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OAS-CMU Scholarship Program

Deadline November 15, 2024

In line with the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Caribbean Maritime University

(CMU), it is a pleasure to announce the 2024 OAS-Caribbean Maritime University Scholarship Program.

This scholarship opportunity offers applicants from OAS Member States several benefits, including:

- A 40% discount on tuition fees.
- Waiver of the application and registration fees for OAS applicants.
- A one-time supplementary grant of USD 2,000 to support tuition and fees in the first year.

For more details on eligibility, benefits, and the application process, please visit the [OAS Scholarship Program for Education and Training](#).

Questions regarding this scholarship can be directed to scholarships@oas.org with the subject line "OAS-CMU Scholarship Program".



18th International Maritime-Port Forum

November 12 - 14, 2024

The ISPS Mexico International Network announces its 18th International Maritime-Port Forum, marking the 20th anniversary of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.

With the theme “20 Years of the ISPS Code: New Challenges - Cybersecurity and Digital Transformation,” this event will address the current challenges for the maritime and port sectors in the region.

The event will take place from November 12 to 14, 2024, in Mexico City.

For more information about this event, please click [here](#)



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**TRANSFORMACIÓN PORTUARIA:
INNOVACIÓN Y EFICIENCIA EN LA ERA DIGITAL**

21 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2024
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Washington D.C.

Agenda:
10:30 – 10:40 - Apertura: Secretaría de la CIP y IPCSA
10:40 – 11:55 - Javier Gallardo, Presidente, IPCSA
11.00 – 11.15 - Cristina Martín Lorenzo, CEO, Usyncro
11.20 – 11.35 - Mariela Gutarra Ramos, Jefe de la Oficina de Tecnologías de la Información, APN Perú
11.35 – 11.50 - Sesión de Preguntas y Respuestas
11.50 – 12.00 - Clausura: Secretaría de la CIP y IPCSA

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Webinar on Port Transformation: Innovation and Efficiency in the Digital Era

November 21, 2024

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) is pleased to announce its Webinar on Port Transformation: Innovation and Efficiency in the Digital Era, organized in collaboration with the International Port Community Systems Association (IPCSA). The webinar will take place on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 10:30 AM (Washington, D.C. time).

The event will address the significance of digital transformation in port operations and common barriers to the implementation of digital solutions. Experts from IPCSA, Usyncro, and the National Port Authority of Peru will present on the role of Port Community Systems (PCS) play in improving port logistics efficiency, security, and traceability in global trade, the use of Blockchain, and a digital platform capable of interconnecting PCS across different countries.

For more information, please contact Mónica Blanco from the CIP Secretariat, at mblanco@oas.org.



The CIP Secretariat welcomes its New Associate Member, CIANAM

The CIP Secretariat is pleased to welcome the Inter-American Chamber of National Maritime Agents Associations (CIANAM) as its new Associate Member.

CIANAM is headquartered in Montevideo, Uruguay and represents the American Associations of Maritime Agents, the key link in international trade within port activities.

Their main objective is to promote the rights and interests of Maritime Agents and waterway transportation, as well as international maritime trade and maritime-port activities.

To learn more about CIANAM and its work, please click [here](#)



The World Bank and IAPH Launch Report on Port Community Systems (PCS)

In the fast-paced world of international trade, a Port Community System (PCS), a digital platform that connects various port stakeholders in real time, helps

streamline processes and reduce paperwork.

However, many low- and middle-income countries face challenges in adopting such systems. To address this, International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) and the World Bank have published the report "*Port Community Systems: Lessons from Global Experience*", offering a step-by-step guide and case studies on improving port efficiency through PCS.

The full report can be accessed [here](#).



New Edition of Caribbean Maritime Magazine Now Available

The Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) announces the release of their latest edition of Caribbean Maritime Magazine (Issue No. 52). This issue features news, opinions, profiles, and in-depth articles on the maritime industry in the region.

Caribbean Maritime Magazine was launched in 2007 and is published three times each year in January, May and October.

To read the latest issue, please click [here](#)



IADC Launches New Industry Publication: DFSI Magazine

The International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC) has unveiled its latest industry publication, the Dredging for Sustainable Infrastructure (DFSI) Magazine.

This new magazine builds on the success of the Dredging for Sustainable Infrastructure (DfSI) book, offering accessible content focused on sustainable dredging practices.

Each edition of the DFSI Magazine will highlight a chapter from the DfSI book, with accompanying articles that demonstrate the practical application of sustainable dredging principles. Featuring guest editors and global projects, the publication aims to communicate the value of environmentally and socially responsible dredging.

The first issue includes articles on nature-based solutions in Benin, the Delta21 concept, and interviews with Lara Muller, Invest International, and Wetlands International.

To download the first issue of this magazine, please click [here](#)



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Identification of Training Needs in Port Security and Protection

The CIP Secretariat conducted a survey in June 2024 on identifying needs to strengthen training in port protection and security. The survey, aimed at the National Port Authorities of the Member States, revealed that both Spanish-speaking and English-speaking countries prioritize combating drug smuggling as the main threat. Key strategies include the development of port protection plans, the implementation of surveillance systems, and in-person training on the ISPS Code.

In response to these findings, the CIP is committed to focusing its efforts on managing various training sessions that address the identified needs, with the goal of enhancing port security in the region. The Secretariat appreciates the participation and collaboration of the Port Authorities, whose contributions have been crucial in ensuring the effectiveness of these initiatives.

Join us!

To receive information on collaboration opportunities, please click [here](#) or communicate directly with the CIP Secretariat.
