



The XIII Annual Meeting of the Cámara Interamericana de Asociaciones Nacionales de Agentes Marítimos (CIANAM) took place in the City of Asunción, Paraguay, on May 9th and 10th, 2016. Delegations from National Associations in Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, the United States of America, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay were present at this event.

Specially invited, the President of the Cámara de Armadores Fluviales y Marítimos in Paraguay, Juan Carlos Muñoz Mena took part in the opening ceremony of the Meeting. He discoursed on the foreign trade and maritime industry in his country.



The Meeting was presided over by the President of CIANAM, Francisco Orozco Mendoza from the Asociación Mexicana de Agentes Navieros, together with the President of the Asociación de

Agentes Marítimos del Paraguay, Elsa Gamarra and the American Vicepresident from the Federation of National Associations of Ship Brokers and Agents, Javier Dulce.

During the development of the Meeting, issues related to the institutional activity of CIANAM were dealt with. The foreign trade and its impact on port and maritime transport in the region were analysed. Issues related to the profession of ship agents as well as the efforts made in training and quality management in order to reach the best goals of management and efficiency were also discussed. There were presentations on the verified gross mass of containers in light of the coming into force of the Amendment to SOLAS Convention and on the Defense of Competition updating the regulatory framework.

Delegates from present Associations recognized the importance in education in order to promote the highest level in service and to ensure the full observance of legal rules. They agreed in promoting the implementation of basic rules for the training and certification of agents as well as the establishment of internationally recognized standards for professional accreditation.

On this occasion, it took place the election of the new Board of Directors being elected as President, Mike Oggle from the Association of Ship Brokers and Agents in the United States of America; Vicepresidents, Felipe Bracamontes from the Asociación Mexicana de Agentes Navieros and Waldemar Rocha Junio from the Federación Nacional de Agencias de Navegación Marítima in Brazil; Treasurer, Ramón Pampin from Centro de Navegación in Uruguay and Board Members Elsa Gamarra from the Asociación de Agentes Marítimos del Paraguay, Javier Dulce from the Centro de Navegación in Argentina and Carlos Rivera from the Cámara Marítima in Chile.

All those delegations that were present accepted and welcomed the offer made by the Asociación Mexicana de Agentes Navieros to organize the XIV Annual Meeting on April 2017.