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SAVE THE DATE!

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



May 17-19

The **Second Hemispheric Conference on Inland Ports, Waterways, and Dredging: Inland Transport as an Engine for Competitiveness**, which will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 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.

For further information, [click here](#).



May 22

“Safety at Sea”- Facing the Many Changes in Shipping Today and AMVER Awards Reception

The North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), a CIP Associate Member, is pleased to celebrate the National Maritime Day through the “Safety at Sea” Seminar and AMVER Award Reception, which will take place at the

National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The event is designed to bring industry and governmental leaders together to discuss concerns about safety and strategies, as well as to reflect on the role that the maritime industry plays economically and globally. Also, at the evening, the AMVER Awards Reception celebrates over 160 merchant shipping companies that volunteer to be available for maritime emergency response. [Click here](#) for information about the seminar, awards reception, and registration.



June 13-14

**Communications & Economic Development Seminar - Finding Success
through Industry & Community Partnerships**

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), a CIP Associate Member, is pleased to invite port-related personnel to the Communications & Economic Development Seminar - Finding Success through Industry & Community Partnerships. The event will take place in Portland, OR, at the Crown Plaza Portland Downtown Convention Center. The Seminar will combine port public relations and maritime economic interests, with focus on collaborations and strategies that can help ports gain favor with customers, community members, government officials and other important stakeholders. [Click here](#) for more information on the seminar and [click here](#) to view the agenda.



XII CONGRESO
MARÍTIMO PORTUARIO
GUATEMALA, 25 y 26 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2017

September 25-26

XII Port Maritime Congress

The National Port Commission of Guatemala invites port and maritime industry representatives to the XII Port Maritime Congress that will take place in Guatemala. The event will be a unique forum in which congressmen, specialists and lecturers of recognized trajectory will share their experiences and exchange best practices with the private sector. The main objectives of the XII Port Maritime Congress include:

- Create a space to update and exchange practices on the progress and the situation of international trade by sea;
- Facilitate the linkage and strengthening of commercial ties between suppliers and clients, private and public sectors related to the port industry at a regional level; and
- Provide a context and share opinions about changes and trends in maritime trade, in order to generate strategies that increase the efficiency of port activity.

For more information about the program and registration [click here](#).



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
**MASTER ON PORT MANAGEMENT
AND INTERMODAL TRANSPORT 2017**



The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) and Valenciaport Foundation are pleased to announce the **Master on Port Management and Intermodal Transport (MGPT)** that will take place from October 19, 2017 to June 29, 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 State](#) and who meet the selection criteria.

Please note that the application process is divided in **two phases**:

1. **Phase One – Apply to Universidad Pontificia de Comillas**, through ICADE Business School, Madrid. The deadline to submit applications is **Monday June 5th, 2017**.
2. **Phase Two – Apply to CIP / Valenciaport Scholarships** (once the applicant has been admitted by the ICADE Business School, through Valenciaport Foundation.) The deadline to apply for scholarships is **Tuesday, June 27th, 2017** by e-mail to Cristina Rechy from S/CIP (mrechy@oas.org) Cc. cip@oas.org .

To access more information about the call for applications (Spanish only) [click here](#).



31st Advanced Course on Port Operations and Management

The S/CIP is pleased to inform about the application process for the 31st Advanced Course on Port Operations and Management to be held in Le Havre, France from September 11 to October 13, 2017. The course is part of the cooperation agreement that the S/CIP has with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Port of Le Havre and the Institute Portuaire d'Enseignement at the Recherche (IPER). The S/CIP requests nomination of candidates to attend this course. Please note that the candidate must be proficient in English or French.

The candidate will have to start two procedures at the same time:

1. **Submission of the [application form](#) including supporting documentation to be addressed to the Technical Cooperation Division.** The application form and supporting documentation must be officially signed and stamped by the Port Authority, and send by email to martrain@imo.org, and the original forms must be received by the Secretary-General of IMO no later than June 2nd, 2017 (deadline) to the following address:

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4, Albert Embankment

London SE1 7SR - England

Fax: +44.20.7587.3210

Email: martrain@imo.org

*** At the same time of submission, please courtesy copy the CIP Secretariat: efernandez@oas.org , and Port of Le Havre: stephane.dubois@havre-port.fr .*

- 2. Inform the representative of the Cooperation and Cultural Action Department at the French Embassy when the application is deposited.**

Thanks to the generosity of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Sea of France and the Conference Partners, the cost of the tuition fee, insurance and board, and lodging for the trainee are entirely financed. Please be aware that Port Authorities have to bear the traveling costs (return air ticket to Paris and train trip Paris/Le Havre) of their candidates.

For further information please contact Ernesto Fernandez (efernandez@oas.org) and/or [click here](#).



**The National Port Authority of Peru launches the First Issue of the Quarterly Bulletin:
"Corporate Social Responsibility, Gender Equality and Women Empowerment"**

The National Port Authority (APN, *for its acronym in Spanish*) of Peru, as Chair of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Corporate Social Responsibility, Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, published the first issue of the quarterly Bulletin. The Bulletin will promote the role and work of women in the port sector, as well as the policies and actions that are carried out in order to promote Corporate Social Responsibility in the national and international port community. The APN invites CIP Members and Associate Members to contribute with news and articles to be included in the Bulletin. To see the First Issue of the Bulletin, [click here](#) (*Spanish only*) and for more information about the APN [click here](#).



The Port of Buenos Aires becomes Vice-Chair of the International Association RETE

The Administrator of the General Administration of Ports in Argentina, Gonzalo M3rtola, was appointed Vice-Chair for Latin America at the Association for Port-City Collaboration (RETE). It is important to emphasize that this is the first time that representatives of the Latin American region have joined the Ordinary Meeting of RETE General Council, being a milestone for all the actors in the sector who have competences in matters of port cities. To see the full article [click here](#), and for more information about Port of Buenos Aires [click here](#).



Montecon Invests to Improve the Competitiveness of Port of Montevideo

The project consists of the design and creation of two mobile cranes capable of reaching 21 rows of containers. The company celebrated the important investment by introducing machines never seen before in terms of port logistics in Uruguay. The Port of Montevideo is the only deep-water port in the country and the region, and it represents a future full of opportunities. The units, whose height is 57.4 meters (188.32 ft), were developed at Montecon's request to overcome the obstacle of not being able to count on gantry cranes capable of meeting the requirements of large vessels. To see the full article [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](#).