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History in the Making: ASA and ADCI to Host a Joint Event for the First Time in Panama

On October 17th, 2017, the American Salvage Association (ASA) entered into an MOU with the Association of Diving Contractors International (ADCI) to strengthen the communications and working relationship between the two organizations, as well as provide a framework for the safe conduct of underwater salvage diving operations. The fruits of this partnership will be evidenced for the first time this August in Panama, when the ASA will join ADCI for their annual international meeting.

To be held on the 1st and 2nd of August in tandem with the Conferencia Annual Marítima de Panamá, this two-day event will feature productive round-table discussions, presentations, and provide invaluable networking opportunities for current and prospective members of both associations. “We want to invite all ASA and ADCI members to join us in Panama this August. With key representatives from relevant Latin American maritime authorities also invited to participate, this exiting program promises to provide an opportunity to build upon strategic alliances, highlight valuable synergies across the commercial diving and marine salvage communities, and to further develop relationships with government stakeholders who will require the assistance of our membership during maritime casualties and natural disasters,” said, Lino Arosemena, chairman of the ASA’s Latin American Committee and General Manager of Talleres Industries.

In early 2015, the ASA expanded its mission to be a unifying association of the greater commercial marine salvage industry operating throughout the entirety of the Americas region, serving as its definitive spokesman in North, Central, and South America as well as the Caribbean Sea. Since having expanded its focus beyond the borders of the United States, the American Salvage Association has gained a variety of new members to-date, reflecting ASA representation in at least five Latin American countries including Chile, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Columbia.

Paul Hankins, then ASA President, stated, “For some time, the incorporation of the interests and concerns of salvors throughout the Americas has been high on the ASA agenda. The very nature of salvage, and the regional assets required to perform our jobs, require the ASA to be inclusive of our fellow salvors throughout the Americas.” This change in mission was unanimously approved by the ASA General Membership after being approved by the ASA Leadership Team and Executive Committee.

The ASA welcomes all stakeholders whom have an interest in marine salvage and emergency response to join us in Panama this August. For more information about this event, please visit this link:

<http://www.americansalvage.org/events/panama-asa-adci-meeting-august-2018.php>

For more information about the Conferencia Annual Marítima de Panamá, please visit this link:

<http://www.camaramaritima.org.pa/conferencia-anual-maritima-de-panama-los-proximos-100-anos>

About the American Salvage Association

The mission of the ASA is to be a unifying association of the commercial marine salvage industry, serving as the definitive spokesman for this industry in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere in North, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean Sea. The objectives of the ASA are to: (1) Unite marine salvors working in North, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean Sea to consider and, when desirable, take joint action on any matters affecting the marine salvage industry; (2) To work towards the improvement and, where applicable, the standardization of contracts and other documentation relevant to the marine salvage industry; (3) To co-operate with other Associations working in the interests of the marine salvage industry; and (4) To give active support to its General Members in relation to legal or commercial disputes where such support is recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Membership. For more information or to become a member please see www.AmericanSalvage.org.