The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) is pleased to share with you its e-Bulletin "CIP Highlights"

Feb. 14-16, 2017

Attracting visitors from a variety of industries, OINA’s exhibition and conference is a world leading event where industry, academia and government share knowledge and connect with the marine science and ocean technology communities, improving their strategies. Taking place at the San Diego Convention Center on February 14-16, 2017, the event will also provide structured
networking opportunities to help suppliers establish relationships on a global scale. To know more about OINA, click here.

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**Open Entries: The Lloyd’s List Americas Awards 2017**

Endorsed by the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), Associate Member of the CIP, The Lloyd’s List Awards series recognizes excellence across the range of sectors within the shipping world. Any individual or company can enter themselves, companies can enter their customers, customers can enter their suppliers and members of the supporting association are encouraged to enter fellow members for their category of expertise.

**Here are the categories that will be up for grabs at the Lloyd’s List Americas Awards 2017...**

- Ship Operator of the Year – North America,
- Ship Operator of the Year – Central/South America,
- Law Firm of the year,
- Training Award,
- Port Operator of the Year,
- Cleaner safer seas solutions,
- Deal of the Year,
The Lloyd’s List Intelligence digital innovation Award,
Seafarer advocate of the year in association with NAMMA,
Maritime Services Award,
Newsmaker of the Year, and
Lifetime Achievement Award.

For additional information, please click here.

Port of Buenos Aires Develops Modernization Project

Puerto Buenos Aires continues to make progress in the development of its Modernization Project. The new project of the Port of Buenos Aires aims at modernizing both its infrastructure and systems, making it a more modern and competitive port, according to the current market demands. Its objectives include updating the design and increasing competitiveness of the Port of Buenos Aires, as well as improving the functionality and the treatment of freight and passenger flow, adjust costs, raise the level of service provided, and receiving 6th generation ships. For more information, please click here.
The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) presents the Maritime and Logistics Profile, which is an interactive data tool for Latin America and the Caribbean, offering information on port activity, modal split in international transport and selected data on transport infrastructure endowment and performance. The Profile, in its new format, offers more interactive functionalities, which improve the visibility of data and allow construction of basic and customized indicators. To access the profile, please click [here](#).
The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of the American States (OAS) and Puertos del Estado de España, sharing efforts to contribute to the development of competitive, sustainable, safe, efficient and inclusive ports through Capacity building and strengthening of institutional capabilities, are pleased to announce the opening of the call for applications for the **XVII Ibero-American Course on Port Technology, Operations and Environmental Management**, to take place from May 12 to June 8, 2017, in Santander, Spain.

The organizers will award a maximum of **twenty (20) scholarships**, distributed between the two specialties of the course: (i) Port Operations and, (ii) Environmental Management. The deadline for applications is March 13, 2017. To access the bases of the call and the application form, click [here](#).

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

**May 17 - 19, 2017**  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

The **Second Hemispheric Conference on Inland Ports, Waterways, and Dredging: Inland Transport as an Engine for Competitiveness** will take place on May 17-19, 2017, in Buenos Aires,
Argentina. This conference 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
- The competitive benefits of environmentally sustainable dredging.

For more information please contact Mona Swoboda, Project Coordinator, S/CIP, at mswoboda@oas.org.

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) welcomes its two new Associate Members:
The main objective of the **Integral Port Administration of Ensenada**, is to manage, supervise, control and promote goods, services and activities within the Port Area. Located in the Pacific Basin, a strategic location to the Northwest of Mexico, the region registers the most dynamism of commercial trade in the world and provides access to the main ports, as well as production and consumption centers, connecting 64 ports in 28 countries.

The multi-purpose of the Port of Ensenada is supported by the diverse activities that are carried out in the area of influence. These include container movement and general cargo, commercial fishing, cruises, marinas, sport fishing and other touristic activities, specialized shipyards, and handling of mineral grills, among others. For more information, click [here](#).

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States government agencies, in addition to the maritime community. For more information, please 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.