



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



The Port Authority of Quintana Roo (APIQROO) is located in the Yucatan Peninsula, southeast of Mexico. Since 1994, it possesses full concession of the ports of Cozumel, Chetumal, Puerto Juarez, Puerto Morelos, Isla Mujeres and Playa del Carmen, located in the state of Quintana Roo. APIQROO is known for its constant and significant increase in movement of vessels and passengers between Playa del Carmen and Cozumel, as well as between Isla Mujeres and Puerto Juarez. During 2015, the movement of passengers through federal maritime routes in the state increased by 24%, compared to 2014. Furthermore, APIQROO's mission is to provide competitive and sustainable services and port facilities. For further information please [click here](#).

Announcements:

Outstanding Women in the Maritime and Port Sector

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) and its Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Corporate Social Responsibility and Gender Equality, recognize the importance of professional empowerment of women and the key role of their leadership in the promotion of competitiveness and development. Therefore, they open the call for proposals for The Maritime Award of the Americas: Outstanding Women in the Maritime and Port Sector. The Award will recognize the careers of women that have contributed to the development of the maritime and port sectors of the Hemisphere. For further information please view [guidelines](#) and [application form](#).



Hemispheric Seminar on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Gender Equality in the Port Sector: Building Awareness, Taking Action

The Maritime Authority of Panama (AMP) and the S/CIP have organized the First Hemispheric Seminar on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Gender Equality in the Port Sector, which will take place in Panama City, from April 27th - 29th 2016. The event aims at strengthening socially responsible port operations by sharing successful experiences, and promoting inclusive policies and strategies aimed to achieve gender equality. The Seminar provides an international platform for the dialogue between both public and private entities to promote the instrumentation of sustainable, inclusive, and socially responsible strategic actions. For further information please [click here](#).



Winners of The Maritime Award of the Americas

The S/CIP has announced the winners of the Second Edition of The Maritime Award of the Americas 2015 for their excellence, innovation, and leadership in their respective categories, contributing to the development of the Maritime and Port Sectors of the Americas. In what has been a highly competitive process with twice as many submissions as in previous editions, the Evaluation Committee received entries from both the public and private sector of eight OAS Member States. In addition to a high point scale, the winning practices showed measurable outcome and sustainable impact. Please view [Official Winners list](#) and further information [click here](#).



Call for applications open for scholarships: Master on Port Management and Intermodal Transport 2016, organized by the Valenciaport Foundation and The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports

The S/CIP is pleased to announce that the call for applications is open to receive a scholarship on the Master in Port Management and Intermodal Transportation (MGPT), to be held from October 13th, 2016 to June 23th, 2017, in Valencia, Spain. The call consists of two phases. The deadline to apply to the first phase is Friday, May 13th, 2016. There will be awarded up to two scholarships to those who meet the requirements. Please note that the online course will be taught in Spanish. Those interested in these scholarships may obtain additional information [here](#).



“Ships Bring the World to Us” Art Contest for students enrolled from kindergarten up to 12th grade.

The North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), the United States Coast Guard (USCG), Mystic Aquarium, and the S/CIP have organized the Art Contest “Ships Bring the World to Us”. We welcome submissions from students enrolled from kindergarten to 12th grade, living in the Americas (North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean). The main objective of the Contest is to show how important maritime transport is in everyday life. The deadline to submit applications is March 23rd, 2016. For further details on application process and prizes, please [click here](#).



CIP- ASA Workshop on Marine Salvage, Firefighting, and Environmental Response and Casualty Management.

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) in partnership with the American Salvage Association (ASA) will be holding a workshop on Marine Salvage, Firefighting, and Environmental Response and Casualty Management directed to senior Port Authority officials and ASA members from the 35 countries of the Americas. The workshop will be held in Miami, Florida, on June 13th -15th, 2016. The following activities will be held in the program:

- Experts from the salvage, wreck removal, marine firefighting and environmental response communities will present best practices, case studies and lessons learned over a three day event.
- Effective casualty management will be highlighted, including from government and port authority perspectives.
- Legal issues will be discussed including salvage law, wreck removal issues, and the impact of various international conventions.

Attendees will be invited to participate on panel sessions to share their own lessons learned. The workshop is expected to be a good networking and information sharing opportunity. The S/CIP and ASA are pleased to partner in this event that will take place in Miami, Florida, from June 13th - 15th, 2016. For further information please contact [CIP Secretariat](#).

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](#).
