

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"



Message from the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP)

Thanks to the leadership and collaboration of our Member States, Associate Members and Strategic Partners, we ended a successful year 2017 that exceeded its objectives.

Among the most remarkable results is the organization of four (4) Hemispheric Conferences (in Waterways and Dredging, Port Security and Protection, Competitiveness and Logistics, and Sustainable Port Management) held in

Argentina, the United States, Panama and Mexico, respectively, reaching 750 port officials from 31 Member States.

Also, thanks to the support of our strategic partners, S/CIP was able to grant a record number of 200 scholarships to 12 professional development courses with a total value of US \$ 544,000. This represents an increase of 38% compared to last year and 376 % compared to 2013. In addition, considering the number of attendees in our Hemispheric Conferences, a total of 950 port officials from 31 Member States has been trained in 2017, reaching a total value of US \$ 693,000.

Notably, the S/CIP is the winner of the 2017 Government Agency Marine Environment Protection Award from the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA). The Award was presented in recognition of the efforts on behalf of preserving the Marine Environment.

In 2018, the CIP Capacity Building Program, organization of Hemispheric Conferences, and Technical Assistance will continue, and significantly, the Eleventh CIP Regular Meeting will be held in Mexico City, August 1 - 3, where our strategic actions for 2018-2020 will be defined. With the theme "Sustainable Management as a Key to Port Competitiveness", new authorities of the Executive Board of the CIP (CECIP) will be elected for the same period. In addition, we will continue to increase the collaboration with our 36 Associate Members and will launch the 2018 Maritime Award of the Americas.

The CIP Secretariat thanks Member States, CIP Associate Members and Strategic Partners for their trust in us to collaborate for a competitive, sustainable, secure, and inclusive port sector in the Americas.

Happy Holidays and a New Year 2018 full of health, prosperity, and love!

Compilation of Legislation Profiles

In the framework of the Technical Advisory Group on Public Policy, Legislation and Regulation and in compliance with the Montevideo Plan of Action (2016-2018); the S/CIP kindly invites Member States to submit their legislation profiles. The purpose of this compilation is to establish a base line in order to identify the status of the regional legal framework in ports to identify next steps and actions. For further information, please contact Mona Swoboda (mawoboda@oas.org).



Jan. 22 – 24, 2018

Caribbean Port Management Workshop 2018

PMAC, CIP strategic partner, in association with PORTSIDE CARIBBEAN and Manzanillo International Terminal (MIT), will be hosting the first annual Port Management Workshop in January, 2018. The objective of the event is to promote sustainable development and the safe and efficient operation of marine harbours, sea ports, maritime cargo terminals, and wharf systems across the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico. This year's workshop will have a special focus on building a quick-response Regional Disaster Assistance and Relief Network and will also present new satellite-based technologies and systems for protecting the environment and ecological balance in ports and harbours. For more information on the workshop, [click here](#).



May 23 – 25, 2018

II Hemispheric Seminar on Corporate Social Responsibility and Gender Equality: Creating a Competitive and Inclusive Port Sector

Organized by the National Port Authority (APN) of Peru and the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Seminar will provide an international platform for public and private dialogue and will allow decision makers from governments, international organizations, private sector and civil society to share strategic actions and successful practices on:

- Modernization of the Socially Responsible Port-Logistics Supply Chain;
- Port Legislation for Social Responsibility;
- Environmentally Responsible Port Operations;
- Gender Equality Strategies for Competitive Port Operations; and
- Improvements Towards an Inclusive and Efficient Port Sector.

The Seminar will also include a Port Dialogue Roundtable in which representatives of National Port Authorities will offer a series of recommendations to face the challenges of port development through socially responsible and inclusive strategies. For further information, please contact Cristina Rechy, S/CIP Project Coordinator, mrechy@oas.org .



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sign between WISTA and the S/CIP

The CIP Secretariat (S/CIP) is proud to announce that last December 12th signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Women's International Shipping and Trade Association (WISTA). Recognizing the fundamental role women play in the political, economic, social, and cultural development of the Hemisphere, CIP encourages them to take leadership in both public institutions and the private sector. In line with the Montevideo Action Plan 2016-2018, CIP aims at empowering female professionals in the port sector of the Americas. The MoU intends to increase the force and effectiveness of CIP and WISTA's efforts in such key matters as:

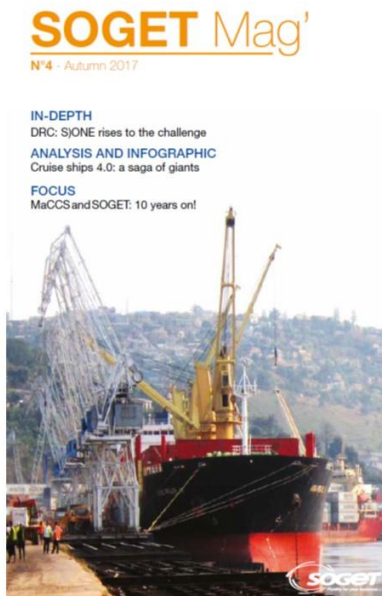
- Port development, through exchanging technical expertise, best practices and information to make port facilities more efficient, secure, environmentally sustainable, innovative and competitive;
- Cooperating with government agencies, international organizations and private initiatives on the implementation of programs, projects and activities aimed at strengthening port logistics development; and
- Encouraging appropriate technical training and personnel improvement to achieve optimal port performance, including technical training, scholarships, student exchange or any other capacity building mechanism.

For further information on the MoU, please contact the CIP Secretariat: cip@oas.org .



**Gnostech Receives Maritime Community Leadership Award from The
Maritime Alliance**

The largest BlueTech cluster in the United States, Maritime Alliance, has honored Gnostech Inc., both CIP associate members, for its continued support and collaboration with companies and organizations across global Blue economy sectors. Gnostech received the Maritime Community Leadership Award during the 9th Annual BlueTech Week, in November 2017. Gnostech is an applied engineering and consulting company with capabilities in cybersecurity engineering, helping maritime organizations implement engineering and technical safeguards to protect their systems, assets and facilities from cyber exploitation. To learn more about cybersecurity services and solutions Gnostech provides, [click here](#).



SOGET Celebrates the 1st Anniversary of its publication, 'SOGET Mag', 4th Issue

SOGET Mag's 4th issue is divided in different editorial sections including Strategy, Analysis, and Network, among others. The Strategy section for instance, focuses on the Caribbean Maritime University (CMU). CMU, which has been recognized by the *International Maritime Organization* (IMO) for helping governments apply international rules, has become an international merchant shipping school that welcomes students from around the Caribbean. CMU is very active in research and development. Other articles published in the magazine include: an Infographic on the Cruise Ships: A History of Giants; and An Analysis on Cruise Ships, among others. To access the 4th issue of SOGET Mag, [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](#).