

Introduction:

International globalization of economy looks ahead to a strong growth in the exchange of commodities and services between countries and continents. This growth identifies port functions under different aspects as the need to have new spaces for development of terminals, creation of logistics areas, the problematic of connecting roads, railways, or waterways to the port, the problematic of the environment and of a growth of the port in accordance with city-ports or other neighboring communities. Improving the cooperation between ports and city-ports within the perspective of finding solutions in common, and for a development in common, seems to be one of the greatest future challenges of port authorities.

The objective being to favor strengthening the knowledge of city-ports in the American continent and in particular within the Latin American region, and also to exchange experiences on this matter, results in the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) and the International Association of Cities and Ports (AIVP) to actively cooperate based on the following agreement:

- AIVP and AAPA will inform their members and privileged contacts of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding through their usual publications, electronic newsletter, or any other of each organization.

Organization of international events:

- AIVP and AAPA will respectively and promptly inform one another on the dates and topics of each event organized by both associations in order for members of both associations being able to undertake procedures in their agenda enabling their participation at each event in the best possible conditions. Both organizations will **have the opportunity to send a representative**, at no registration cost, to the most important annual meeting of each organization, based on their respective interests, which will be determined after signing this Memorandum of Understanding.
- AIVP and AAPA commit to inform and promote among their respective members, by its usual means, the international events organized by each of the associations.
- AIVP and AAPA hereby agree to mutually assist one another in searching for the speakers requested for international events, if required, and according to modalities proper of each organization.
- AIVP and AAPA hereby agree to inform to their respective member networks on the publications related to the topic being considered, and the way to obtain them; for example, the conclusions of the conferences.
- AIVP and AAPA will try to develop joint meetings, if possible, enabling representatives of cities and ports to be aware of the importance of working with objectives in common towards a coordinated development.

Webpage

AIVP webpage www.aivp.org has a section exclusively held in reserve for active members, and also a weekly newsletter with electronic information.

- AIVP agrees to subscribe all AAPA members free of charge to this electronic newsletter, and for this purpose will receive all electronic data.
- AIVP will deliver to the Coordinator for Latin America of AAPA a particular code of access enabling having free access, as associate member, to all functionalities of the webpage of AIVP.
- AIVP hereby offers AAPA the possibility of having a dedicated space in its webpage for actions regarding communications of city-port issues on the international AIVP network and on that of its members. This space will be available on the weekly newsletter of AIVP under the title "Latin American Space".
- AIVP and AAPA hereby agree through their own webpage to promote the two annual international events of each association, and will inform on the webpage the address dedicated to each event.

Documentation on the subject

- AIVP developed a guide on "good practices in the city-port interface", cooperating with European and Latin American city-ports. AIVP will distribute this guide at no cost to the Latin American members of AAPA, based on availability and budget dedicated to the distribution of this publication.
- AIVP and AAPA hereby agree to exchange documentation (articles, reports, Project presentations, etc.) in relation to matters on city-ports that may be of special interest to members of each association. In this case, AIVP agrees to include references on said documents in its database.

Signatures

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