



With great success and the presence of representatives of the maritime and port sector of the region, the XVI Annual Meeting of the Cámara Interamericana de Asociaciones Nacionales de Agentes Marítimos (CIANAM 2019) was held in Lima (Peru).



With the presence of representatives of the Ship Agents Associations of the continent and the maritime transport and port sectors of the region, the XVI Annual Meeting of the Cámara Interamericana de Asociaciones Nacionales de Agentes Marítimos (CIANAM) was held on April 4th and 5th in Lima, Peru. The Asociación Peruana de Agentes Marítimos (APAM) was the host of the event.

CIANAM is a civil private nonprofit organization, with legal capacity, at international level. It has its permanent headquarters in the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

It is integrated by the Associations of Shipping Agents from Argentina; Brazil; Chile; Costa Rica; Ecuador; United States of America; Guatemala; Mexico; Panama; Paraguay; Peru and Uruguay.

The purposes of CIANAM are to promote, in harmony with the highest inter-American goals, the rights and interests of Ship Agents and to defend maritime trade for the benefit of the entire sector, contributing to the proper functioning of maritime transport and related services in the region.

Specially invited the President of The Federation of National Associations of Ship Brokers and Agents (FONASBA), Mr Aziz Mantrach; the President of the Cámara Interamericana de

Asociaciones Nacionales de Agentes Marítimos (CIANAM), Mrs Elsa Gamarra and the President of the Asociación Peruana de Agentes Marítimos (APAM), Mr Jorge Acevedo Noriega and local authorities took part in the opening ceremony.

During the development of the meeting, issues related to port competitiveness, investments, digital transformation, the future of ports, Supply 4.0 in the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the importance for the maritime industry of the Port Community System implementation were addressed.

In the event, the participation of the ship agent in the reception and dispatch of vessels, the responsibilities of the Ship Agent before the Authorities taking part in the control of vessels, the challenges of the Ship Agent in Peru and the Relations between Customs and the International Maritime Carrier deserved special attention.

During the meeting, CIANAM Members analyzed the situation of foreign trade and its impact in port and maritime transport of the region; as well as the relationship with government authorities tending to the facilitation of the activity and the efforts made in training and quality management to achieve the best goals of efficiency and professionalism.

The delegates of the Associations that were present recognized the importance of education to provide the highest service level, as well as to ensure full compliance with legal rules, agreed to promote the implementation of basic standards for the training and certification of ship agents and also the establishment of internationally recognized professional certification.

Delegates considered that the profession of the ship agent is of vital importance in the exchange of knowledge and information between the vessel and the port, therefore, it is in a unique position to add value to the proper execution of all the relevant functions in a port.

The ship agent contributes to comply with regimes related to safety, environmental protection and other regulations, avoiding an adverse effect on the operating conditions of vessels and ports,

Delegates supported the harmonization and simplification of all information procedures, since it becomes a tangible benefit for the ship agents, owners, cargo owners, port operators and all other parties in the chain of transportation, aimed at minimizing the procedures.

The responsibilities of the ship agent and its nature of regulated activity, cannot be replaced by third parties or national or foreign intermediaries. Administrative entities that intend to carry out commercial activities that are exclusive of the agents, without assuming their responsibilities and risks, clearly imply an informal activity, in conflict with the rules and principles of publicity, public security and commerce.

The delegations that were present accepted and thanked the offer of the Centro de Navegación Argentina to be the host for the Annual Meeting 2020 in the city of Buenos Aires - Argentina.



