

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 for CIP Members and Associate Members, CIP Highlights, below.



Sept. 26 - Oct. 26

Twenty-five Port Officers from the Americas travel to Madrid, for the XXI Ibero-American Course on Port Management

Thanks to the invaluable support of *Puertos del Estado de España*, the S/CIP offered 25 scholarships to port officials from 14 countries, including Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. Its objective aims at analyzing the main models of existing port development worldwide with special emphasis on cases of Spain and Latin America. The program included presentations by Fernando Gamboa, General Director for

Port Promotion and Administration of the General Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine (CGPMM) of the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (SCT) of Mexico; Carlos Vera, Logistics Manager of Puerto Valparaiso, Chile; and Jorge Duran, Chief of the S/CIP. For further information, please [click here](#).



Oct. 13, 2016 – Jun. 23, 2017

Masters in Port Management and Multimodal Transport 2016-2017 begins!

Taking place in Valencia, Spain, the Masters will be taught at Universidad Pontificia de Comillas, through ICADE Business School. The program aims at providing knowledge on basic principles of planning, organization and management, with greater emphasis on the port, sea and land sector. With the support of Valencia Port Foundation, the S/CIP offered three scholarships to port officials from Chile, Nicaragua and Peru. For more information [click here](#).



Nov. 14 – 25

Call for applications for the Eighth Training Course on “Women in Port Management”

In the context of the cooperation framework with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the IPER Institute, SOGET Foundation and Port of Le Havre, France, the S/CIP offers scholarships to female port officials who are [residents or citizens of OAS Member States](#). The course will take place on November 14-25, 2016 in Le Havre, France. The deadline to submit application to the S/CIP is October 12, 2016. For further information, [click here](#).



Nov. 15

2016 Maritime Award of the Americas

The 2016 Maritime Award of the Americas, in its third edition, is organized by the CIP Secretariat (S/CIP), in collaboration with the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA) and other strategic partners, and recognizes successful practices in the maritime and port sector of the Americas that demonstrate excellence, sustainability, as well as innovation and replicability. The winning entries will be recognized for their substantial contribution to the development of the port industry in the Hemisphere, through measurable indicators in any of the following six categories: Environmental Waste Management, Port Safety and Security Management, Sustainable Touristic Destination Port, Corporate Social Responsibility, Disaster Mitigation and Management in Ports and Gender Equality Initiatives in Ports. The Award Ceremony will be held in February 2017

during the Hemispheric Conference on Port Competitiveness and Security: Finding the Right Balance, in Miami, Florida, United States. The submission deadline is Tuesday, November 15th, 2016. For further information, [click here](#).



Expansion of Kingston's Container Terminal in Jamaica

According to the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC), acting on behalf of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Group, the project aims at optimizing and expanding Kingston's container terminal capacity in Jamaica, as the port must stay competitive to handle larger ships now passing through the expanded Panama Canal. The upgraded terminal will soon manage increased vessel volume, expanding capacity from 2.8 to 3.2 million TEUs per year within the next six years. The expansion of the container terminal will contribute to strengthen Jamaica's relevancy in global trade and foster private sector activity and foreign direct investment. The ICC has signed a US\$265 million financing package with Kingston Freeport Terminal Limited. For further information, [click here](#).



Mexico Climbed Seven Places in Port Infrastructure

During the opening of the Annual Congress of the Mexican Association of Shipping Agents, A.C. (AMANAC), held in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Guillermo Ruiz de Teresa, General Coordinator of Ports and Merchant Marine of Mexico, reported that according to statistics from the World Economic Forum, Mexico went from place 64 to 57 in Port Infrastructure in recent years. He highlighted the contribution of the port sector to the automotive industry, stressing that by 2020, Mexico will be the second largest exporter of vehicles as they will be able to manufacture 5 million units and 3.4 million will be exported. Currently Mexico produces 3.4 million vehicles and exports 2.2 million, of which the 50 percent go out from any Mexican port. For more information, [click here.](#)



Peruvian Coast: One of the Most Productive Seas in the World for its Natural Wealth

As part of the activities commemorating the Day of the Sea and Peruvian Fishing Wealth, the National Port Authority (APN) of Peru promoted that the country has been privileged with a coastline of 3,000 kilometers (1,865 miles) and it is rated as one of the most productive seas in the world for its nutrient richness, the Peruvian Humboldt Current and its tropical latitudinal position, which allows high solar radiation and therefore a large concentration of species. The APN also stressed the importance of the seas in daily lives, as well as the relevance of raising awareness about marine-coastal ecosystem conservation, which provides food, supplies oxygen and regulates climate, and is a work source for activities including fishing, tourism, and transportation, among others. For more information, [click here.](#)

The logo for Right Ship, featuring the word "RIGHTSHIP" in white capital letters on an orange rectangular background, followed by a white square and a dark teal square containing a white chevron pointing to the left.

Right Ship and AUSMEPA: Top 10 Finalists for the Google Impact Challenge

The Australian Marine Environment Protection Association (AUSMEPA), in partnership with Right Ship, who is a CIP Associate Member, have been selected as one of the top 10 finalists for the 2016 Australian Google Impact Challenge. The Google Impact Challenge supports not-for-profit innovators using technology to tackle the world's biggest social challenges. AUSMEPA's project consists on the development of a Port Emissions Portal which will enable ports and their stakeholders to measure the air quality and changing air patterns in their port environs. Through satellite tracking and a big-data approach, the Portal empowers all stakeholders - including governments, the shipping sector, and the general public - by providing them with real and transparent information on shipping emissions in their local environs. For further information, [click here](#).

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