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**Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee for Ports – CIP**

**Executive Report**

1. **Records reached in 2019 in terms of scholarships:**

* Total number of scholarships awarded: 273
* Member States that received scholarships: 31
* Men: 173
* Women: 100
* Total value of scholarships: $723,783 USD

1. **Events canceled due to the pandemic during 2020**

* V Hemispheric Conference on Sustainable Management and Environmental Protection, originally planned for May 2020 in Veracruz, Mexico in collaboration with the General Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine of SCT de México.
* IV Seminar on Social Responsibility, Gender Equity and Empowerment of Women, originally planned for June 2020 in Lima Peru in collaboration with the National Port Authority of Peru.

1. **Events postponed due to the pandemic**

* XII Regular Meeting of the CIP, XXI Meeting of the CIP Executive Committee (CECIP) and the Inter-American Forum on Best Practices, originally planned for August 2020, will be held on May 19, 20 and 21, 2021.

**Activities carried out during April, May and June 2020**

1. **CIP Portal.**  As a first step and in support of Member States, the CIP Secretariat created a COVID-19 Best Practices Page with:

* 7 Protocols, resolutions and guidelines of international organizations such as the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to prevent the spread of COVID19 in port facilities and to ensure the flow of goods.
* Measures, regulations and best practices:
  + 3 Member States of North America
  + 3 Member States of Central America
  + 5 Member States of South America
  + 5 of the English-speaking Caribbean
  + Total: 16 best practices of National Port Authorities from Member States.
* Number of Users and Visits Statistics (April 1 – June 1, 2020)
  + 2,021 users
  + 1,927 new users
  + 17.6% recurring visitors
  + 82.4% new visitors
  + 3,027 visits or "sessions" to the CIP Portal
  + 682 visits to the COVID-19 best practices page
  + Top 10 users per country:
    - United States - 18%
    - Mexico - 13%
    - Panama - 8%
    - Colombia - 8%
    - Argentina - 7%
    - Peru - 6%
    - Chile - 3%
    - Spain - 3%
    - Venezuela - 2.5%
    - Brazil - 2%

1. **Webinars** organized by the CIP, held from April 30 to June 30:

* 6 Webinars with the participation of
* 1,355 port officials from
* 24 Member States
  1. Webinar with the Mexico International Network on Port Infrastructure Security (PBIP): How to Avoid Contact of COVID-19 in Port Facilities, May 6, 260 participants from 17 Member States.
  2. Webinar with the Fundación Valenciaport: Smart Ports and New Technologies, May 19, 400 participants from 15 Member States.
  3. Webinar with the Fundación Valenciaport: Impact of Ports on their Economic Environment, June 2, 265 participants from 16 Member States.
  4. Webinar with ECLAC and the Red PBIP Mexico: A New Port Reality: Resilience, Cybersecurity and Other Risk Factors, June 9, 270 participants from 13 Member States.
  5. Webinar with the Fundación Valenciaport: Multimodality and Competitiveness Foundation for Trade Facilitation, June 16, 145 participants.
  6. Webinar with MAERSK: Port Resiliency: Severe Weather Planning and Trade Lane Management, June 30, 12 Member States.

1. **On-line courses. The S/CIP organized, in collaboration with strategic partners:**

* 3 online courses in Spanish with the National Port Authority of Peru (APN)
* 1 online course in English with the US Coast Guard for the English-speaking Caribbean
* 151 trained port officials from
* 24 Member States

1. Course with APN: New Challenges and Strategies in Ports and their Logistics, from April 20 to May 15, with 30 port officials from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Peru.
2. Course with APN: Digital Transformation in Ports and Foreign Trade from May 11 to June 5 with 36 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, and Peru.
3. Course with APN: International Agreements on Maritime Transport linked to Ports from June 8 to July 3 with the participation of 38 port officials from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and the Dominican Republic.
4. Course with the USCG on Port Security Continuity: Sustaining Operations During Crises from June 22 to July 17 with 28 port officers from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, Panama, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, San Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia and Suriname. In addition, Montserrat and British Virgin Islands thanks to an agreement with the Port Management Association of the Caribbean (PMAC).
5. **Participation of the Chief of the Secretariat as a Speaker in other virtual events presenting on the impact COVID19 pandemic has had on the economic and operational aspects of the port sector as well as highlighting Member States´ best practices:**

* Duarte&Morales, Webinar Ports and Covid-19, May 12 with 350 participants from 19 countries in the region plus Spain, France, Netherlands and Switzerland.
* Red PBIP, Change of Crews in Ports During the Covid-19 Pandemic, June 5.
* *Comisión Centroamericana de Transporte Marítimo* (COCATRAM), Extraordinary Meeting of the Port Network of Central American Isthmus (REPICA), June 24.
* Red PBIP, "Safety in Container Ship Loading" Declaration of Verified Gross Mass (VGM), which will take place on June 25.

1. **Activities contemplated for July and August:**

* At least 4 more Webinars with Strategic Partners:
  + With PIEDROBA Consulting on dredging issues and contracts
  + With ECLAC on economic impact in ports
  + With Red PBIP on port security
  + With the Mission of France on Digital Port Community
* 2 Online Courses with APN
  + Logistics Management and Application to Port Operations, June 29 to July 24.
  + Strategic Port Indicators, August 3 to 28.
* Diploma with the *Universidad de Santiago de Chile*
  + "Planning, Management and Governance of Port Cities” starting the second week of July with a duration of 5 months.

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