ship owners, port authorities, terminal operators and shipyard managers. In keeping with its commitment to continual improvement, Green Marine annually reviews, strengthens and expands its environmental certification program criteria. The 2018 criteria introduce several change to better reflect Green Marine’s expanding membership of American domestic ship owners. It is to be highlighted that criteria related to aquatic invasive species and greenhouse gases have also been strengthened.

“The program is reviewed and adjusted every year to reflect new regulations and keep up with technological innovation,” says David Bolduc, Green Marine’s executive director. “A collaborative approach is a core tenet of this annual reassessment, with all criteria reviewed and approved by our advisory committees composed of representatives from the industry, environmental organizations, scientific programs, and government agencies.”
Green Marine participants are currently assessing their environmental performance for 2017, Green Marine’s 10th year of evaluations. The 2017 self-evaluation guides are posted on line, and they help participants to benchmark their environmental performance against Green Marine’s criteria for 12 distinct performance indicators. Results will be released at the end of May at GreenTech 2018, Green Marine’s annual conference.

For further information on the 2018 Program Criteria, click here.

Interested in becoming an Associate Member of the CIP? Click here for further information on the benefits of joining, opportunities for collaboration and the formal application procedures or contact the CIP Secretariat.