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Western Dredging Association (WEDA)



WEDA together with Texas A&M University will host its **2015 Dredging Summit & Expo** at the Westin Galleria in Houston, June 22nd – 25th. The theme of the conference "Dredgers, the Environment and Commerce" will focus on the environmental and commercial impacts of dredging and the importance of enhancing the marine environment and will present trends in dredging technology and safety. The conference is now open for **registration!**

International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC)



On February 5th, **IADC** held a webinar on the Panama Canal Expansion Program, providing insights into cross-cultural collaboration between different partners such as public administrators, construction companies, engineers and sub-contractors. In light of the Panama Canal Expansion Program, Karen Smits, PhD, who is an international expert in Organizational Anthropology, explains the social side of project management and elaborates on how project participants deal with the cultural complexity in their everyday life. Click **here** to watch the webinar for free!

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!**



The North American maritime industry gathered on February 18th at the **NAMEPA "Fast Forward into the Future of Maritime" Conference** to discuss, among other issues, the impact the latest global economic developments have on the marine environment. The event featured industry experts presenting trends in port waste management, air emission mitigation, as well as tendencies and changes regarding environmental policies and regulations. In his presentation, Jorge Duran, Chief of the CIP Secretariat, stressed the importance of creating synergies in order to better respond to the challenges the countries of the Hemisphere must face and explained the necessity to continuously grow partnerships and strategic alliances to promote innovative, competitive, safe and sustainable port development. The presentations given during the conference are available **here!**



The National Port Authority of Spain **Puertos del Estado** and the CIP currently offer a total of **20 scholarships** for high-level Port Officials of the OAS Member States to participate in the **XV Ibero-American Course on Port Technology, Operations, and Environmental Management**, May 18th – June 12th in Santander, Spain. The intensive course (Spanish only!) includes three weeks of training and one week of on-site visits, providing participants with state-of-the-art technical training focusing on port operations and environmental management, with special emphasis on the cases of Spain and Latin America. The training initiative will feature a large range of experts and allow the chance for participants to share best practices and expertise with colleagues from throughout the Hemisphere. To apply for a scholarship and for further information click **here** or contact the **CIP Secretariat!**
The deadline for applications is March 11th!



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