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PRESS RELEASE

IDR Announces New Reporter for Latin America

Katie Worth has joined the *International Dredging Review* (IDR) staff as reporter for Central and South America, starting with the January/February 2012 issue.

From her residence in Santiago, Chile, she will cover dredging-related news in Central and South America.

"I'm excited to help IDR expand its coverage southward. As the Panama Canal is being expanded, the Rio De la Plata river system is being expanded, and countless ports are considering how to handle larger ships, this is a very interesting time to report on the dredging industry in Latin America," said Worth.

Judith Powers, editor of IDR, said "I was looking for a person who is interested in writing about new and different topics, and who is accustomed to covering a news beat. Katie's writing samples showed her to be able to write clearly on a variety of topics. I want to make every issue of IDR interesting to read, and Katie's reporting style will definitely further this goal."

Worth is a 2001 honors graduate of the University of California at Santa Cruz with a bachelor's degree in community studies and a minor in journalism. She is proficient in Spanish, and was both intern and writer at the bilingual *El Andar* Magazine in Santa Cruz. In 2002, she won a New California Media Awards for best international reporting for her article "Refugees of an Endless War" in *El Andar*.

As a writer for *The Village Voice* in New York, New York, Worth did research into the city's electoral politics after September 11, 2001, as well as articles on immigration, health and education. She did extensive research for Jennifer Gonneman's book *Life on the Outside* about the Rockefeller drug laws.

She spent 2003 through 2005 in Guam, where she was a reporter for the *Pacific Daily News*, doing articles on environment, health, utilities and education. In 2004, Gannett Company honored her with two awards: a first place in Breaking News for her coverage of Tropical Storm Tinging, and second place in Beat Reporting for her series on homelessness in the islands.

From 2007 through 2011 she was a news writer and investigative and enterprise project reporter for the *San Francisco Examiner*, and moved to Santiago in October, 2011. She continues to write for the *Examiner*, while adding in-depth reporting for IDR to her writing projects.

About IDR

International Dredging Review (IDR) is a bi-monthly trade magazine that serves dredging operators and related marine and material handling businesses in North America and around the World. To complement the magazine we also offer a comprehensive business directory and a content rich Web site, www.dredgemag.com.