



Central America Chapter Annual Meeting

September 13-15, 2016

Hilton Panama

Panama City, Panama

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Tuesday, September 13, 2016

12:00 pm	<i>Welcome Lunch & Registration</i>	<i>Star Bay 1 & Foyer</i>
1:00 pm	Welcome Remarks	Marcel Hermans – President, WEDA Manuel Benitez – Deputy Administrator, Panama Canal Authority Raul Figueroa – President, WEDA Central America Chapter
1:30 pm	The Evolution of Hydrography & Dredging in Panama	Adalberto Antonio Alguero – Head of Engineering Department, Panama Maritime Authority
	<u>Panama Canal Expansion ~ Session 1</u>	<u>Panama Canal Authority Project Management Board</u>
2:00 pm	Facing the Panama Canal Geology	Derek Irving – Geologist Engineer Supervisor
2:20 pm	Dredging of the Panama Canal Entrances	Roderick Lee – Project Manager
2:40 pm	Construction/Operations of Third Set of Locks	Jose Reyes – Project Manager
3:00 pm	Marine Traffic & Channel Requirements	Ricardo Varela – Port Captain
3:30 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>Star Bay 1</i>
	<u>Panama Canal Expansion ~ Session 2</u>	<u>Panama Canal Authority Project Management Board</u>
3:45 pm	Socio-Environmental Management	Daniel Muschett – Environmental Protection Manager
4:15 pm	Global Influence of the Expanded Canal	Marianela Dengo – Strategic Relations Manager
4:45 pm	Future Capital & Maintenance Works	Luis Paniza – Dredging Division Engineer
5:15-6:45pm	<i>Networking Reception</i>	<i>Infinity Lounge</i>

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

8:00 am	<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>Star Bay 1</i>
9:00 am	Dry Excavation of Pacific Access Channel	Jorge Fernandez – Manager of Construction Projects/Contracts, Panama Canal Authority
9:30 am	Port of Balboa Expansion	Juan Carlos Fernandez Casillas – Senior Projects Manager, Panama Ports Company
10:00 am	Ocean Reef Islands: The First Man-Made Islands in Latin America	Simon Overgaauw – Project Manager for Punta Pacifica Island, Boskalis Panama
10:30 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>Star Bay 1</i>
10:45 am	Damen Dredging Equipment – Your Success is Our Goal	Olivier Marcus – Product Director Dredging, Damen Shipyards
11:15 am	New Developments in Hopper Dredging	Marcel Boor – Product Director, Royal IHC
	New Developments in Dredging Instrumentation & Automation	Riny Mourik – Sales Manager, Royal IHC
12:00 pm	Cuttersuction Dredges for Deep Applications in Dams & Reservoirs	Andres Borasino – International Sales Manager, Ellicott Dredges
12:30 pm	<i>Lunch Buffet</i>	<i>Star Bay 1</i>
2:00 pm	Panama Canal & Central America – Industry’s Experience & Goals	Dominic de Prins – Project Manager, Jan De Nul Group
2:45 pm	Costa Rica’s Experience with Dredging: Current & Future Projects	Carlos Rueda Segura – Official of the National Concessions Council & Project Manager of the Moin Container Terminal, Costa Rica
3:30 pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>Star Bay 1</i>
3:45 pm	Dredging the Panama Canal & Its Challenges	Tomas Stouten – Project Control Engineer, DEME
4:15 pm	The Politics of Ports: Cuba’s Strategy & What They Can & Can’t Influence	John S. Kavulich II - President, U.S. – Cuba Trade & Economic Council

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Panama Canal Tour

Bus pickup at Hilton Panama at 8am ~ Tour includes stops at the new Cocoli Locks on the Pacific, a view of the Pedro Miguel Locks in Paraiso, the ACP Dredging Division in Gamboa, Gatun and new Agua Clara Locks on the Atlantic via launch vessel, and a sunset networking reception overlooking the Miraflores Locks on the Pacific. Boxed breakfasts will be provided on the bus.

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