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II Hemispheric Conference on Inland Ports, Waterways and Dredging:
Inland Transport as an Engine for Competitiveness



May 17 - 19, 2017
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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The **Second Hemispheric Conference on Inland Ports, Waterways, and Dredging: Inland Transport as an Engine for Competitiveness** will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This conference will provide an international platform for public-private dialogue on strategic actions and efficient logistics operations through

waterways and their inland ports. Organized by the S/CIP and the Under Secretariat of Ports and Waterways of Argentina (SSPYVN), and in collaboration with the Port of Bahía Blanca, the Port of Buenos Aires, the Port Authority of Rosario (ENAPRO), the Argentine Naval Prefecture, and the Port of Quequén, the event will focus on the key aspects of inland transport, such as:

- Facilitation of intra-regional trade through waterways;
- Inland ports as catalysts for efficient waterway logistics;
- The benefits of multimodal transportation;
- Inland transport safety and security; and
- The competitive benefits of environmentally sustainable dredging.

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May 30 - June 1

Green Maritime, a CIP Associate Member, is pleased to invite marine-related organizations and enterprises to the **10th Annual Conference 'GreenTech 2017'**, which will take place at the Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The conference program will focus on how to improve marine transportation's sustainability. GreenTech 2017 topics include: carbon footprint assessments, storm preparedness and resilience, air emission at ports, protection of marine ecosystems, underwater noise, dual fuel and LNG use, environmental leadership and innovation, and cruise ship environmental challenges, among others. Information about the program, registration, accommodation, sponsorships and booth reservations can be accessed [here](#).



Port of Aguadulce: One of the Most Modern Ports of the Pacific

CIP Associate Member, COMPAS, Colombia's multipurpose port network with terminals in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, is pleased to announce one of the port community's most modern facilities that handles coal and bulk commodities in the Pacific: Port of Aguadulce. COMPAS is confident that this port will contribute significantly to the growth of the country's economy and competitiveness as it will receive ships of up to 80 thousand tons of cargo and ship metallurgical coal on similar size motorboats. To learn more about Port of Aguadulce and COMPAS, [click here](#).



Changing Tides: The Maritime Industry Must Manage Cybersecurity Risk

Cybersecurity is a growing concern for the maritime industry. Not all maritime cyberattacks are publicly reported. According to [Futureonautics](#), 43% of seafarers have reported sailing on a vessel that became infected by a virus or malware. Those in the industry should learn more about the economic, environmental, and national security implications on both sea- and land-based maritime activities that cyber risk represents. In support of the need to mitigate cyber risk, Gnostech Inc., who is a CIP Associate Member and has U.S. naval and maritime domain expertise, is bringing awareness to this issue with a [maritime cybersecurity blog](#). Gnostech provides tailorable engineering and cybersecurity services and consulting to maritime organizations. To view Gnostech's maritime solutions video, [click here](#) and to learn more about the company, [click here](#).



Port of Buenos Aires Announces Alliance with Chile and Uruguay to Strengthen Cruise Industry in the Southern Cone

The three countries of the southern cone announced that they will sign an agreement that consists of the alliance of Argentina-Chile-Uruguay, in order to strengthen regional cooperation and boost cruise tourism. The purpose of the Alliance is to raise awareness about the socio-economic benefits of cruise tourism. Its main objective is the regional and international cooperation between the public and private sectors. To see the full article [click here](#), and for more information about the port of Buenos Aires [click here](#).



Natural Resources Logistics in Landlocked Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean

The *FAL Bulletin* published by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) released an analyses on natural resources logistics in landlocked countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, with focus on Paraguay and the Plurinacional State of Bolivia. According to the analyses, “inland waterways are the chief mode of transport for Paraguay’s export commodities, accounting for more than 90% of the country’s total volume of soybean exports. It is crucial to create an efficient logistics infrastructure for natural resource extraction and distribution, not only to remain competitive but also to reduce the cost of imported consumer products.” For further information on the analyses, [click here](#).

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