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### REGISTER NOW: IADC SEMINAR ON DREDGING AND LAND RECLAMATION 11-15 APRIL 2016, PANAMA

#### **FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PANAMA**

The American Society of Civil Engineers has named the Panama Canal one of the seven wonders of the modern world. Some of the most important dredging projects of the last decade have taken place there. And more projects and works are going on or being planned for the (near) future. Expectations are that by 2025 the expansion of the Panama Canal will triple its container traffic over the base year 2005.

No wonder that OAS-CIP (the Organization of American States – the Inter-American Committee on Ports) – together with other interested parties – has asked the IADC to organise its well-known, educational Seminar for the first time in Panama. Since 1993 IADC, often in co-operation with local universities and/or other associations, has provided this Seminar combining classroom lectures and workshops with a site visit to a dredging project. Over 1,200 past participants agree: this is a unique chance to receive invaluable hands-on experience.

#### **BY PROFESSIONALS FOR PROFESSIONALS**

Dredging plays an essential role in world trade and economic and social progress. That's why IADC developed this comprehensive Seminar for professionals in dredging-related industries – presented by professionals from the major dredging companies. To optimise the chances of the successful completion of a project, contracting parties should, from the start, fully understand the requirements of a dredging project.

#### **IN THE CLASSROOM**

The in-depth lectures are given by dredging experts from IADC member companies, their practical knowledge and experience add an extra value to the classroom lessons. Some of the subjects covered are:

- the development of new ports and maintenance of existing ports;
- project phasing;
- descriptions of types of dredging equipment;
- costing of projects; and
- types of dredging projects.



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## **BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: SEEING IS BELIEVING**

Activities outside the classroom are equally as important. An on-site visit to a nearby dredging project is therefore an integral element in the learning process.

## **NETWORKING**

Face-to-face social contact is invaluable. A mid-week dinner where participants, lecturers and other IADC member company representatives can interact, network and discuss the real, hands-on world of dredging provides another dimension to this stimulating week.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

Each participant will receive a set of comprehensive proceedings and at the end of the week, a *Certificate of Achievement* in recognition of the completion of the coursework. Please note that the Seminar starts on Monday 11 April 2016 at 8:45 hrs, and ends Friday 15 April 2016 at 17:30 hrs. *Full attendance is required for attaining the Certificate of Achievement.*

## **COSTS AND GROUP DISCOUNT**

The Seminar will be held at the Panama Marriott Hotel (Calle 52 y Ricardo Arias) from Monday 11 April to Friday 15 April 2016.

The fee for the week-long seminar is € 3,100 (approx. 3,127 USD).

This includes all tuition, the seminar proceedings, workshops and a special participants' dinner, but excludes travel costs and accommodations. Seminar participants can get a preferential rate at the hotel where the Seminar will be held and we are happy to assist with reservations. A group discount of € 500 (approx. 504 USD) per person is applicable for groups and organisations wishing to register two or more delegates.

For more information see: [www.iadc-dredging.com](http://www.iadc-dredging.com)

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*The Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) brings together the National Port Authorities of all 35 sovereign nations of the Americas and promotes the development of competitive, sustainable and secure ports in the Hemisphere by actively facilitating cooperation between the highest governmental level and the private sector. Its priorities include, in addition to promoting the protection of the marine environment and sustainable port management practices, competitiveness and logistics; protection and security; tourism and services to ships; legislation and regulation; and CSR and gender equality. For more information, visit <http://portalcip.org/>.*

*IADC stands for "International Association of Dredging Companies" and is the global umbrella organisation for contractors in the private dredging industry. As such the IADC is dedicated to not only promoting the skills, integrity and reliability of its members, but also the dredging industry in general. IADC has over a hundred main and associated members. Together they represent the forefront of the dredging industry.*