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".
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48th Annual General Meeting of the Caribbean Shipping Association

During the 48th Annual General Meeting of the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA), shipping and logistics executives, services providers of heavy duty and shipping support equipment, as well as experts from every field of the supply chain, will be brought together to discuss challenges, successful practices and opportunities that are relevant to the sector.

The exhibitions, content and venue, the RIU Plaza Panama, will be among the best Meetings that the Caribbean Shipping Association has organized.

Registration for the conference will open in July 2018. For further information about the CSA General Meeting, please click here.
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, the 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
**Application Deadline:** July 15, 2018  
**Course Dates:** October 18 – June 29, 2018

**Master on Port Management and Intermodal Transport**

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of the American States (OAS) and the Valenciaport Foundation are pleased to announce the Master on Port Management and Intermodal Transport that will take place from October 18th to June 29th, 2018, in Valencia, Spain.

The organizers will award a maximum of two (2) scholarships to port professionals who are citizens of any CIP-OAS Member States and who meet the selection criteria established by the bases of the call for applications. The scholarships provided will include the total cost of the enrollment to the Master and a grant of eight-hundred euros (800 €).

Each applicant should submit all documents in electronic format to Ms. Carmen Estela (Training Specialist, Valenciaport Foundation) at mcestela@fundacion.valenciaport.com, **no later than July 15, 2018.** Note: the program will be held in Spanish only, so it is indispensable requirement to master the language.

For further information on the Master, click [here](#).
Application Deadline: August 10, 2018
Course Dates: September 24 – October 26, 2018

XXIII Ibero-American Course on Port Management

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of the American States (OAS) and Ports from the States of Spain, is pleased to inform about the XXIII Ibero-American Course on Port Management that will run from September 24th to October 26th, 2018, and will take place in Madrid, Spain.

The organizers will award a maximum of twenty-five (25) scholarships to candidates who are citizens or permanent residents of an OAS Member State.

The scholarships provided include the enrollment to the course, trips to the practices, the health and accident insurance, accommodation and lunch, as well as the transport from/to the course site and the general logistics costs. It is important to clarify that the scholarship does not include the air transportation neither the transport from/to the airport.

Each applicant must submit to the S/CIP the complete documents requested in the call for applications by e-mail to mrechy@os.org with CC. to cip@oas.org, no later than Friday, August 10, 2018. Note: the Course will be held in Spanish only, so it is indispensable requirement to master the language.

For further information on the Course, click here.
Online Course on Social Responsibility in the Port Sector

Organized by the National Port Authority (APN for the acronym in Spanish) of Peru and the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports, the Online Course on Social Responsibility (SR) was held from April 16th to May 11th, 2018. A total of 28 participants from nine (9) Member States, including Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and Peru, were granted a scholarship to take the course. Through the platform Virtual Port Campus (CPV for its acronym in Spanish), the online course included modules such as the nature of SR in the XXI century, SR characteristics, and the role of port officials in SR practices, among others. The participant who obtained the highest grade during the course was Mr. Hugo Alfredo Hurtado, from the APN, Peru. For more information about the capacity building program offered by the CIP Secretariat, visit www.portalcip.org.
Valiant Integrated Services completes acquisition of Cubic Global Defense Services

On June 1st, 2018 Valiant Integrated Services announced the purchase of CIP Associate Member: Cubic Global Defense Services, a leading provider of training, operations, intelligence, technical and other support services to the U.S. and the allied forces. As the chairman of Cubic Corporation, Bradley H. Feldman, stated, this “…is an important step for Cubic as we work to ensure we are best positioned to drive sustainable long-term value for our customers, employees and shareholders”.

This transaction represents Valiant’s largest acquisition to date, by acquiring a company with more than 5,000 employees and a wide geographical footprint. It is possible to say that this divestiture supports Valiants’s strategy to broaden its customer base through a wide range of solutions and support service.

The services provided by Cubic Global Defense won’t change, despite the purchase of the Company by Valiant Integrated Solutions. For further information, please click here.
Ashimori innovates with the expansion of its plant at the Inland Port of Guanajuato

Ashimori Industry, Co. in Mexico, a leader in security and part production for companies including Mazda, Suzuki, Honda, Toyota and Subaru, expanded its facilities with the opening of its second branch located in the Inland Port of Guanajuato, Mexico. This 30-thousand-squared-meter expansion (30,000 mt2) represented an investment of 31 million dollars and the creation of 400 new jobs. According to the President of Ashimori Industry, Co. Ltd., this expansion means an increase of approximately three times the current production capacity.

Ashimori is well known for being a company where 60% of its work force is composed by women. The company is also committed with security, an area that led it be recognized as a provider of excellence. For further information, please click here.
The Maritime Alliance (TMA): Ports as the “Front Door of the Blue Economy”

The Maritime Alliance, with the aim of sharing the importance of the Blue Economy, prepared and shared the “The Economic Case for the Maritime Center at Fishermen’s Terminal” under the contract for the Port of Seattle.

Blue Economy includes the traditional Maritime industries and the innovative BlueTech sectors such as underwater vehicles, offshore renewable energy, remotely operated vehicles and sensors. Even though, currently, a few regions are focused on the BlueTech sector, the increasing demand of sustainable ocean and water industries that optimize conservation and promote economic development, is changing the port and maritime industry. In this regard, the State of Washington is developing a Washington Maritime BLUE Initiative that strives to be a center for sustainable maritime industries in the United States by 2050. The Initiative includes the creation of a Maritime Innovation Center. For further information, please click here.
Maersk Container Industry in San Antonio, Chile ends operations and production

The Maersk Container Industry San Antonio (MCIS) announced its decision to end the operations for the production of refrigerated containers in its Malvilla facilities. The decision responds to the global overproduction of these containers and the permanent difficulty to acquire the necessary materials for these operations in the region.

This decision will result in an employment layoff of 1,209 workers at MCIS, who will receive an extra compensation. Finally, the corporation stated that the closure of this site, won’t affect the other activities developed in Chile by the A.P. Moller and Maersk partnership. For further information, please 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.