

# Newsletter



## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE: COMMITMENT AND SYNERGY

13 March 2023, The Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) and MEKE Marine are very pleased to announce that the Regional Workshop on “Oil Spill Preparedness and Response: Commitment and Synergy” will be held; from 12 to 14 November 2024; in Elites World Hotel in Istanbul-Turkey.



The main objectives of this regional workshop will be to improve the level of preparedness and response, to promote international sharing of best practices and lessons learned from previous oil spill incidents and exercises, to stay abreast of the newest technologies, to benefit from responders and manufactures technical expertise and to enhance communication and expert networking.

The first two days workshop programme will include technical oral presentations hinged around the following topics: Contingency planning&Regulatory and legal requirements, new developed projects in the Mediterranean region, oil spill modeling and training,

response equipment and new technology, waste management and wastewater treatment, as well as National and regional emergency response.

The third day event will be dedicated to the visit of the Directorate of National Maritime Safety (UDEB); located in Tekridag in the Northwest of Marmara sea in Turkey. Participants will be afforded the opportunity to see all the areas of the Centre.

More details on this event will be provided to members and technical partners in due time.

## NEW UPDATE ON MOIG ACTIVITIES IN THE UIA’s YEARBOOK



12 March 2024, 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 and the International Congress Calendar.



MOIG has been registered in the UIA’s Yearbook of International Organizations in 2000 and sends every year to UIA an update on its activities, members, technical partners, publications, Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) and Non Governmental Organizations NGO relations. The update has been made on the Most recent/Future events.

## PARTICIPATION TO ETAP EXPERTISE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

02, 19, 26 February and 11 March 2024, the MOIG Director was invited by the National Company of Petroleum Activities "ETAP"; member and hosting company to the expertise committee meetings.



The main objectives of these meetings were to review and update the expertise criteria of the six following skilled trades: Health Safety and Environment, Petroleum Database, Production, Geology, Geophysics and Laboratories. These meetings were attended by the representatives of Human Resources, members of special skills and basic syndicate. The MOIG Director participated as a representative of Health, Safety and Environment trade.

We were very delighted with outcome of those fourth meetings which provided the opportunity to fruitful discussions and exchanges of views about the tasks of aforementioned trades and have allowed improvement of the evaluation norms. The Management Committee Members would like to thank ETAP for its trust and confidence in MOIG.

## MEETINGS MEKE MARINE - MOIG

05-06 March 2024, The MOIG Director visited MEKE Marine, Member based in Istanbul-Turkey. We were very pleased to meet, Mr. M. Kerem Kemerli, Chairman, Hakan Ciner, General Manager, Alkan Elkir, Oil Spill Response Director and Ms. Deniz Barlan, Executive assistant.



MOIG has beautiful memories in Turkey and maintained solid relationships with MEKE Marine who supported MOIG in many Regional Workshops and the training course OPRC IMO level 2 & 3 held over the past years.

The main objectives of these meetings were to discuss the first draft programme and the logistical aspects of the Regional Workshop on "Oil Spill Preparedness and Response: Commitment and Synergy"; to be held from 12 to 14 November 2024, in Istanbul-Turkey.

We were very delighted with the outcome of these meetings, MEKE Marine and MOIG agreed about all the discussed points and have committed to continue working together to ensure the success of this event. The MOIG Management Committee Members would like to thank MEKE Marine representatives for their warm welcome and hospitality as well as the high level of cooperation shown during this visit.



## MEETING UDEB - MEKE MARINE - MOIG



06 March 2024, The MOIG Director accompanied by Mr. Hakan Ciner, General Manager and Alkan Elkir, Oil Spill Response Director of MEKE Marine ; performed a visit to the Directorate of National Maritime Safety (UDEB) ; located in Tekirdag in the Northwest of Marmara Sea in Turkey,

UDEB has been established as Europe's largest Emergency Response Center and operates as a decision support system of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, executing all tasks related to maritime safety including personnel, equipment, hardware, software, and all necessary infrastructure facilities. UDEB serves as the brain and coordination center for Turkish country's intervention against pollution. It was designed to be an International training and R&D center, beyond its effective intervention system for marine accidents.

The MOIG Director met Mr. Bülent Sönmez, President and Captain Mustafa Tasan.



This visit was a good opportunity to undertake fruitful discussions and exchange information on oil spill preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region as well as to explore possibilities for future cooperation. In addition, the MOIG Director afforded the opportunity to see all the types of simulators available in the centre, the control and operations rooms as well as the conference center dedicated to trainings.

The Management Committee Members would like to thank MEKE Marine for facilitating this visit and UDEB representatives for their warm welcome and hospitality as well as for agreeing to host participants in their Centre during the forthcoming Regional Workshop to be held from 12 to 14 November 2024 in Istanbul-Turkey..

## UPDATE OF MOIG BROCHURE

28 February 2024, MOIG produced its brochure version 2024, aimed at providing general information and an overview on its background.



The new version contains six (06) pages including information related to Framework, Guiding Principles, Mission and Vision, Membership, Members and Technical Partners, benefits, contacts and Useful Links. The update has been made on the front and second pages as well as members section.