

## ANNUAL AAPA CONFERENCE BACKED BY SENIOR MEXICAN PORT AUTHORITIES

The upcoming **Latin American Congress of Ports**, to be held in Merida, November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>, will attract over 400 sector leaders, under the sponsorship of *the Mexican General Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine*.



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Left to right:

*Fernando Gamboa Rosas, Director General of Port Administration and Development; Guillermo Ruiz de Teresa, General Coordinator of Ports and Merchant Marine of Mexico; Rafael Díaz-Balart, AAPA Latin American Coordinator, and Raúl Torre Gamboa, Director General of API Progreso*

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During a recent visit to Mexico, the AAPA Latin American Coordinator, *Rafael Díaz-Balart*, informed the Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine about the advances made for the upcoming **Latin American Congress of Ports**, to be held in Merida from November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting with *Guillermo Ruiz de Teresa* –General Coordinator of Ports and Merchant Marine of the Secretariat of Communications and Transport of Mexico; *Fernando Gamboa Rosas*, Director General of Port Administration and Development, and *Raúl Torre Gamboa*, Director General of API Progreso, the AAPA representative set out the objectives of what is expected to be one of the most outstanding port events of the year in this part of the continent.

During the meeting, the senior officers analyzed the progress made and the subjects to be examined in the academic agenda, which will focus on the **Future of Latin American Ports**,



presenting the trends of an ever-changing market, and sharing the insights of prominent specialists regarding economic, logistics, and port projections to keep on the table the next 25 years.

Through its senior leader, the CGPMM pledged strong support for the Congress and confirmed the active participation of the 16 APIs that make up the Mexican port network. He also confirmed that the Mexican ports will be hosting the Closing Dinner, to end the business agenda with a flourish.

On the other hand, Díaz-Balart recalled that the Merida Congress will be a special edition, commemorating the *Silver Anniversary* of AAPA's Latin American Congresses, for which the organizing team is preparing a series of very special activities as part of the celebration of such an important event.

#### **About the Congress:**

Every year, over 400 port leaders and international experts help this forum gleam as the maximum gathering of this business sector. Over three days of technical sessions, world-class port projects are presented and discussed, without forgetting the intense networking and social agenda, and the ever-sought commercial exhibition, featuring the most representative suppliers in the industry.

#### **Further Information:**

To attend the **25th Latin American Congress of Ports**, visit the official website, in Spanish, English and Portuguese, at [www.aapa2016mexico.com](http://www.aapa2016mexico.com) to register and make your hotel reservations. Here you will also find the business agenda, the different academic activities, as well as the social and sightseeing schedules.

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