

# Newsletter



## TRAINING COURSE ON RESPONSE TO MARINE OIL SPILLS - IMO OPRC LEVEL 2

16-18 November 2021, the training course on Response to Marine Oil Spills - IMO OPRC Level 2 was held at the Russelior Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia; in cooperation with the Adriatic Training and Research Centre for Accidental Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response (ATRAC).

The training course was animated by Mr. Vedran Martinic Director and Ms. Anja Pilepic; Marine Environment Protection Associate from ATRAC and Mr. Kerem Kemerli; General Manager of MEKE MARINE.

The event gathered 29 delegates from MOIG members, relevant Tunisian stakeholders and oil and gas Libyan companies such as: ANPE, Azzawia Oil Refining Company, Brega, Petroleum Marketing Company, ETAP, General Secretariat of Marine Affairs, Mabruk Oil Operations, Mellitah Oil and Gas, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Oil and Gas, National Oil Corporation, OMMP, ONPC, SEREPT, SAROST, TANKMED, TOPIC and TRAPSA.



The main objectives of this training course were to prepare Supervisors and On-Scene Commanders to coordinate and manage the response to an oil spill. The training also aims at informing senior officials, designated to act as Supervisors/On-scene Commanders during spill response operations, on the responsibilities of the members of an oil spill response organization and on how to effectively respond to an oil spill through the deployment of equipment and resources at regional area or National levels.

The first two days training programme included oral presentations hinged around the following topics : An overview of spill response, examples of specific incidents and of good spill response practices, contingency planning, response management and organization, existing regional and global regimes for assistance in responding to major marine pollution emergencies, oil spill crisis management, properties, behaviour and fate of an oil spill, environmental and economic impact of oil spill, spill assessment, operations planning, oil spill response options, health and safety including personal protection, containment and recovery of oil, use of dispersants, shoreline clean-up - principles of shoreline clean-up, media relations, termination of response and post-incident debriefing.

## TRAINING COURSE ON IMO OPRC LEVEL 2 - CONTINUED

The third day was dedicated to table-top spill response exercise including an introduction of the oil spill scenario, the preparation of exercise reports and debriefings. The simulated scenario consisted of an explosion of one tank occurring in tanker ship in the Offshore Golf of Tunis-Tunisia. The quantity of the spill was estimated to 40 Tonnes of crude oil. Participants have been divided in two groups to discuss the concrete actions that would be needed to contain and recover quickly the oil spill.

We were very delighted by the rewarding working atmosphere, MOIG members, representatives from Libyan oil and gas companies and relevant Tunisian stakeholders worked together, shared their views and applied what they have learned from IMO OPRC Level 2 training course during the table-top oil spill exercise.

At the end of the event, certificates of attendance were awarded to participants by Mr. Vedran Martinic and the Management Committee Members composed of MM. Mahmoud Kamour, Malek Kallel and Hatem Ben Khelil.

The Management Committee Members would like to thank Mr. Vedran Martinic, Ms. Anja Pilepic and Mr. Kerem Kemerli for the high quality training course provided to participants and greatly appreciated their professionalism and expertise, thereby contributing to the success of this event. Thus, will pave the way for further cooperation on oil spill preparedness and response between ATRAC and MOIG.



## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING N°19



17 November 2021, the MOIG Management Committee Meeting N°19 took place at the Russelior Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia.

This meeting was attended by MM. Mahmoud Kamour; Chairman; Hatem Ben Khelil; ETAP representative; Malek Kallel; SEREPT representative and Houcine Mejri; MOIG Director.

During this meeting, the Management Committee Members approved the agenda of the meeting and the minutes N°18 and discussed the financial state, the forthcoming General Assembly, the MOIG biennial programme 2022-2023 and other points. We were very delighted with the outcome of this meeting, the Management Committee Members has undertaken to continue its efforts to achieve all the planned future actions.



## NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER



20 October 2021, The Management Committee Members are very delighted to welcome Hatem Ben Khelil (Picture on the left); the new ETAP representative in MOIG Management Committee, instead of Rached Hachemi (Picture on the right), who was recently nominated a General Manager of Amilcar Petroleum Operations. Hatem has over than 31 years experience in HSSE field. He holds an Engineer degree obtained in 1989 from the Algerian Petroleum Institute (IAP).



Hatem started his professional career at ETAP in 1990, as an Environmental and Safety Engineer. From 1991 to 2003, He was seconded from ETAP to MARATHON, MARETAP, KUFPEC and CTKP; partners and subsidiary companies of ETAP; with several positions such as HSE supervisor, consultant and manager. He also worked for the United States Embassy in Tunisia as responsible for all the safety construction aspects on site, training personnel and regulations.

From 2003 to 2020, Hatem has worked in SNC Lavalin International Inc. in Libya and Qatar Petroleum as an expat. He was involved in many multidisciplinary Safety, Security and Environmental projects makes him highly qualified to manage all the activities related to assigned personnel at all locations, occupied high rise buildings, complex emergency response plans in place, fire prevention and fighting systems etc..

The Management Committee Members would like to thank Rached Hachemi for his efforts towards the MOIG during his mandate and wish him all the success in this new position.

## INTERSPILL 2022

Interspill 2022, the European oil spill conference and exhibition, will take place at the RAI Exhibition Centre, in Amsterdam-Netherlands from 21-23 June 2022.

The event will be one of the first face to face events for the oil spill industry since the pandemic, following a coordinated decision by the three triennial oil spill events (IOSC, Spillcon and Interspill) to postpone each of the events by one year.

Interspill is committed to ensuring the 2022 event is COVID safe and welcoming to exhibitors, conference delegates and visitors alike.

A call for papers has been issued for those interested in presenting at the conference with the deadline for submission of 250-word abstracts by 31 October 2021.

A number of seminars, workshops, training events and networking activities are planned to run alongside the conference and exhibition. For more information on INTERSPILL 2022, please visit the website at: <https://www.interspill.org>

MOIG is looking forward to this opportunity to meet members and technical partners and to reconnect with response community, to extending awareness of the role of the organization relating to preparedness and response to oil spills.

This event will be also a good opportunity for MOIG to promote the forthcoming regional workshop on Enhancing Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic and Mediterranean Regions that will be held from 25 to 27 October 2022; in Opatija-Croatia in cooperation with ATRAC and JANAF.

