

Mediterranean Oil Industry Group for Oil Spill Response

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Firstly we must thank JANAF for their hospitality and organization of this Mediterranean Oil Industry Group Technical Session 2007.

It seems like just yesterday that we had the first meeting of MOIG in Rome hosted by ESSO Italy.

In recent years we have certainly grown and expanded thanks to the adhesion of almost all of the oil companies in the Mediterranean, especially IPIECA who have supported us since the beginning. I believe the main target of MOIG has been to put into practice our fundamental concept "Work in respect of the Mediterranean", bearing in mind that this sea is a vital source for all its bordering countries.

I will never tire of remembering that history and civilization came about on the coastlines of this sea and I believe you will all agree that it is amongst the most beautiful on the planet. Accordingly the main target of MOIG is to encourage respect for these waters in which, as you know, 25% of the world's oil is transported, as well as infinite other harmful or poisonous products. In the Mediterranean more than 500 tankers navigate across the waters every day, however, only oil companies apply the national and international laws intended to defend the waters of this basin. Thanks to IMO, REMPEC, and UNEP I can say that we have created a good example for others to follow.

Nevertheless it's now time to identify and analyze the existing problems and try to resolve them. All who know me are aware that I strongly believe that you should never let your guard down. Imagine an accident involving one of our oil carriers or platforms; it would be catastrophic for everyone and public opinion would place the fault with our companies regardless of whose responsibility it was. A major accident would have many economic and environmental consequences particularly in tourist sites and nature areas.

So far I have spoken about different problems both in the organizations and individual countries. In this MOIG session we must dedicate ourselves to resolving problems such as that of the straights to which the industry must give a concrete solution. Having a deep understanding and

knowledge of the problems of the Mediterranean Sea we must, in our role of industrial experts in the anti pollution field, offer our support and experience to the oil companies who are in collaboration with their own countries.

In my opinion MOIG should have its own flag like that of REMPEC. Thanks to a series of past activities the collaboration between MOIG and REMPEC is already strong and is set to improve with future specialized studies, training and scientific research studies carried out in cooperation with practiced partners such as ICRAM (Italy), and CEDRE (France) and other scientific institutes who work to protect the Mediterranean Sea.

Naturally in order to achieve all these goals we must consider the financial aspect and to do this we must have a solid and united organization with well defined roles and ensure that every role brings its own contribution to MOIG and the Mediterranean.

MOIG MATTERS

MOIG Workshop on the "*Integration of Oil Spill Emergency Plans*"

Each response to an Oil Spill that affects coastal communities requires the coordination of extensive resources and numerous stakeholders. The response involves the simultaneous resolution of several technical, human resource and permitting issues and also constant communication with government officials, insurance representatives, community leaders and the media.

An effective and efficient Spill Response Plan requires the *Integration* of efforts by Government Agencies, the polluter and public interests prior to and during the response.



As a first main action of cooperation with REMPEC, MOIG has organized a one-day workshop during the 8th Focal Points Meeting of REMPEC which was held at the Corinthia Palace Hotel, Attard, Malta between the 7 and 11 May 2007. The Workshop took place On Thursday, 10 May 2007 at the same hotel.



The theme of the workshop was the **"Integration of Oil Spill Emergency Plans"** which is a theme that directly concerns both Governments and Oil Industry representatives.



The workshop was concluded by reminding the participants of the importance of exercises and common training sessions for the personnel of industry and governments.

MOIG Technical Session Croatia 12-15th Nov 2007

As annually agreed, the MOIG organised its Technical Session with the holding of its 9th Management Committee Meeting and the General Assembly in Croatia from 12th to 15th November 2007 perfectly hosted by the Adriatic Pipeline JANAF Company.

The Technical Session was composed of presentation of the Croatian Organisation in term of prevention, preparedness and response to Oil Spill then with the support of the MOIG Technical Partners IPIECA, CEDRE, ITOFF, REMPEC, ICRAM and OSRL, MOIG organised a specific session on the Enhancing of Regional Cooperation.

On Wednesday 14th, JANAF in collaboration with the Terminal of Omišalj made an Oil Spill Response demonstration on the capability of this Terminal to respond to a fire and Oil Spill incident.

This Croatian Session was really one of our most successful events where more than 15 Oil Companies from 10 Mediterranean Countries actively participated and contributed to the success of this session with the high support of MOIG's Technical Partners.



INFO FROM MEMBERS

Egyptian OSR Exercise: M/T RA-ATUM VI Sept 1st 2007

PESCO, in association with Industry, the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC) and Government, the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) and the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), conducted a real-time "Major Oil Spill Response Exercise" in the vicinity of Port Said. This exercise reflected a realistic response to a major oil pollution incident.

To oversee the development of the exercise, an Exercise Steering Committee "ESC" was formed comprising of Industry personnel from a variety of petroleum and maritime companies including decision makers from government agencies and port authorities.

In addition, an Overview Steering Committee "EOC" met periodically to address areas of mutual interest, review the work done by the ESC and ensure timelines are being followed

EXERCISE SCENARIO

M/T Ra-Atum VI, a 150,000 DWT single hull fully laden tanker carrying Arabian Light Crude outbound of the Suez Canal sailing to Europe, M/T Ocean Whale, a 140,000 DWT double hull tanker on route from Libya to China.

On the 1st of September, 2007 at 0150 hrs, M/T Ocean Whale was sighted by the bridge team on board crude oil tanker Ra-Atum VI approximately two nautical miles on the port bow.



REMPEC LATEST NEWS



NATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON MEDSLIK OIL SPILL DRIFTING MODEL VERSION 5.1.2, LATTAKIA, SYRIA, 4-5 JUNE 2007

26/06/2007

A National Training Course on MEDSLIK oil spill drifting model version 5.2.1 was organized in Lattakia, Syria, between the 4



and 5 June 2007 by REMPEC in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Administration and Environment and the Ministry of Transport of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The training course, which was held within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and REMPEC's training programme, aimed at training personnel on specific features of the new version of the MEDSLIK oil spill drifting model, which was recently developed at the University of Cyprus.

The course represented the follow up of previous activities organized by REMPEC in Syria, within the framework of a LIFE project financed by the EU, where a previous version of MEDSLIK was modified for use in Syrian waters and Syrian personnel were trained on the use of the model.

The training course was attended by representatives of national institutions involved in the field of marine pollution preparedness and response in Syria.

VISIT OF TUNISIAN CADETS TO REMPEC

27/07/2007



On the occasion of the Tunisian Navy Training Ship "Khaiereddine" port visit to Valletta, a group of navy cadets led by Captain Yacine Dhaouadi, the Commanding Officer of

the vessel, and accompanied by Mr Lassaad Boutara, Counsellor at the Embassy of Tunisia in Malta, visited REMPEC on Friday 27 July 2007. During their visit to REMPEC, the cadets had the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the work of the Centre in the fields of prevention of, preparedness for, and response to marine pollution from ships.

The 8th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points

The 8th Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points was held in Malta from 7 to 11 May 2007. The oil spill incidents which have happened since the previous meeting were presented, particularly the Oil Spill in Lebanon with a

detailed experience feedback.

Among the adopted documents, we shall note in particular a recommendation to the coastal countries on the refuge zones, a recommendation to the users on the prevention of the pollutions of the sailing and, naturally, the action plan of the REMPEC for the next two years. In this occasion, the MOIG, which used to gather the Mediterranean oil organizations, organized a workshop, the 10th May to discuss with the REMPEC Correspondents the integration of the emergency plans of the manufacturers on the national level.

IPIECA LATEST NEWS



IPIECA: head change

After seven years of intense activity at the head of the General Secretariat of IPIECA (International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association), Chris Morris has just withdrawn from the professional world. We wish him a long and happy family and sports retirement. He is replaced by Richard Sykes who comes from Shell Corporation and who has assured for nine years the presidency of the working group of the IPIECA on the climatic change.

Workshop on Tiered Preparedness and Response in the Gulf Region

Bahrain, 22 October 2007

IPIECA organised a one day workshop on Tiered Preparedness and Response in the Gulf region on the 22nd October. The workshop aimed to enable all stakeholders to gain a better understanding of how Tiered Preparedness and Response works in the Gulf region, with opportunities to examine why, in practice, gaps and cracks often appear between the old rigid definitions of Tier 1, especially Tier 2 and established Tier 3.

ITOPF LATEST NEWS



ITOPF Seminar, London, 1 November 2007

ITOPF held a ½-day seminar during the afternoon of 1st November at the City Presentation Centre, London. The seminar was of interest to those involved in all aspects of marine spill response. The afternoon's programme comprised discussion of ITOPF's role in spill response and damage assessment illustrated by cameos from real incidents. A reception after the seminar provided an opportunity to meet ITOPF's staff.



“Management of accidental marine pollution: exchange of post-prestige experience”

In the frame of the Safer seas 2007, CEDRE and the “Technopole Brest-Iroise” science park organise on 9 October a free access workshop on the “Management of accidental marine pollution: exchange of post-prestige experience”.

Ensuring the safety of maritime transport and preventing marine pollution are two key elements in the preservation of the marine environment. Yet, they are not enough. Despite all the possible preventive measures, accidents will still occur and generate pollution that will require suitable management. In a post-Erika and post-Prestige context, the Science Park "Technopole Brest-Iroise" seized the opportunity to subscribe national and European contracts in order to provide its members with new opportunities complementary to the topics already dealt with by the Cedre. This new position enabled the members to address any aspect concerning marine pollution prevention or response to this pollution.

This seminar intended to present new challenges of prevention and response to pollution through new cooperation established at national and trans-national levels. A debate between project managers and the floor will enable to take into consideration the experiences gained from the projects, to discuss the agendas and to strengthen operational cooperation networks.

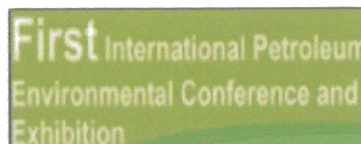
NEWS ON CONFERENCES



The 20th Triennial International Oil Spill Conference on Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Restoration will be held May 4-8, 2008 at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center in Savannah, Georgia, USA. Over 2,000 people from 50 countries are expected to attend the technical sessions and view more than 250 exhibits. The Conference theme for 2008 is: ***“Creating a Culture of Preparedness”***.

The International Oil Spill Conference contributes to and enables a “culture of preparedness” within the oil spill response community, the broader field of incident management, and society as a whole. It provides a forum for professionals from the international community, the private sector, government, and non-governmental organizations to highlight and discuss innovations and best practices across the spectrum of prevention, preparedness, response and restoration.

International Petroleum Environmental Conference & Exhibition



The National Oil Corporation and Libyan Petroleum Institute has the honour to organize the 1st International Petroleum- Environmental Conference and Exhibition on the theme “ Toward the Cleaner & Greener Petroleum Industrial Environment” on May, 12 -14, 2008 in Tripoli, Libya. Global concern about our common future in oil business, focusing on eco-efficiency and cleaner production is a central element in our march towards sustainability.

The IPEC 2008 is intended to become a biennial gathering of professionals, producers and experts dealing with environmental issues and research. It would provide an ideal forum to discuss progress made in oil & gas industries across the world in general and Libya and its region in particular.

The outcome of this prestigious event will be to address challenges and identify various innovative and best practice solutions that directly make an impact on environment to achieve sustainability in the rapidly urbanizing Libya and its region.

This event also offers an excellent platform for professionals and producers to interchange their views and experiences to further enhance our technical, scientific and managerial abilities, know-how and knowledge. It would highlight state of the art on the subject and strengthen the on-going debate and dialogue on all hot issues like climate change.

The exhibition running parallel to the event will showcase the latest developments in technology, products, solutions and services in the environmental fields. Finally, the presence of world class acknowledged and renowned speakers, producers and experts, during this event will surely make it as highly informative and memorable event.

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