

Newsletter



MOIG GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

19 July 2022, As previously announced in the Newsletter Issue 051, we are coming up to MOIG General Assembly Meeting (GAM) that will be held on 24th October 2022; in Opatija-Croatia in conjunction with the regional workshop on Enhancing Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic and the Mediterranean Regions and shall see the changing of MOIG Management Committee Members.



The Management Committee Members are due to be renewed for 2022/2024 according to MOIG Constitution and Rules, as part of the renewal process, all members are encouraged and invited to serve on the Management Committee. MOIG is committed to the continual enhancement and support of member's individual and collective oil spill preparedness and response capacity in the Mediterranean region.

MOIG has achieved a lot through the current Management Committee and would like to continue with the same enthusiasm shown during the last mandate. The existing Management Committee has helped steer the MOIG to the position we are today, whilst we thank and fully appreciate the efforts of the existing Management Committee. It is imperative that we utilize the experience and expertise available within our members to nominate suitable individuals to replace the existing Management Committee. It is important to remind that the Management Committee role is to facilitate communications with and between the MOIG members and technical partners and garner support for the MOIG activities and other collaborative activities related to oil spill prevention, preparedness and response.

The activity of the MOIG is such that a person with a relevant background and experience would be best suited for nomination on the next Management Committee. We would like to bring members attention that any appointment within the Management Committee of MOIG requires an active participation supported by the applicant's company.

The involvement requires participation at meetings of the Management Committee and occasional working group according to the Business Plan of MOIG, review of documents, this is estimated to a five to six days per year work commitment. In this regards, I cordially invite you to attend the GAM to present your nomination to the Management Committee or nominate another member that you may feel can affectively support the Management of MOIG. MOIG shall prepare a document summarizing the report and accounts which will be circulated to attendees during the GAM. The agenda and the time of the meeting will be sent in due course.

WEBINAR ON IMPROVING THE INTEGRATED RESPONSE TO POLLUTION AT SEA AND CHEMICAL RISK IN PORT (IRA-MAR)

08 July 2022, MOIG was invited by the General Secretariat for the Sea-France to a webinar titled « Improving the integrated response to pollution accident at sea and chemical risk in port (IRA-MAR) ».

The IRA-MAR project aims to support the countries from the Western Mediterranean and Atlantic regions (France, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain and Tunisia) in improving preparedness for marine pollution events through an integrated approach to response at sea, on the shoreline and in ports.

The webinar gathered a wide range of stakeholders involved in marine pollution preparedness and response (governmental, agencies, private sector, scientific community, coastal communities and public) in order to inform them about the objectives, expected outcomes and work packages (The use of Unmanned Aircraft System in emergency response; identifying gas clouds from ships in ports amongst others) of the IRA-MAR project.

The webinar was opened by Denis Robin; the Secretary-General for the Sea-France; who thanked participants and provided an overview on the IRA-MAR project. Julie Rigaud-Marechal, project coordinator, presented the objectives, the contributions, the working areas and the key steps of the IRA-MAR project. The webinar also included three panel discussions animated by Julie Rigaud-Marechal and experts from many institutions, which are the following:

1. Panel 1: What are the challenges in using Unmanned Aircraft Systems in emergency response? Animated by Lieutenant Colonel Pascal Pitor-SDIS 29, Lieutenant Pascal Lastenet-Marine Firefighters, Mevric Zammit-Transport Malta and Luigi Alcaro-ISPRA.
2. Panel 2 : How can we enhance the land-sea interface in emergency response? Animated by Hugo Nijkamp-Sea Alarm, Arnaud Guéna-Cedre and Pablo Rey Pedrosa-MITMA.
3. Panel 3: How can we strengthen regional cooperation for preparedness and response to marine pollution incidents? Animated by Florent Champion-RAMOGÉ, Gabino Gonzalez-REMPEC and Frédéric Hébert-EMSA.



Ludovic Schullz; Senior Advisor Europe Environment; from the General Secretariat for the Sea-France presented the expected outcomes of the IRA-MAR project highlighting that regional agreements are crucial in making sure this cross-border collaboration is optimized by developing common tools and communication protocols and facilitate mutual assistance. He also underlined that authorities should recognize and deal with all potential aspects of a given scenario (Holistic), and ensure all efforts of the response are well prioritized, coordinated and managed regardless of the number of the authorities involved (Integrated). He also noted that it's important to ensure that authorities have the best available technology in an emergency scenario, relevant decisions are based on a good assessment of the situation, including the location of the affected sites and their recognition. This webinar also provided an exchange platform to facilitate dialogue between relevant stakeholders and discuss how they can develop a methodology for an integrated approach to reinforce the land-sea interface, in response to marine pollution.

MEDITERRANEAN STRATEGY FOR THE PREVENTION OF, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO MARINE POLLUTION FROM SHIPS (2022-2031)

28 June 2022, As a follow-up to the webinar on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031); organized remotely on 19 May 2022; by the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), MOIG sent to REMPEC its main activities planned to be organized during the next three years such as : Training courses, regional workshops and oil spill response exercises.