

Mediterranean Oil Industry Group for Oil Spill Response

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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In carrying out its activities, MOIG has specific regard to translate its vision and declared objectives into actions that can be measured and improved.

This is done through its Business

Plan that contains activities and programs aimed at helping MOIG members in their continuous endeavours to strengthen measures for prevention, preparedness and credible response to accidental oil spills in the Mediterranean. I believe that for MOIG to achieve successful implementation of the plan, it needs collective support and contribution of all members. After all, MOIG is a network of oil spill response experts who are willing, able and capable of enabling the group to achieve its objectives.

While we all know that the prime objective is to prevent spills, there is nevertheless a need to be prepared should one occur and to be able to respond appropriately when one does occur. Therefore, I strongly believe that MOIG's mission is to help members establish and maintain competent resources that are capable of responding to potential spills in the Mediterranean and continuously improve their ability to minimise the impact of such spills on the environment.

Considering the risks associated with the exploration, production and transportation of crude oil and its products through and across the Mediterranean Sea, and realizing the role of MOIG, set up by the oil industry to enhance preparedness and response to oil spill incidents in the Mediterranean region, MOIG's mission is to promote cooperation on oil spill matters within and between industry, governments and civil society in the region; including the facilitation of regional exchange of information, resources and expertise.

To realize this mission, MOIG is currently undertaking an important step towards formalizing its first regional cooperation agreement with the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea, REMPEC, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding that sets out the framework for cooperation in the field of professional training and technical assistance.

The envisaged cooperation between MOIG and REMPEC will focus on:

- the organisation of joint exercise and training activities;
- the setting up and maintenance of an up-to-date database of equipment and resources available on line to interested parties;
- the standardisation of procedures involved in sensitivity mapping.

MOIG MATTERS

New Members join the MOIG

MOIG is delighted to welcome the following four new members:

- British Gas Tunisia BGT
- Motor Oil Hellas Refinery, Greece
- Markleen Salvage, Spain
- Tankmed, Tunisia

MOIG Welcomes New Assistant Samah Ayari



On January 1st, 2005 MOIG welcomed Miss Samah Ayari as the new assistant in the MOIG office in Tunisia.

Samah, who completed her Masters degree in English and International Relations in 2004, will be the member's first point of contact with the MOIG office in future. Welcome Samah!

Management Committee Meeting No. 5

The fifth MOIG Management Committee Meeting was held in Sharm El Sheikh on June 15th, 2005. The main objectives of the meeting were to outline the present status, financial issues and the future activities of the Group.

Several issues were discussed during the meeting namely the importance of holding regular conference calls with a predefined agenda, the translation of IPIECA technical documents, stockpiles, expert databases, and the training course proposed by TOTAL and FOST in April 2006, as well as the MOU between MOIG and REMPEC. The meeting explored the different future programmes of the Group.



Rental of Equipment and Response Services to BG and Escal during Exploratory Drilling

Markleen Salvage provided equipment and response services to Escal UGS S.L. (Escal) and BG International (BG) to support their exploratory drilling activities taking place off of San Carles de la Rapita from December 2004 to March 2005. The platform was located approximately 45 km off the coast with frequent support from a supply vessel and standby boat making trips to San Carles. Markleen Salvage has assisted operations through the rental of a drilling support package which includes a variety of oil spill response equipment such as booms, skimmers, storage tanks, hoses, powerpacks, etc. Furthermore, Markleen Salvage personnel have been present throughout the operations in case there was a need for equipment deployment and clean-up of a potential spill. Activities have gone smoothly and ended mid March. This was one of Spain's largest exploratory drilling operations conducted by foreign companies in the Mediterranean Sea since the 1970's. For further information please go to www.markleen.com/



It is with great pleasure that we congratulate our colleague and MOIG Vice Chairman, Ezio Amato, who was nominated to Chair the OPRC-OPRC-HNS Technical Group of the **Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the UN International Maritime Organization (IMO)**.

The MEPC, which consists of all Member States, is empowered to consider any matter within the scope of the organization concerned with prevention and control of pollution from ships. In particular, it is concerned with the adoption and amendment of conventions and other regulations and measures to ensure their enforcement. The MEPC was first established as a subsidiary body of the assembly and raised to full constitutional status in 1985.

Sad News

Alexander Ananov

We received the news of the death of our colleague Alexander Ananov with great sadness. He was a wonderful person and we had very much enjoyed working with him in



previous MOIG meetings in various countries. On behalf of all our MOIG Management Committee Members and Partners, we would like to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to our colleague's family.

PARTNER NEWS

IPIECA at Carbon Expo (May 2005)

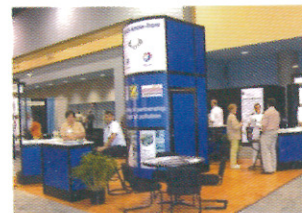
Carbon Expo, the Global Carbon Market Trade Fair and Conference, was held in Cologne, May 11-13, 2005. IPIECA jointly organised the oil and gas sector plenary session: "From Gas Flaring to Downstream Utilization" with ARPEL and the World Bank Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership.

CEDRE LATEST NEWS

CEDRE in the International Oil Spill Conference:

Sycopol, TOTAL and CEDRE were present at the exhibition on a common French stand, which led to many interesting exchanges.

Four specialists from CEDRE also participated in the conference with two interventions and two posters. During a special session on potentially dangerous wrecks, the



director of CEDRE illustrated the difficulties associated with a deliberate policy for the treatment of old wrecks. The author also argued that claims that pumping is not possible, would be much less acceptable in the future, in view of the recent pumping operation of the PRESTIGE wreck.

LATEST IMO NEWS

New rules to reduce emissions from ships enter into force:

International regulations to control harmful emissions from ships' exhausts entered into force on 19 May 2005. Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships are contained in Annex VI of the MARPOL Convention and were adopted in the 1997 Protocol to that Convention.

The Annex VI regulations set limits on sulphur oxide (SO_x) and nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emissions from ship exhausts and prohibit deliberate emissions of ozone-depleting substances.

Goal-based standards on agenda at IMO's Maritime Safety Committee:

Maritime Safety Committee - 80th session: 11-20 May 2005. The development of goal-based standards for new ship construction have been high on the agenda when IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) met at the Organization's London Headquarters for its 80th session from 11 to 20 May 2005. Other important issues on the MSC agenda include the adoption of revised provisions for subdivision and stability in SOLAS Chapter II-1 *Construction - Structure, subdivision and stability, machinery and electrical installations*, continued work on passenger ship safety and implementation of the maritime security measures adopted by IMO.

Single-hull oil tanker phase-out - implementation of MARPOL Annex I regulations 13G and 13:

On April 5, 2005 amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78, adopted by IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) by resolution MEPC.111(50) in December 2003, entered into force for all Parties to the MARPOL Convention.

REMPEC LATEST NEWS

Two REMPEC Meetings held 21 - 28 April, 2005:

The second meeting of national experts on the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships was convened in Malta between 21 and 23 April 2005. Delegates from all the Mediterranean coastal States, the European Commission, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan (MEDU), attended the Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points. NGO's and other international institutions also participated in the Meeting.

The final reports of both meetings are being posted on REMPEC's website under the "Publications" Section.

REMPEC NEWS IN FRENCH

Effective immediately, the REMPEC News will be available in French on the French version on the website. Older news items will only appear in the English version.

ALGERIA, MOROCCO AND TUNISIA SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUB-REGIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN



A sub-regional operational agreement for the South-Western Mediterranean was signed on June 20th, 2005 signifying the fruition of more than three years of work on the preparation of the sub-regional Contingency Plan covering Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia.

The Agreement was signed during a ceremony held in Algeria and hosted by the Ministry of Physical Planning and Environment of Algeria. On behalf of their respective Governments, the agreement on the implementation of the sub-regional Contingency Plan for preparedness and response to accidental marine pollution in the south-western Mediterranean was signed: for Algeria by H.E. Mr. Cherif RAHMANI, Minister of Physical Planning and Environment; for Morocco by H.E. Mr. Said Mohamed BERYANE, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco in Algeria; and for Tunisia by H.E. Mr. Nadhir HAMADA, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development.

REMPEC was represented at the signing by its Director, Rear Admiral. Roberto PATRUNO, and by its Senior Programme Officer, Mr. Darko DOMOVIC.

INTERTANKO's 2006 Tanker Event Launched in Singapore

INTERTANKO's members and associate members will be welcoming guests from Singapore, Southeast Asia and all over the world, including an impressive line-up of guests and speakers to the association's Singapore Tanker Event, 29-31 March, 2006. This gathering will be uniquely representative of the tanker industry, a place where we can meet Singapore's business community and a place where Singapore can meet the international oil and chemical transportation business. Strategically positioned on the main route between West and East, between the Indian and the Pacific Oceans, Singapore is the hub of South East Asia's oil and tanker activity. The island state is a focal point for the region's oil trading, crude oil refining and chemical manufacture; for bunkering, provisioning, repair and finance. Many international shipping, trading and financial operations have established local subsidiaries here to take advantage of this international business crossroads.

TRAINING & EXERCISES

INFOPOL Session 2005:

A new INFOPOL Session has been organized by CEDRE, the Director of Maritime Transport and the Port Authority of Marseilles and Total. The session took place from 6 to 17 June. Ten foreign participants, coming from 5 countries (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Madagascar and Chili) and a French participant followed courses and demonstrations on the French organization, the strategies and techniques of fight, the prevention and the management of the accidents in harbour zone. The visit of the anti-pollution ship *Argonaute* in Brest and the demonstration of material in roads of Marseilles organized by the national navy, the demonstration of material by SYCOPOL, the visits of CROSS Corsen and FOST to Rognac were all greatly appreciated.

Major Oil Spill Response Exercise

The Major Oil Spill Response Exercise "RA ATUM V" was conducted in Sharm El Sheikh in June 2005. This Exercise reflected a realistic response to a major oil pollution incident for equipment deployment and crisis management. In order to oversee the development of the exercise, a steering committee was formed comprising of industry personnel from a variety of petroleum and maritime companies including decision-makers from government agencies and port authorities.

Many participants helped in realizing this exercise including Captain Richard Byrnes (Exercise Director), Logistics Coordinators, the Exercise Committee, the Evaluation Director, controllers, evaluators, players, etc.

The most important objectives of the Exercise were the following:

- To test the notifications procedures identified in Response Plans.
- To demonstrate the ability of the Port Authority and response organization to control and stop the discharge at source and to provide an initial assessment of the discharge and provide continuing assessments of the effectiveness of the tactical operations.
- To demonstrate the ability of the Port Authority, National Parks and the oil sector to provide an initial assessment of the discharge, contain the spill in various locations, recover the discharged products and protect the environmentally and economically sensitive areas.

Spain : International Exercise

The Spanish authorities have given an international dimension to their annual anti-pollution exercise that took place in Palma de Majorca from 10 to 12 May 2005. "MED 2005" was based on a scenario of an explosion in the engine room of a tanker which loaded with 200 tons of fuels. The scenario involved casualties and a discharge of 100 tons of fuels.

It was divided into a rescue phase and a control of pollution at sea and on the shoreline phase.

The operations at sea aimed to strengthen the cooperation on the recovery of the pollutants between France, Italy and Spain.

The Mediterranean delegate of Cedre and a member of the response service took part in the exercise. One of the representatives witnessed the deployment of horeline equipment, whilst the other was part of the slick drift forecast cell which was established following the Prestige. It involved Spanish and French experts who exchanged data in real time.

Cedre also provided three drifting surface buoys supervised by satellites, in order to compare the drifts of several different types of buoys released at the same place and the same time.



CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

IMO Model Course

In cooperation with Castalia Ecolmar and with REMPEC support, ENI organized a course that was held in Malta, 24-27 May, 2005. Thanks to ENI, this course was organised for ENI and MOIG Members' personally. The course provided a complete overview of matters relating to response processes in the event of an oil spill, with particular attention to the protection of the environment within the international legal framework and the local authorities provisions. Attendance to the course was recommended for those who may be part of a general emergency team that would have to support an oil spill response effort and staff with responsibilities for planning, logistics and marine operations.

Attendance to the course (classes, material and lunch breaks) was free of charge. Each company covered travel expenses of their representatives.

The course was held in English but translation into Italian and French was available.

Workshop on "Contingency Planning in the European Union"

The Hellenic Environment Protection Association "Helmepa" organized a 3 day workshop in the city of Kalamata in Peloponnese from June 1-3, 2005. The workshop was titled "Contingency Planning in the European Union" and it aimed at analysing the current practice of member states in contingency planning for accidental marine pollution of oil and other harmful substances. The objective was to identify best practice and to consider the feasibility of establishing European guidelines in this field.

In this context, representatives from many states were invited to contribute to this workshop, including the government representatives of all EU maritime member states and states bordering EU waters.

International Oil Spill Conference 2005, MIAMI



The 19th Biennial International Oil Spill Conference on Prevention, Preparedness and Response was held May 15–19, 2005 at the Miami Beach Convention Center in Miami, Florida and was another great success! Thanks to contributors, panelists, sponsors, attendees and members of the Program Committee. The Conference theme for 2005 was:

Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Restoration – Raising Global Standards –

The theme included an expanded perspective with a renewed emphasis on prevention. The scope of this theme covered the complete lifecycle of oil extended across the entire environment, from marine to inland regions. Environmental stewardship extends to wherever oil is found, used or transported. The International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC 2005) gathered more than 2,000 participants from more than fifty countries in Miami Beach, Florida. Beside the usual North-American predominance, one could note the participation of several Latin American delegations in the conference, who were certainly encouraged by the holding of sessions in Spanish and a strong presence from regional cooperatives.

Spill 06 Exhibition and Interspill 2006 Conference



Spill International 06 and the prestigious Interspill 2006 Conference will take place alongside OI 06, the world's largest marine science and ocean technology exhibition and conference at London ExCeL, 21-23 March, 2006. A single-free-admission badge will admit entry to the state-of-the-art exhibition hall that will house these events side by side - more than 650 companies occupying 8000 m² net of exhibits. More details of the Spill'06 exhibition and the Interspill conference are available from www.interspill.com and www.spill06.com, or from Rob Cox at the IPIECA secretariat

Secretary-General Lays Foundation for LNG Training in Egypt

The foundation stone of a new maritime training institute for LNG operations has been laid by IMO Secretary-General, Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, during an official visit to Egypt last week at the invitation of Egyptian Ministry of Transport, Dr. Essam Sharaf. His programme included the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on technical cooperation matters between Egypt and IMO, a visit to a number of important Egyptian maritime centres and meetings with key officials from Egypt's maritime and political communities.

The new LNG training facility will form part of the Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport (AASTMT) in Abu Qir, Alexandria. The new facility is expected to become operational during the first half of 2006, and will complement the existing amenities at the Academy's Maritime Complex, which include the College of Maritime Transport & Technology, the Integrated Simulators Complex, the Maritime Safety Centre and the Regional Maritime Examination Centre.

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