

**The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports welcomes its new Associate Member: Port of Altamira**

The Port of Altamira is in the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico. It has great growth potential for its land reserve and its privileged geographical location, which by its features currently serves all industries. The port is connected to 125 ports around the world through various regular shipping lines in cargo ships and bulk cargo. Its main destinations are located in the Atlantic basin. One of its connectivity and accessibility objectives is to work for the conservation, improvement and construction of new rail and road infrastructure, which will allow Altamira to improve its inland connectivity. For more information, please [click here](#).

**RIGHTSHIP** **RightShip solution help reduce shipping's carbon dioxide emissions**

Our Associate Member, RightShip announced that 26 of the 35 charterers have come forward to highlight their proactive measures on climate change that include vessel efficiency in their supply chain selection. These charterers, including Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton, use the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Rating to find more efficient vessels. These industry leaders try to incite change in the maritime industry by rewarding ship owners that prioritize efficiency. This announcement comes ahead the United Nations Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP21), held in Paris, France, on December 7-8, 2015. For further information, please [click here](#).

**Educator's Guide to Marine Debris by NAMEPA: protection to oceans and coastal areas**

The S/CIP and the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), a CIP Associate Member, are pleased to send you the digital version of

the NAMEPA *Educator's Guide to Marine Debris* designed for K-12th grade teachers to help students make responsible decisions about the marine environment. This collaborative initiative, is part of the S/CIP and NAMEPA's activities in support of environmental stewardship and sustainability and the CIP Cartagena Action Plan, aims at raising awareness on the devastating impact that trash poses to the marine environment and encourages the youth to protect the ocean and coastal areas. To download the Guide, [click here](#).

**PORT AND MARITIME INDUSTRY NEWS**

**Empresa Portuaria Arica, Chile (EPA) signs a Work Plan for 2016 with the OAS S/CIP**

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions, EPA and the S/CIP signed a Work Plan for 2016. Although it is focused on training opportunities, the Work Plan includes the implementation of programs, projects and activities aimed at promoting exchange of experiences, knowledge and best practices. The plan was signed by the President of EPA, Francisco Javier Gonzalez, and the Head of the S/CIP, Jorge Duran. For further information, [click here](#).

**Jamaica selects CIP Strategic Partner SOGET to implement the largest Port Community System in the Americas**

SOGET, a world leader in Port Community Systems (PCS), announced a contract with the Port Authority of Jamaica (PAJ) to optimize and automate nationwide trade logistics processes through a single submission of data. SOGET's technology is called S)ONE PCS, a neutral and open electronic collaborative platform that enables intelligent and secure exchange of information between public and private stakeholders that results in increased competitiveness. This project represents the largest PCS in the Americas, covering eight seaports and airports. Jamaica thus becomes the eighth country to opt for SOGET's PCS know-how. For further information, please [click here](#).

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