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## AAPA Announces 2018 Slate of Seminars, Conferences

### 11 maritime industry programs planned; more to be announced



**ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Aug. 10, 2017)** - The [American Association of Port Authorities](#) (AAPA)— the recognized and coordinated voice of seaports in the Americas—has slated [11 maritime industry training programs and conferences for 2018](#), including the popular [Planning for Shifting Trade](#) workshop in Tampa, FL, Jan. 30-31; the communications-focused [Public Relations Workshop](#) in Mobile, AL, (March 1-2); AAPA’s first-ever supply chain information management [Smart Ports](#) program in Oakland, CA (March 6-7); the association’s annual [Spring Conference](#) in Washington, D.C. (March 20-21); the port infrastructure-centric [Capital Projects Seminar](#) in Norfolk, VA (May 8-9); and the Western Hemisphere seaport industry’s [107th Annual Convention and Exposition](#) (Oct. 21-24), to be held in Valparaíso, Chile, and hosted by the [Port of Valparaíso](#).

In response to favorable member feedback, AAPA is updating and bringing back the [Energy and Environment Seminar](#) that was last held in Vancouver, Canada, in September 2016. The 2018 seminar will move across the continent to Jersey City, NJ (Sept. 11-12), and again focus on energy as both a commodity/business line and a power source/cost-savings opportunity for ports.

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Program Title	2018 Dates	Location
<a href="#">Planning for Shifting Trade</a>	Jan. 30-31	<i>Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay</i> Tampa, FL
<a href="#">Public Relations Workshop</a>	March 1-2	<i>Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza</i> Mobile, AL
<a href="#">Smart Ports</a>	March 6-7	<i>Waterfront Hotel, a Joie de Vivre Boutique Hotel</i> Oakland, CA
<a href="#">AAPA Spring Conference</a>	March 20-21	<i>Westin Washington DC City Center</i> Washington, DC
<a href="#">Finance Seminar</a>	April 17-19	<i>Andaz Savannah (a Hyatt property)</i> Savannah, GA

<b>Capital Projects Seminar</b>	May 8-9	<i>Sheraton Norfolk Waterside</i> Norfolk, VA
<b>Port Security Seminar &amp; Expo</b>	Mid-July	<i>Hotel To Be Announced</i> Chicago, IL
<b>Commissioners Seminar</b>	June 19-21	<i>Montréal Marriott Chateau Champlain</i> Montréal, Québec, Canada
<b>Energy and Environment Seminar</b>	Sept. 11-12	<i>Hyatt Regency Jersey City</i> Jersey City, NJ
<b>Marine Terminal Management Training Program</b>	Oct. 1-5	<i>Westin Long Beach</i> Long Beach, CA
<b>AAPA 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention &amp; Exposition</b>	Oct. 21-24	<i>Sheraton Miramar Hotel and Convention Center</i> Valparaíso, Chile

***Please include the above programs in your printed and on-line calendar of events.***

*Founded in 1912, AAPA today represents 140 of the leading seaport authorities in the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean and more than 250 sustaining and associate members, firms and individuals with an interest in seaports. According to IHS Inc. - World Trade Service, combined international sea trade moving through Western Hemisphere ports in 2015 totaled 3.45 billion metric tons in volume and US\$3.36 trillion in value. Of that total, ports in Central and South America handled 1.69 billion metric tons of cargo valued at US\$1.15 trillion, while North American ports handled 1.76 billion metric tons of goods, valued at US\$2.21 trillion. To meet the growing demand for trade, the AAPA and its members are committed to keeping seaports navigable, secure and sustainable. For more information, visit [www.aapa-ports.org](http://www.aapa-ports.org). On Twitter: [http://twitter.com/AAPA\\_Seaports](http://twitter.com/AAPA_Seaports)*



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