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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**FUTURE EVENTS**

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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**XVIII IBERO-AMERICAN COURSE ON PORT TECHNOLOGY, OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**Application Deadline:** March 23, 2018  
**Course Dates:** May 11 – June 7, 2018

**XVIII Ibero-American Course on Port Technology, Operations and Environmental Management**

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of the American States (OAS) and Puertos del Estado de España are pleased to announce the opening of the call for applications for the XVIII Ibero-
American Course on Port Technology, Operations and Environmental Management, to take place from May 11 to June 7, 2018, in Santander, Spain.

The organizers will award a maximum of twenty (20) scholarships, distributed between the two specialties of the course:

i. Port Operations;
ii. Environmental Management.

In this edition of the Course, students will have the opportunity to attend the III International Congress on Industrial Security in Ports, to be held in Pazo de Mariñán (A Coruña), on May 8 and 9, 2018. Congress organizers will offer to the 20 scholarship recipients:

- Free registration to the sessions of the Congress;
- Access to all the activities (including lunches and dinners); and
- The trip from A Coruña to Santander on May 10.

In addition, accommodation will be offered at Pazo de Mariñán, from May 7 to 10, 2018, to a maximum of 12 scholarship recipients (assigned in strict order of receipt of the request by the S/CIP). Please note that the 8 scholarship recipients who are not granted must cover their accommodation expenses and transportation from the hotel to the Congress venue. Each applicant must submit to the S/CIP the complete documents by e-mail to cip@oas.org, Cc. kparson@oas.org, no later than March 23, 2018. For further information on the Course, click here, and to find out more about the Congress, click here.

Note: the Course and Congress will be held in Spanish only, so it is indispensable requirement to master the language.
Application Deadline: Feb. 16, 2018

Lloyd’s List Americas Awards 2018

The Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) proudly announces that entries are rolling in for the Lloyd’s List Awards, endorsed by our Associate Member the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA). The deadline to submit entries is February 16, 2018.

The Lloyd’s List Awards series recognizes excellence across the range of sectors within the shipping world. Any individual or company can nominate themselves, in addition to customers, suppliers and associations being able to nominate each other in the category of their expertise.

Here are the categories that will be up for grabs at the Lloyd’s List Americas Awards 2018:

1. NEW FOR 2018. Best Fuel Solution Award;
2. NEW FOR 2018. Best Technology for Cleaner Emissions;
3. Company of the Year;
4. NEW FOR 2018. Cruise Safety Innovation Award;
5. NEW FOR 2018. Cyber Security Innovation Award;
6. Deal of the Year;
7. Environment Award;
8. i-law Maritime Law Award;
9. Lloyd’s List Intelligence Data Innovation Award;
10. NEW FOR 2018. Port Infrastructure Development of the Year;
11. Port Operator of the Year;
12. Safety Training Initiative; and
13. Ship Operator of the Year.

Lloyd’s List Americas Awards are free to enter! All entries must be submitted online. The S/CIP will act as a judge, and invites all Members, Associate Members and Strategic Partners of the CIP to submit their entries. For further information, please click [here](#).
of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), the event will focus on the key aspects of port legislation modernization, with special emphasis on adequate regulation for efficiency, security, and environmental sustainability. Decision-makers from public and private entities will present successful practices on the following topics:

- Modern Legislation for Efficient Port Management;
- Automation in Ports - Modernization of Legal Frameworks;
- Regulatory Policies in Risk Management; and
- Environmental Legislation for Sustainability.

In addition, during Port Dialogue Roundtables, National Port Authority representatives and industry experts will offer a series of recommendations for tackling the legal and regulatory challenges of the region’s port and maritime industry.

For more information, please contact Mona Swoboda, S/CIP Project Coordinator, mswoboda@oas.org, or visit the CIP portal.
Seminar Dates: May 23 – 25, 2018

II Hemispheric Seminar on Corporate Social Responsibility and Gender Equality: Creating a Competitive and Inclusive Port Sector

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.
Cubic Corporation, a CIP Associate Member since 2017, is the parent company of three major businesses, including Cubic Global Defense (CGD), which provides realistic combat training systems, secure communications and networking and highly specialized support services for military and security forces of the U.S. and allied nations. CDG was awarded a contract to continue providing analytical support services to the U.S. European Command’s (EUCOM) Joint Training and Exercise Division. Cubic will focus on providing training for joint/combined operational effects, strengthening strategic partnerships, building partner capacity, capabilities and interoperability through exercises. For further information, click here.
The company was certified as a Women's Business Enterprise by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) and a Woman-Owned Small Business by the United States Small Business Administration. Hudson provides international business risk solutions and support to the world’s leading commercial shipping, ports and terminals, oil and gas, finance, insurance, manufacturing, and government sectors. It also offers risk management solutions that serve an extensive portfolio of ship owners, operators, charterers, cargo owners, port/terminal operators, maritime law firms, marine insurers, and P&I clubs. For more information, including that related to our port physical, operational, and cyber security expertise, please contact Mr. Andrew Baskin, Vice President, Global Policy and Trade, at andrew.baskin@hudsonanalytix.com.
Gnostech Shares Perspectives on Maritime Cybersecurity and Workforce Development

CIP Associate Member, Gnostech Inc., recently participated in a United Kingdom Cybersecurity Mission to the United States. Gnostech hosted a U.K. delegation to discuss cybersecurity challenges and opportunities in the maritime industry, as well as workforce development programs focused on attracting women to the cybersecurity and maritime industries. Gnostech faces similar challenges as OAS member states, and addresses them in analogous ways as OAS. Likewise, Gnostech’s Vice President, Sarah Carter, participated in the San Diego Economic Development Corporation’s cybersecurity workforce panel discussion, and provided insight into Gnostech’s Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) high school internship program.

To learn more about Gnostech and the cybersecurity services and solutions it provides, visit the company’s website.
SOGET Celebrates its 10th Anniversary

SOGET, the independent software vendor dedicated to Trade Facilitation and Port Community System and a CIP Strategic Partner since 2008, is now celebrating its 10th anniversary on the international scene. CIP proudly celebrates SOGET’s major milestones during this decade:

- 2008: Signing of the first international contract with Mauritius’ Port and Airport community;
- 2010: Installation of Port Community Systems (PCS) at the Port of Cotonou, Benin;
- 2012: Opening of Asian markets to SOGET, with the deployment of the world’s largest PCS project in Indonesia;
- 2013: SOGET, in collaboration with the Port of Le Havre, implements the Port Management Information System (PMIS) at the Port of Abidjan (PAA), a leading port in West Africa;
- 2014: Winning of Congolese project; and
- 2015: Addition of the Jamaican reference, the main strategic transshipment hub for the Caribbean region.

For further information on SOGET, click here.
The CIP Secretariat (S/CIP) is proud to announce that it has recently signed two (2) MoU’s:

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between WISTA and the S/CIP

Last December 12th, the S/CIP signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Women’s International Shipping and Trade Association (WISTA). Recognizing the fundamental role women play in the political, economic, social, and cultural development of the Hemisphere, CIP encourages them to take leadership in both public institutions and the private sector. In line with the Montevideo Action Plan 2016-2018, CIP aims at empowering female professionals in the port sector of the Americas. The MoU intends to increase the force and effectiveness of CIP and WISTA’s efforts in such key matters as:

- Port development, through exchanging technical expertise, best practices and information to make port facilities more efficient, secure, environmentally sustainable, innovative and competitive;
Cooperating with government agencies, international organizations and private initiatives on the implementation of programs, projects and activities aimed at strengthening port logistics development; and

Encouraging appropriate technical training and personnel improvement to achieve optimal port performance, including technical training, scholarships, student exchange or any other capacity building mechanism.

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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.