

# Newsletter



## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I would like to start first this address by wishing you and your families a happy New Year and welcome you to MOIG Newsletter Issue 31 which will provide you an overview on MOIG activities of the previous and current year. I am very pleased and proud with the outstanding performance of MOIG over the last year, where great efforts were exerted to enhance oil spill prevention, preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region.



Indeed, 2018 was an eventful year for MOIG marked by significant progress achieved in the implementation of the Mediterranean Government Industry Cooperation Action Plan (MGICAP). I strongly believe that the two last workshops on "Tier 2 Oil Spill Response" and "Building an Effective National and Regional Preparedness and Response Capacity" held, respectively on 12 July 2018, in Tunis-Tunisia and from 06 to 08 November 2018, in Istanbul-Turkey, were good examples of enhancing cooperation between governments and oil and gas industry. We were very delighted with the outcomes of these workshops, which brought together representatives from ministries, local authorities, national agencies, oil and gas industry, national and International organizations, training centers, academics and experts to share information and experiences and debate many issues of common interest in how to further enhance oil spill preparedness and response capacity in the Mediterranean region. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my sincere thanks to TPAO and MEKE Marine for their kind cooperation, hospitality and warm welcome as well as to speakers and delegates for their valuable debates contributing in the success of this workshop. On the other hand, I would like also to extend my thanks to the new members and technical partners APO, JANAF, VIKOMA, LAMOR, ATRAC and CASTALIAS for their confidence in our organization.

2018 was also marked by our active participation in many national and international conferences and workshops, such as Interspill 2018 in London-United Kingdom, 40 Anniversary of Amoco Cadiz in Brest-France, 14<sup>th</sup> Exploration and Production Conference (EPC 2018) and Preparedness Workshop in Tunis-Tunisia as well as the 8<sup>th</sup> Tunisian Oil and Gas Summit (TOGS) in Yasmine Hammamet-Tunisia, which were proved to be a great success, providing us the opportunity to meet our members and technical partners and undertake fruitful discussions about MOIG future activities.



8<sup>th</sup> TOGS, 06 – 08 December 2018, Hammamet-Tunisia

For this year, we shall begin with renewed drive, ready to make all our efforts to further improve oil spill preparedness and response in the region. In this regards, I would like to underline two very important appointments taking place. The first one being the regional workshop on "Crisis Management and Making Decisions" planned to be held, 02-04 April 2019, in south Hammamet-Tunisia in cooperation with the Center of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (Cedre) and Eni Tunisia, the second one will be a training course on "Incident Management System 200" scheduled to be held, 13-14 November 2019, in cooperation with Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) in Tunis-Tunisia. I would like personally to thank both Cedre and OSRL for their continuous support to MOIG. We are looking forward to your active participation in these events.

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