

2019 Maritime Award of the Americas: Outstanding Woman in the Maritime and Port Sectors



Congratulations to the winners!



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF THE SECRETARIAT

JORGE DURÁN

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), I am honored to announce and congratulate the winners of this 6th edition of the 2019 Maritime Award of the Americas in the Outstanding Woman in the Maritime and Port Sectors category.

We are pleased to recognize the successful careers of the winners who demonstrated through their outstanding leadership, dedication and example the impact of their work for the development of sustainable, inclusive and efficient ports in the Americas.

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SILVINA URREAGA

OPERATIONS, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGER

*PORT OF BUENOS AIRES,
ARGENTINA*

Recognizing the distinguished career of Silvina Urreaga, Operations, Security and Environment Manager of Port of Buenos Aires, the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) is pleased to honor Silvina as Outstanding Woman of the Maritime and Port Sectors 2019 for her leadership in improving safety conditions in ports and inclusive access to the development of the maritime-port sector of the Americas.



Silvina has been part of Port of Buenos Aires for more than 10 years focusing on port safety, security and protection, occupying positions such as Chief of Security and Hygiene and Assistant Manager of Security and Environmental Control, until becoming the Operations, Safety and Environment Manager. Due to her leadership, she is the first woman to occupy the position of Manager in an operational area at Port of Buenos Aires.

Among her most important achievements, the following stand out:

- Obtaining and maintaining four certifications (ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001 and IRAM 16).
- Elaboration of the Comprehensive Port Security Plan.
- Hierarchical structuring of positions for 100% of women in the sector.
- Lead the preparation of Port of Buenos Aires contingency plans.
- Implementation of a new regulation for LNG loading in Port of Buenos Aires.
- Management restructuring.

In addition, Silvina formed the Integrated Management Committee (CGI) and the Integrated Management Direction Committee (CDGI) to provide better safety conditions for the port workers. On the other hand, Silvina has made alliances with universities for the incorporation of students to Port of Buenos Aires as interns and consultants in order to form sustainable alliances for the strengthening of human capital.

Silvina's career has shown that effort and dedication result in countless achievements that positively impact not only the maritime-port industry but the society it operates in. Therefore, Silvina stands out as an agent of change in the sector.

ORietta GAJATE

GENERAL MANAGER

*TERMINALES PORTUARIOS
PERUANOS S.A.C. (TPP), PERÚ*

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) is honored to recognize Orietta Gajate, General Manager of Terminales Portuarios Peruanos S.A.C. (TPP), Peru, as Outstanding Woman of the Maritime and Port Sectors 2019 for her successful career in the maritime-port sector and contribution to logistics connectivity in the Americas.



With more than 25 years of experience, Orietta has held positions as Operations Manager at Greenandes Peru and General Manager at TPP, positions she held in parallel for three years, contributing to the initiation of operations of both driving their growth and business development. Currently, she is dedicated solely to the management of TPP, a shipping agency and logistics operator, in which she has been working for 15 years.

During her management at TPP, Orietta has expanded the offer of services by meeting the needs of TPP's customers through seven business units such as freight forwarding, warehousing, distribution, and dry cargo logistics, among others. In addition, due to her constant work, the company's income tripled in five years and now TPP is recognized as a comprehensive point-to-point logistics operator at the international level.

Orietta's leadership positively impacted her scope of influence by promoting gender equality not only in her Management at TPP, but by being fostering inclusion as President of the Foreign Trade Facilitation Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) and the Maritime Agents Association, as well as Member of OSITRAN Users Committee (Supervisory Body for Investment in Transportation Infrastructure for Public Use).

Orietta's initiatives have significantly contributed to the maritime, port and logistics sectors. Her experience is worthy of being recognized given her work and the inspiration she represents for women who, like her, seek to develop and excel in the same field. Her efforts and impact promoting women's empowerment, and her leadership in logistics and competitiveness make Orietta an Outstanding Woman in the Maritime and Port sectors.

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