

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."



September 25 – 26

The National Port Commission of Guatemala invites port and maritime industry representatives to the **XII Port Maritime Congress** that will take place in Guatemala City. The event will be a unique forum in which congressmen, specialists and lecturers of recognized trajectory will share their experiences and exchange best practices with the private sector. The main objectives of the XII Port Maritime Congress include:

- Create a space to update and exchange practices on the progress and the situation of international trade by sea;

- Facilitate the linkage and strengthening of commercial ties between suppliers and clients, private and public sectors related to the port industry at a regional level; and
- Provide a context and share opinions about changes and trends in maritime trade, in order to generate strategies that increase the efficiency of port activity.

For more information about the program and registration [click here](#).



**III Hemispheric Conference on
Competitiveness, Innovation and Logistics:**
 *Comprehensive Port Management for Increased Efficiency*

Panama City, Panama

October | 3-6 | 2017

October 3 - 6

The **III Hemispheric Conference on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Logistics: Comprehensive Port Management for Increased Efficiency** provides an international platform for public-private dialogue on efficient and innovative port operations with a holistic vision that promotes increased competitiveness in the region. Organized by the Panama Maritime Authority and the S/CIP, the event focuses on the key aspects of efficient logistics, multimodal transport, competitive port security operations, and environmental innovation, all in line with the development of a competitive, secure, and sustainable port sector. Decision-makers from public and private entities will present successful practices on the following

topics: Technological Innovation for a Competitive Port Sector; Regional Connectivity: A Key Factor for Economic Development; Automation of Port Operations: Port Community Systems; and Strategic Actions in Competitive Port Security; among others. For more information about the event, click [here](#).



October 3 - 5

The Latin American Society of Marine Oil Terminal Operators and Single-Buoy Mooring (SLOM, from its Spanish acronym), in collaboration with private sector companies, will hold its **XIII Conference on Oil Terminal Operators and Single-Buoys**, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. The event will focus on sharing experiences and lessons learned in the operation and maintenance of Marine Oil Terminals, including Monobuoy offshore facilities. Its main objective is to promote safer, cleaner, more efficient and competitive marine oil ports. For further information about the agenda and registration, [click here](#).



IV Hemispheric Conference
on sustainable port management
and environmental protection:
Green operations as a key for Competitiveness

October 18 - 20

Organized by the General Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine of the Secretariat of Transport and Communications (SCT) of Mexico and the S/CIP, the **IV Hemispheric Conference on Sustainable Port Management and Environmental Protection: Green Operations as a Key for Competitiveness** will take place in Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Mexico. The conference will identify the latest environmentally sustainable port development practices according to competitive technologies, operations, and infrastructure. Decision makers on behalf of governments, international organizations, as well as of the private sector and civil society will address issues, identify and analyze tendencies on sustainable port development and environmental protection. For more information click [here](#).



October 23 - 25

The World Maritime University (WMU), the General Directorate of Captaincy and Coast Guard of Peru will hold the **Regional Port and Maritime Conference for the Americas**, in Lima, Peru. The Conference will promote the development of initiatives, strategies and alliances for increased efficiency of the maritime and port sectors. In addition, it will emphasize on the importance of postgraduate education, research, and training in maritime and oceanic issues in the Americas. For more information on the event, agenda and registration, [click here](#).



November 7 - 9

The National Port Authority of Peru (APN) will celebrate the **IX National Forum on ISPS Code**, with the attendance of Port Facility Security Officers (PFSOs), national and international representatives from the public and private sectors. Participants will share successful experiences in port development, protection and security in the supply chain, as well as technological development, and resource optimization in terms of protection management and integral security against new global threats. For more information on the Forum, [click here](#).



According to Gnostech, Inc., a CIP associate member, cybersecurity presents a significant threat to the maritime industry, and organizations must continue to educate themselves to eventually understand what technical and engineering implementations are necessary to mitigate their cyber risk. The Petya ransomware attack in June and the widespread impact on shipping conglomerate Maersk was a significant turning point for the industry. Companies must do what they can to implement engineering and technical safeguards to protect their systems from cyber exploitation. Gnostech Inc. is attending the III Hemispheric Conference on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Logistics, in Panama, and looks forward to speaking on this issue. For further information, please visit the [maritime cybersecurity blog](#), and to learn more about tailorable engineering and cybersecurity services [click here](#).



Guidance for the Development for the Development of National Maritime Security Legislation

In support of the activities and goals established in the Montevideo Action Plan 2016-2018 under the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Port Protection and Security, the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) is pleased to share with you attached *International Maritime Organization (IMO) Guidance for the Development of National Maritime Security Legislation (2016)*. This Guidance is drawn exclusively from IMO sources and provides the framework to assist in the development of national legislation for Maritime Security. For further information, [click here](#).



Empresa Nacional Portuaria (ENP) of Honduras Celebrates its LI Anniversary

ENP celebrates more than 50 years of operations with renewed goals that include the planning and development of short-, medium- and long-term investment projects to provide quality and cost-effective port services by offering customers flexible competitive rates to better compete in today's global economy. With the experience gained in these 51 years, ENP operates secure and environmentally sustainable, and its optimal facilities provide quality and cost-efficient services. For more information on ENP, [click here](#).

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