

A detailed line drawing of a dredging crane, showing its complex structure, cables, and bucket, positioned on the left side of the slide.

# WEDA PACIFIC CHAPTER 2015 CONFERENCE

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***Dredging Creates a Strong Economy and a Cleaner Environment***

# WORLD DREDGING ORGANIZATION



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## WEDA - CHAPTERS

- *Eastern*
- *Gulf Coast*
- *Midwest*
- ***Pacific***
- *Panama*
- *Brazil*
- *Mexico*

## WEDA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- *Exchange knowledge* in fields related to dredging, navigation, marine engineering and construction
- *Improve communications, technology transfer, and cooperation* among associations, societies, and organizations
- *Emphasize the importance* of understanding and development *of solutions* for problems related to the protection and enhancement of the marine environment
- *Support educational institutions* for students interested in pursuing dredging and marine engineering as a career
- *Promote membership* in and furtherance of WEDA through establishment and support of Chapters
- *Recognize individuals and organizations* for outstanding engineering and operational achievement

## CURRENT AND RECENT INITIATIVES

- *Improved communication with membership*
- *Improved annual conferences*
- *Renewed technical focus*
  - *Short courses, Post-conference technical tours*
  - *Invited technical sessions on major projects*
  - *Journal of Dredging*
- *Increased collaboration with OAS, NAMEPA & USACE*
- *Increased attention on Central & South America*
- *Improvements on the website: [www.westerndredging.org](http://www.westerndredging.org)*

## **EXCITING FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

- *Hosting WODCON 2016 (Miami, Florida)*
- *Expanding WEDA presence in Central and South America, as well as Canada*
- *Increased educational outreach partnerships*



## WHAT IS WODCON?

World Dredging Congress & Expositions that are organized once every (3) three years by WODA, which is the World Organization of Dredging Associations.

These worldwide conferences cycle between the three sister dredging associations WEDA, CEDA & EADA. In 2010, EADA hosted the WODCON in Beijing. In 2013, CEDA hosted the event Brussels, and 2016 WEDA will host the WODCON in Miami.

WEDA will combine it's annual Dredging Summit & Expo conference with this World Dredging Congress to form WODCON XXI at the Hyatt Regency Miami from June 13-17, 2016.

## WODCON XXI HIGHLIGHTS

- 80+ Exhibitors from around the world
- 30 minute breaks to allow networking opportunities
- 3 ½ days of technical presentations & social functions
- Three technical short courses on Monday 6/13
- 170' yacht for offsite evening reception
- GALA Dinner and Awards Ceremony in the James L. Knight Center



HYATT REGENCY MIAMI



OUTSIDE EXHIBITORS HALL



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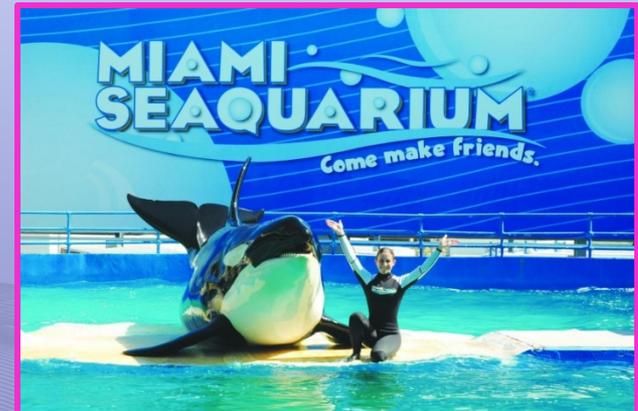


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