In partnership with TRACE International, RightShip is conducting an anti-corruption vetting and certification pilot program. Vessels undergoing a due diligence review will be given compliance ratings that will be featured on “RightShip Qi,” a newly-designed online platform to launch later this year. Details on compliance ratings and benefits for vessel owners can be found here.

American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA)

On February 24, 2015, the AAPA hosted its “Maritime Economic Development Energy Projects” Seminar in Pensacola Beach, Florida. This program looked at emerging technologies and necessary handling components for storing, producing, and distributing both renewable and non-renewable energy commodities in ports. Presentations given at this event focused on opportunities for collaboration, investment, and risk management and can be found here.

Customs Brokers Association of Uruguay (ADAU)

The automation pilot project called Automatic System Management (SGA) program for the Port of Montevideo will be operating by May, 2015, according to the Customs Brokers Association of Uruguay (ADAU). This automatic identification system uses surveillance and ‘smart barriers’ technology developed in consultation with Valencia Port Foundation, one of CIP’s strategic partners. More information can be found here.

New Associate Member. CIP welcomes Stericycle as a new Associate Member. Founded in 1989, Stericycle is a compliance company specializing in medical waste collection and disposal services. The company’s origins stem from demand to curb the so-called “Syringe Tide” phenomenon of illegally dumped needlesticks.” Since then, the company has drastically expanded to cover other types of medical, pharmaceutical, and even hazardous waste disposal sectors throughout the Western Hemisphere. Stericycle is dedicated to working with CIP on initiatives for enhancing port reception technology throughout the Western Hemisphere. For more information on Stericycle, click here.

On April 16, 2015, NAMEPA’s upcoming event, titled “Ship to Shore: Port Waste Reception Facilities,” will be held in Norfolk, Virginia. This Seminar will feature speakers from the U.S. Coast Guard, Virginia port authorities, and technical expertise groups including Stericycle (see above) Discussions will be on strengthening the capacities and affordability of waste reception facilities in ports and vessels alike. For further information on the agenda, draft business and registration, click here.

New Associate Member. CIP welcomes Almacenadora Belenes 3000 S.A y Operador Logistica de Venezuela as a new Associate Member. Part of a Spanish/Venezuelan consortium, Almacenadora Belenes has operated from Simon Bolivar International Airport for more than 28 years, specializing in logistics operations as well as Storage and Custody services. In addition, they have extensive experience in transportation, construction machinery, safety, and corporate capital sectors. To learn more about Almacenadora Belenes 3000 S.A new member, click here.