

Newsletter



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS IN POLLUTION RESPONSE ALONG THE COAST AND IN THE SHORELINE (POSOW)

10-11 May 2022, the regional workshop on the role of volunteers in pollution response along the coast and in the shoreline (POSOW) was held on 10-11 May 2022, at The Russelior Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia in cooperation with the Center for Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (Cedre).

The workshop was animated by Arnaud Guéna, Deputy Director and Production Manager of Cedre. This event was sponsored by the Tunisian National Oil Company (ETAP) and the Environmental Assessment and Management (EAM).



The event gathered 40 delegates from MOIG members, relevant Tunisian stakeholders and oil and gas Libyan companies such as: ANPE, Azzawia Oil Refining Company, CTKCP, EAM, Eni Tunisia, ETAP, Lamor Corporation, General Secretariat of Marine Affairs, Ministry of Transport, National Oil Corporation, ONPC, Security Direction, SEREPT, SAROST, TOPIC, TRAPSA and TPS.



The main objectives of this workshop were to remind the combating strategies in the coastal zone and the shoreline, to understand the role of volunteers in pollution response at sea (fishermen), in the shoreline cleanup and in the waste management, to know how to manage volunteers by the authorities and to practice the implementation of volunteers management plan through practical works.

The workshop programme included oral presentations hinged around the following topics : Definition of the term Volunteers and presentation of POSOW 1 and POSOW 2 projects co-funded by the EU/DG-ECHO, reminder on the major strategies in pollution response and the place of volunteers, shoreline survey by volunteers, intervention of volunteers in the shoreline cleanup, role of volunteers in waste management, role of volunteers in wildlife rescue, role of fishermen in response on water and conclusions on the role and management of volunteers.

In addition, participants afforded the opportunity to simulate five scenarios of volunteers management in a port, a rocky shore, two sandy beaches and mangroves.

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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 the workshop during the desktop exercises.

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

The Management Committee Members would like to thank Arnaud Guéna for the high quality training course provided to participants and greatly appreciated its 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 Cedre and MOIG.

In addition, the Management Committee Members would like also to thank both ETAP and EAM for sponsoring this event.



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING N°20



10 May 2022, the MOIG Management Committee Meeting N°20 took place at the Russelior Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia.

This meeting was attended by 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°19 and discussed the MOIG biennial programme 2023-2024 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. On the other hand, the Management Committee Members is very pleased to announce that the General Assembly Meeting (GAM) will be held on 24th October 2022; in Opatija-Croatia in conjunction with the regional workshop on on Enhancing Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic and the Mediterranean Regions. During this meeting, members should elect a new Management Committee for a two-year term renewable. More details on the GAM will be provided to members and technical partners in due time.



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

19 May 2022, the MOIG Director was invited by the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) to online presentation on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031); delivered by Gabino Gonzalez, REMPEC Director.



Gabino Gonzalez stated by introducing the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031); adopted by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, in 2021 (Decision IG.25/16).

He underlined that the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) sets seven Common Strategic Objectives (CSOs), which apply to the Mediterranean region as a whole, and Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, alongside the various organizations and institutions of the Mediterranean, each have a role to play in achieving the following objectives:

- CSO 1 - Prevent, prepare for, and respond to operational, illegal and accidental oil and HNS pollution from ships
- CSO 2 - Promote and support the development and implementation of innovative global solutions to mitigate and respond to climate change
- CSO 3 - Reduce and monitor air emissions from ships to a level that is not harmful to the marine environment, or the health of the coastal population of the Mediterranean
- CSO 4 - Prevent and reduce litter (in particular plastic) entering the marine environment from ships, in order to limit the environmental, health, and socio-economic impact of marine litter in the Mediterranean
- CSO 5 - Eliminate the introduction of non-indigenous species by shipping activities
- CSO 6 - Achieve a well-managed safe and pollution free Mediterranean, with integrated marine spatial planning and designation of special areas, where shipping activity has a limited impact upon the marine environment
- CSO 7 - Identify and understand collectively emerging issues related to pollution from ships in the Mediterranean, and define required actions to address issues identified.

The Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) is supported by an Action Plan for the Implementation of the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031), which sets out the specific actions required under each CSO. The actions are grouped by 'areas of influence' (People, institutions, infrastructure; and information and knowledge sharing) and are guided by supporting objectives for each area of influence.

A comprehensive action plan translating the strategy into 190 specific actions, will be implemented in the course of the next ten years, with the collaborative, coordinated and collective support from relevant regional stakeholders in the Mediterranean.

By adopting the strategy, the twenty-two (22) contracting parties to the Barcelona Convention committed to take individual and collective measures to address a range of environmental challenges, including pollution, climate change, emissions of harmful gases, marine litter, and the introduction of non-indigenous species.

Governments, regional and international organizations, NGOs, research institutions and the industry will be invited to join this collaborative effort to leverage the financial resources and technical support required for the full implementation of the Strategy and its action plan. This concertation will allow a better coordination and planning of activities in the Mediterranean region.

The First Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy (2022-2031) will be tentatively organised in Malta between 29 November and 01 December 2022.

PARTICIPATION TO TRADES FORUM

17 May 2022, the MOIG Director was invited by the International Campuses Elites to the Trades Forum. The International Campuses Elites is an educational institution that operates according to the official programs from the French National education.



During this forum, the MOIG Director presented to students of intermediate and secondary school the job of environment engineer from a variety of different angles. In addition, discussions were opened with students to help them identify and distinguish their profiles, therefore advice them about the most suitable disciplines to choose for their following grade levels. This Forum was also a good opportunity to introduce briefly to students the mission, vision and activities of MOIG. The MOIG Management Committee Members would like to thank the International Campuses Elites for its kind invitation and confidence in MOIG.

NEW UPDATE ON MOIG ACTIVITIES 2022 IN THE UIA'S YEARBOOK



05 May 2022, the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) updated its activities information requested annually by the Union of International Associations (UIA).



UIA is a not-for-profit research institute founded in 1907 to promote the work of

international associations. Its primary task is the collection and dissemination of information on international associations, fulfilled largely by its two main publications: the Yearbook of International Organizations (<https://uia.org/projects/open-yearbook>), and the International Congress Calendar (<https://uia.org/projects/open-calendar>). MOIG has been registered in the UIA's Yearbook of International Organizations in 2000. The update has been made on the following sections: Members, technical partners and MOIG forthcoming activities 2022.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT DATABASE



As announced in the Newsletter Issue 047, all the claims received from members related to the handling and data storage of the Oil Spill Response (OSR) equipments have been processed.

We would like to underline that the OSR equipments database constitutes a key limestone and an invaluable source of information for members to communicate and share their resources in case of oil spill incidents.

The Management Committee is looking forward on member's valuable collaboration to complete the database; as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact MOIG secretariat by mail at: houcine.mejri@moig.org.tn for any issue encountered during the loading of the OSR equipments data.