

2017 Winners



2017 Maritime Award of the Americas Outstanding Women in the Maritime and Port Sectors



In what has been one of the most competitive editions of the Maritime Award of the Americas, Dr. Guimara Tuñón Guerra was honored as one of the winners in the Outstanding Women in the Maritime and Port Sectors category for her professional trajectory and outstanding commitment in the industry.

In her role as General Director of Ports and Auxiliary Maritime Industries of the Panama Maritime Authority, she led and implemented ethics and transparency projects to guarantee the reliability of the processes. In addition, she carried out an ambitious project of academic training in order to strengthen human capacities in logistics and maritime transport, through international scholarships for the continuous improvement of technical knowledge.

Furthermore, she supports COCATRAM regional projects where she encourages women to take a more active role in the Maritime-Port Sector through hands-on participation in signaling, hydrographic and port protection forums.

Distinctions received: Vice President International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) Central and South America Region, Vice President International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH), Women's Forum Central and South America and Member of the Commission of Logistics and Transport of the National Strategic Plan for Science and Technology. National Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation of the Republic of Panama.



Llu-delis Espinal Benzant was named winner in the category Outstanding Women in the Maritime-Port Sector for her notorious dedication and prominent professional career in the port sector.

In addition to being President and co-founder of E&M International Consulting, a company specialized in offering legal, maritime, port and logistic services,

among others, she is co-founder of a series of companies dedicated to the maritime industries, including: PANDI Dominicana, specialized in maritime insurance consulting; MECORP, representative in the country of a company that has dredged Dominican ports, as well as companies that offer port equipment and maritime cybersecurity; NC Camin Cargo, maritime and cargo inspectors; and NC Marine Experts, ship fuel laboratory.

Her work as a pioneer in increasing the national and international participation of women in the maritime sector led her to be founder of Women International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) in the Dominican Republic. In her role as President of WISTA DOMINICANA, she signed an agreement with the CIP/OAS to empower women in the hemisphere. Also, in a joint work with the Dominican Port Authority, she launched the project *Port Women's Community: We are the strength of the ports, guarantee for progress*. This, with the objective of developing a sustainable program that involves the public and private sector for the inclusion of women in the maritime and port sector through a national strategy.

Llu-delis is dedicated to the development of the maritime and port industry in her country as it is vital to reducing poverty. In this sense, she published several books on the subject "The Dominican Maritime Spaces. The Legal Situation of the Caribbean Sea "," The Management of Maritime Claims "," The Dominican Legislation against Port Modernization ".