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Announcements



**II Hemispheric Conference on Port Competitiveness and Logistics:
“Connectivity for Development”
October 20-21, 2016
Port of Veracruz, Mexico**



The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation of Mexico, through its General Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine (SCT-CGPMM), are proud to announce the II Hemispheric Conference on Port Competitiveness and Logistics: “Connectivity for Development”. To be held in the Port of Veracruz, in Veracruz, Mexico from October 20-21, 2016, the event provides a forum for the analysis of policies and strategic actions that promote efficient logistic operations in ports, multimodal transportation, and physical connectivity. Preliminary topics include Ports as Nodes of Logistics Supply Chains, Public-Private Alliances for Investment in Port Development, Single Window Supply Chains for Greater Efficiency, and Green Ports as Boosters of Competitiveness. For more information please [click here](#).



WEDA's 2016 Central America Chapter Meeting in Panama City

The Western Dredging Association (WEDA) will hold its' 2016 Central America Chapter Meeting, on September 13-15, 2016 at the Hilton Hotel, in Panama City, Panama. Its purpose is to address issues that the region will face, i.e. in the light of the Expansion of the Panama Canal. Key topics will include: Dredging and Port Development Plans in Panama, Nicaragua Canal, and updates of Port Infrastructure Development Programs in Mexico and Brazil. In addition, the event will be an excellent opportunity for networking. For more information, [click here](#).



V Meeting on Logistics and Foreign Trade (ENLOCE)

On October 18, 2016, Puerto Valparaíso will organize this meeting at the Enjoy Hotel, Viña del Mar,

Chile, in which the current challenges in port logistics will be addressed, such as the new demands that exist in international markets, and the opportunities that international trade may offer to countries. It represents an opportunity to exchange knowledge and professional experiences for foreign trade. For additional information, [please click here](#).



**2016 NAMEPA Environment Protection Award
Nominations Open until August 19th**

The North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA) is now accepting entries for the 2016 NAMEPA Awards, deadline August 19, 2016. This Award is an annual recognition of companies, associations, government agencies, academic institutions, and individuals whose efforts support NAMEPA'S mission to "Save Our Seas" through sound environmental practices. The winners will be notified no later than September 2nd, and will be presented at the NAMEPA Environmental Award Dinner to be held in New York, on October 27th, 2016. For further information on the criteria and submission format, please [click here](#).



AAPA's Port Leasing Workshop

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) is organizing a Port Leasing Workshop on September 21, 2016 in Houston, Texas. The workshop will address trends and best practices related to maritime terminal and waterfront development leases. For more information on topics and event pricing, [click here](#).



National Administration of Ports (ANP) Uruguay Celebrates its 100 Year Anniversary

On July 21, 2016, Ports Day was celebrated to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the ANP. Mr. Alberto Diaz, President of the ANP, and Victor Rossi, Minister of Transportation and Public Works (MTO in Spanish), were present during the event. In addition, national and diplomatic leaders, the National Naval Prefecture, and port community and officials from the ANP attended. For more information on speeches offered by the Directors, awards and the celebration, [click here](#).

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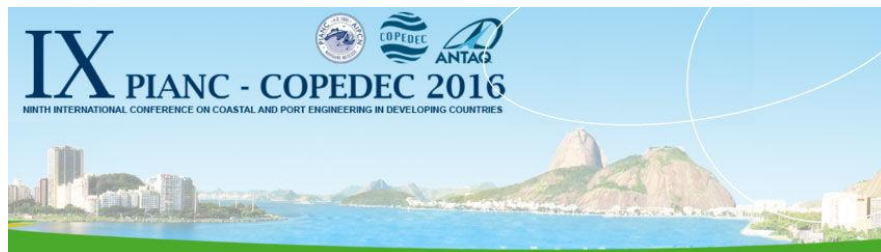
Ports Ranking: The Top 20 in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2015

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) developed a ranking of container ports for 2015 based on the cargo volume in containers in 120 ports of the region. According to the study, the first place in 2015 went to Port of Santos in Brazil. The second place went to Port of Colon followed by Port of Balboa, both in Panama. According to the study, port activity grew 1.7 per cent with a total volume of approximately 48 million TEU. For more information, [click here](#).



PCS Chile Project

During Ordinary Meeting of the ValenciaPort Foundation (FVP) Board that took place on June 29, 2016, the Director, Vicente del Rio, highlighted the projects that FVP has been working on since the beginning of 2016. One of them is the Port Community System (PCS) Chile project. The project consists of performing a study on the situation of information systems and procedures involved in Chilean foreign trade with the purpose of guaranteeing safety and transparency of information. The project will be financed by the Inter-American Development Bank. For more information, [click here](#).



IX PIANC-COPEDEC 2016: International Conference on Coastal and Port Engineering (COPEDEC) in Developing Countries

PIANC and COPEDEC are proud to co-organize the 9th Edition of COPEDEC, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on October 16-21, 2016. The event will provide an international forum where coastal and port engineers from developing countries can exchange know-how and experiences from industrialized countries. Therefore, it is an excellent opportunity to meet professionals in the coastal, port and navigation sectors. For more information on the event, [click here](#).



**CSA Port Awards Competition 2016 -
Entries now accepted!**

The Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) is now accepting entries for the Port Awards Competition. Through this competition, the CSA is able to promote regional growth by using a significant marketing platform for all ports and terminal operators to introduce their development and expansion programs to a global audience in the Caribbean and Latin America region. Awards are based on improvement, performance, and security of the different ports and terminals. The deadline for submissions is August 31, 2016. For entry guidelines and additional information, please [click here](#).

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