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**PORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE CARIBBEAN**

**June 21-23**

**20th Annual General Meeting**

The 20th Annual General Meeting of the Port Management Association of the Caribbean (PMAC) will be hosted by the Port Authority of the Cayman Island at the Marriot Resort Cayman. The main objective of the event is to foster operational and financial efficiency, and to enhance the level of service to the mutual benefit of Caribbean Ports and their stakeholders, through the sharing of experience, training, information and ideas. Some of the topics that will be included in the program are: Safety Protocols for Mitigating Risks, Planning and Preparation for Oil Spills in Ports, and Dredging and Towing Services, among others. Click [here](#) to obtain information about the program and registration, also the meeting [Agenda](#) is provided for your information.
XXXIX Central American Isthmus Port Meeting (REPICA)

Organized by the Central American Maritime Transport Commission (COCATRAM), along with the Port Authority of Belize, the XXXIX Central American Isthmus Port Meeting (REPICA) will be held in Belize City. The objective of the event is to promote the exchange of ideas and experiences through the discussion of port challenges related to port management and operations, as well as other related aspects. The event is addressed to Port Managers and Administrators, Representatives of Ministries of Transport, Port Authorities and Companies, among others. Some of the topics in the agenda include Mobility and Logistics Policy in Central America, Strengthening Environmental Port Management in Central America, Multilateral Agreement on Search and Rescue, Impact of Ballast Water Convention in Ports, and The Role of Women in the Port Industry, among others. For additional information about the event and registration, click here.
August 23-24

Save the Date: Global Logistic Innovation Summit

Organized by Guanajuato Puerto Interior in cooperation with the S/CIP, the Global Logistic Innovation Summit will bring together important and influential international experts, leaders, and executives in the city of León, Guanajuato - Mexico. Speakers will share best practices, trends, and expertise to increase competitiveness of people, companies, and governments. Topics in the agenda include: Maritime and Logistic Profiles in Latin America and the Caribbean, Innovative Logistic Infrastructure, Competitiveness in Latin America, Global Logistics in Distribution, Inventory Control and Storage Strategies. For additional information on the event contact contacto@ligto.com and to view the brochure about the event provided by the State of Guanajuato click here.
The **III Hemispheric Conference on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Logistics: Comprehensive Port Management for Increased Efficiency** will provide an international platform for public-private dialogue on efficient and innovative port operations with a holistic vision that promotes increased competitiveness in the region. Organized by the Panama Maritime Authority and the Secretariat 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 efficient logistics, multimodal transport, competitive port security operations, and environmental innovation, all in line with the development of a competitive, secure, and sustainable port sector. Decision-makers from public and private entities will present successful practices on the following topics:

- Technological Innovation for a Competitive Port Sector;
- Regional Connectivity: A Key Factor for Economic Development;
- Automation of Port Operations: Port Community Systems;
- Strategic Actions in Competitive Port Security;

For more information about the event, click [here](#).
The CIP Secretariat presents the CIP Magazine, May 2017 Issue

Titled “Waterways: the Veins of South American International Trade”, the CIP Magazine May 2017 issue includes analysis and technical reports, as well as articles from key point opinion leaders about the waterway sector, such as:

- The Merchant Marine Today in Argentina, by Jorge Metz, Under-Secretariat of Ports and Waterways, Argentina;
- Successful and Sustainable Waterway Dredging, by Fernando Ramírez Elizalde, Deputy Manager, General Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine (CGPyMM), Mexico;
- The ANP’s Ambitious Port Project in Uruguay, an article by the CIP Magazine;
- Regulations, Key for Dredging Dumps, by Ana Baro, Head of Department of Numerical Models, Kapsis Ports and Coasts;
- Sustainable Dredging with Ecosystem Services, by René Kolman, Secretary General, International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC).

The CIP Magazine May 2017 issue can be accessed here. If you would like to publish an article or learn about advertising opportunities, please contact us: cip@oas.org.
The National Government of Argentina will award Sustainable Vessels that Care for the Environment

The Ministry of Transport of Argentina, through the General Administration of Ports, will grant discounts of 5% and 10% to environmentally friendly ships with the aim of encouraging sea liners and cruises to operate more ecological vessels. This measure is part of the National Government's commitment to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the development of the Strategic Plan for Sustainability of Port of Buenos Aires. In this regard, as per resolution 50/2017, the Ministry of Transport will grant a 10% bonus to ships and cruises that are certified by the Green Award Program, which main objective is safety in ship navigation, respecting the international implementations on the environment. To see the full article please click here.
Official Winners of the 2017 Lloyd’s List Americas Awards

After a highly competitive process, the winners of the 2017 Lloyd’s List Americas Awards were unveiled in May, in New York City. The Award recognized the best in shipping over the last year in North, South and Central America. The program received entries from across the region including the Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Panama, Uruguay, U.S., and beyond. CIP Associate Members and Strategic Partners had remarkable accomplishments among the winners across 11 categories:

- Instituto de Capacitación del Centro de Navegación received the Training Award;
- Hudson Analytix, HA Cyber Logix earned the Intelligence Digital Innovation Award; and
- Authority of the Panama Canal (ACP) won the Newsmaker of the Year.

Jorge Duran, Chief of the S/CIP, acted as judge of the Awards. To see all the winners of the Lloyd’s List Americas Awards please click here.

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