

Newsletter



A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I would like to start first this address by wishing you all the best and welcome you to MOIG Newsletter Issue 036; which will provide you; an overview on MOIG activities of January and the rest of this year.

New strains of COVID-19 impacted Tunisia and several countries during the month of January 2021, thus led to temporarily suspend events and gatherings in order to mitigate the spread of Corona virus.

MOIG continued to monitor the situation related to COVID-19 closely with members and technical partners exploring ways to set new dates for the events supposed to happen last year and have been postponed for this year. After consultation with ANPE, Cedre and REMPEC, it was agreed to organize jointly the one-day Training Session on Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills (RETOS) and the Regional Workshop on Oil Spill Waste Management. The provisional dates of the two events have been set as follows:

- The one-day Training Session on RETOS; will take place on 15 June 2021, in Hammamet-Tunisia
- The Regional Workshop on Oil Spill Waste Management; will be held on 16-17 June 2021; in Hammamet-Tunisia

At the same time, MOIG conducted discussions with ATRAC and JANAF in order to fix a new provisional date for the Regional Workshop on Enhancing Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic and Mediterranean Regions. After discussions, it was agreed to set the date of this event from 26 to 28 October 2021; in Opatija-Croatia.

I am very pleased to announce that the General Assembly Meeting is expected to be held on 29 October 2021; in Opatija-Croatia; in conjunction with the Regional Workshop on Enhancing Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic and Mediterranean regions.

On the other hand, MOIG participated to three webinars organized by Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL), technical partner.

The MOIG Director was very delighted to meet Mr. Mohamed Abugasisa Elghadefi; Head of Safety Division; and Mr. Mohamed Maamer Adbeib; Head of Environment Division; from National Oil Corporation Libya (NOC); corporate member; and has undertaken fruitful discussions on former and future MOIG activities as well as on oil spill preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region.

Mahmoud Abdussalm Kamour - MOIG Chairman



WEBINAR: WILDLIFE RESPONSE



On 28 January 2021, the MOIG Director participated to webinar training session titled “Wildlife Response- Exploring OSRL’s Strategy and Industry Next Steps in Preparing for Wildlife Emergencies; organized by Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL); technical partner; via electronic conferencing platform.

This webinar was animated by Mr. Paul Kelway, OSRL’s Wildlife Preparedness & Response Manager, Mr. Hugo Nijkamp, General Manager of the Sea Alarm Foundation and Mr. Stephen van der Spuy, Chief Executive Officer of SANCCOB and Chair of the Global Oiled Wildlife Response System (GOWRS).

Mr. Paul Kelway presented the industry recognition and key developments realized from 2014 to 2020 on wildlife response. He explained also the key elements of OSRL’s Five-year strategy 2021-25 for Wildlife Emergency Preparedness and Response; built on four objectives: Expand understanding of wildlife response within OSRL and with its members, facilitate collaboration between all key stakeholders, improve response capability in partnership with leading wildlife response organizations and enhance preparedness of OSRL members and other key Stakeholders. In addition, he described the SLA Wildlife Response Services such as technical advice from Sea Alarm, wildlife response equipment and guaranteed access to wildlife response organizations; proposed as future supplementary “GOWRS service”.

Mr. Hugo Nijkamp presented the main insights and recommendations of Cyprus Workshop; held in November 2019; highlighting the importance roles of local authorities, experts and volunteers as well as the necessity of planning, training and exercises on Wildlife Response. He explained also the Sea Alarm roles and its preparedness activities.

Mr. Stephen van der Spuy gave an overview on GOWRS affiliate locations around the world and its mission. He explained the “Iceberg” Model of GOWRS functioning. In addition, he highlighted the GOWRS benefits to industry. The webinar included also a panel discussion on the way that the OSRL Strategic Plan can be expected to help industry in its implementation of Tiered Preparedness & Response Good Practice for wildlife emergencies.

WEBINAR: HOW TO ACTIVATE OSRL

On 21 January 2021, the MOIG Director participated to webinar training session titled “How to Activate OSRL” organized by Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL); via electronic conferencing platform; from OSRL’s Fort Lauderdale base in USA.

Mr. Daniel Cruz, Duty Manager explained the OSRL activation process when an incident occurs or when there’s a risk of dealing with it. He presented all available means of communication to activate OSRL such as Emergency lines of OSRL bases located around the world, the E-mail address and the Notification & Mobilization Forms that can be downloaded from OSRL website. He stated also the necessary information that OSRL will need when a call is made to activate line and facilitate the process such as the contact details of the member company, the location of incident, the spill details and the weather conditions. In addition, Mr. Daniel Cruz outlined what members can get



from OSRL through the Service Level Agreement (SLA) and Supplementary Services such as free technical advice and response support (5*5 Virtual or on Scene), benefit from OSRL, highly trained spill response specialist personnel, 2D & 3D oil spill trajectory and tracking, the support from response partners, spill response equipment and transportation, Subsea Well Intervention Services (SWIS), Global Dispersant Stockpile (GDS) and containment toolkit.

WEBINAR: HIRING RESPONSE EQUIPMENT – A BEST PRACTICE GUIDE TO ORGANIZING, STORING AND MAINTAINING YOUR TIER 1 OIL SPILL RESOURCES

On 19 January 2021, the MOIG Director participated to webinar training session titled “Hiring Response Equipment – A Best Practice Guide to Organizing, Storing and Maintaining your Tier 1 Oil Spill Resources” organized by Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL); technical partner; via electronic conferencing platform.

The webinar was animated by experts from OSRL composed of Mr. Richard Anderson; Equipment Hire Technical Delivery Lead, Mme. Rachel McLachlan; Business Projects Coordinator, Mr. Matt Jeans; Senior Response Specialist, MM. Matt Wallis and Dave Oland; Senior Response Specialists and Mr. Graham Robinson; Projects Technician.

OSRL experts presented different areas to be considered when looking to prepare Tier 1 response resources so that they can be used as effectively as possible; if they are needed to respond to an oil spill incident.

The presentations focused on topics related to complete package, offshore, harbour, shoreline and inland equipments, vessel options, bespoke packages, bespoke training case study and lessons learnt, maintenance program as well as a client visits performed to Suriname during the COVID-19 pandemic. This webinar highlighted some of the most effective ways to position, store, and maintain Tier 1 response resources and establish a program that ensures the response personnel can practice the deployment and safe use of the oil spill response equipments.



MEETINGS MOIG-NOC-ANPE

On 07-08 January 2021, as previously announced, a delegation composed of Mr. Mohamed Abugasisa Elghadefi; Head of Safety Division; and Mr. Mohamed Maamer Adbeib; Head of Environment Division; at National Oil Corporation Libya (NOC); corporate member; were the MOIG guests.



Two meetings were held; in which, the MOIG Director presented an overview of MOIG activities carried out during the period of 2014 to 2020 and those planned for the current year.

In addition, Mr. Samir Khedhira; General Controller Expert and REMPEC Focal Point; at the National Agency of Environment Protection (ANPE); delivered a presentation to NOC delegation; on the Marine Pollution Cooperation in the Western Mediterranean (West MOPoCo Project). He highlighted the specific objectives of this project which would strengthen cooperation in the field of preparedness

for and response to marine pollution, enhance quality and interoperability of the response capacities in the western Mediterranean region; through the improvement of making decision capacity, evaluate National Oil Spill Contingency Plans and reinforce synergies between National and Sub-Regional Emergency Response Procedures.

Furthermore, Mr. Samir Khedhira performed a demonstration; for NOC Delegation; on how to use the Readiness Evaluation Tool for Oil Spills (RETOS); according to Industry-Facilities Level A.

We were very delighted with the outcome of these meetings, MOIG, NOC and ANPE agreed to further strengthen cooperation and information exchange as well as to work together towards common objectives related to oil spill prevention, preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region.