

# Newsletter



## MOIG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING N° 15



12 April 2018, The MOIG Management Committee Meeting N°15 took place in MOIG office in Tunis in the presence of M. Mahmoud Kamour, Chairman, MM. Moncef Saidi and Malek Kallel Members and MOIG Director in which was discussed the financial state, the Business Plan 2018, the forthcoming General Assembly, the Biennial Programme 2019-2020 and other points.

We were very delighted with the outcome of this meeting, the Management Committee approved the Business Plan 2018 and the MOIG Biennial Programme 2019-2020 and has undertaken to continue its efforts to achieve all the planned actions.

## CASTALIA JOINED MOIG AS TECHNICAL PARTNER



23 May 2018, The Management Committee is very delighted to welcome the new technical partner, CASTALIA, Italian Marine Ecology Company. CASTALIA was established in the 1987 as a private company, has been under contract to the Italian Ministry of the Environment to provide antipollution services to safeguard the Italian coastline and adjacent waters with particular attention to Marine Protected Areas. For 30 years, Castalia has been at work in Italy and abroad in the field of maritime activities and safeguarding the marine environment: antipollution, remediation of waters, seabed and coasts, recovery of toxic and harmful substances from the seabed, submarine surveys and environmental monitoring, education and environmental awareness-raising, protection of the marine flora and fauna, research and development of new technologies as well as antipollution systems. In 1991 it became a consortium with the participation of 34 shareholders: the main Italian ship owners who operate around the world in various fields. The owners of Castalia manage over 200 vessels/boats and capable of mobilizing substantial resources including highly trained personnel throughout the world; due to the nature of the Consortium, Castalia is also able to make available tugs, offshore and survey vessels, barges, tankers, ROVs, booms and skimmers around the world. The consortium has gained invaluable expertise in dealing with antipollution operations at sea: wreck removal, toxic waste recovery from the seabed. The Consortium has also participated in archaeological researches and underwater surveys for commercial activities such as cable/pipe laying and seabed mapping for both power and telecommunications. When "COSTA CONCORDIA" grounded on Giglio on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 Castalia responded within hours. Experienced technical staffs together with 5 vessels were deployed. The team ensured that no pollution from the stricken vessel could reach the coast through the positioning of floating booms around the site. In addition to the above mentioned activities, Castalia in cooperation with the main Italian universities has been involved in natural underwater surveys providing vessels and equipment. Due to the specific field of work Castalia is also specialized in the definition of EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) as well as in the draw-up and management of environmental emergency response plans. With regard to the research and development Castalia:

- ✓ SEASWEEPERS for the collection of plastic from rivers and sea;
- ✓ E-MOORING for a sustainable Management of Nautical tourism.

MOIG will benefit through CASTALIA accession the technical support in the form of technical assistance, knowledge transfer and capacity building on oil spill preparedness and response and receipt of CASTALIA newsletters. The Management Committee would like to thank CASTALIA for joining MOIG as a technical partner. For more information about CASTALIA, please visit the website on [www.castalia.it/](http://www.castalia.it/)

## MEETINGS MEKE MARINE - MOIG

20-21 June 2018, Two meetings were held between M. Kerem Kemerli, General Manager and the MOIG Director in MEKE Marine Headquarter in Istanbul-Turkey in order to discuss the technical and logistical preparedness of the Regional Workshop on Building an Effective National and Regional Preparedness and Response Capacity & Golden Horn - Istanbul Spill Response Exercise to be held over 06-08 November 2018 in Istanbul-Turkey. We are very delighted with the outcome of these meetings, the Steering Committee members composed of representatives from Turkish Petroleum, MEKE Marine and MOIG agreed to mobilize the



required means and resources in order to ensure the success of this event. The Management Committee Members would like to thank MEKE Marine for the warm welcome, hospitality and kind cooperation during these meetings.

## NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TIER 2 OIL SPILL RESPONSE AND COORDINATION

12 July 2018, The National Workshop on Tier 2 Oil Spill Response and Coordination was held in NOVOTEL Hotel Tunis-Tunisia. The main objectives of this event were to ensure the understanding of the regulatory structure for spill preparedness and response in Tunisia, to define the current situation of Tier 2 spill response and to select the suitable option for Tier 2 response in the future. This workshop gathered 37 participants from Tunisian Government and Oil and Gas Industry: ANPE, APO, Dragon Oil, Eni Tunisia, ETAP, National Marine, Medco Energi, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Transport, ONPC, SEREPT, Shell's OSEC, Shell Tunisia Upstream, SNDP, TOPIC, TRAPSA and TPS to exchange information, experience and expertise on oil spill preparedness, response and coordination.



During this workshop, participants had the opportunities to get an overview of the National Spill Contingency Plan for combating accidental marine pollution, Lessons learned of Zarzis and Bizerte Tier 2 Spill Response Exercises related to coordination, TPS experience on Oil Spill Response in shallow water, Importance of an Emergency and Crisis Command Center in Managing Major Offshore Pollution-SEREPT Command Center, Eni Tunisia Oil Spill Response Plan and Capability, Shell Tunisia Upstream Response Capability. In addition, options for Tier 2 spill response coordination were discussed and assessed with an aim to agree a way forward for improved preparedness and response in the future.

We are very delighted with the outcome of this workshop, participants expressed a range of views regarding preparedness, response and coordination. It was agreed to select one Tier 2 response option and create a working group composed of representatives from Government and Oil and Gas Industry to further discuss in depth the benefits and disadvantages of the selected option and put an action plan in place. The MOIG Management Committee would like to thank all attendees for their active participation and speakers for their valuable presentations contributing in the success of this event.