

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 Newsletter Issue 34 which will provide you an overview on MOIG activities of the previous and current year. I would like also to take this opportunity to thank all our members and technical partners for their valuable and continuous support, thereby contributing to the implementation of 2019 working programme.

HAPPY NEW 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 preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region. Indeed, 2019 was an eventful year for MOIG marked by the organization of two regional workshops, the first one was on Crisis Management and Making Decisions held from 02 to 04 April 2019, in South Hammamet-Tunisia, in cooperation with Cedre and Eni Tunisia. The second workshop was on Incident Management System 200, held on 13-14 November 2019, in Tunis-Tunisia in cooperation with OSRL. We were very delighted with the outcome of these workshops, more than 110 participants from MOIG members, oil and gas industry, ministries, agencies and local authorities attended these events, worked together, shared their experiences and applied what they have learned during the simulation exercises. On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to retire my sincere thanks to Cedre and OSRL for providing technical support to MOIG, ETAP for agreeing to sponsor that workshops and Eni Tunisia for the demonstration of its oil spill response equipments performed in Marina Yasmine Hammamet.

The highlight of the last year was our signature of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ATRAC; in Rijeka-Croatia. This MoU will further strengthen relationships and enhance cooperation between MOIG and ATRAC in such areas as information exchange, joint organization of workshops and technical assistance in training. On the other hand, MOIG participated to the 13th Focal Points Meeting of REMPEC in Malta which was a good opportunity to meet and undertake fruitful discussions on oil spill preparedness and response with many representatives from the Mediterranean Coastal States, REMPEC, Cedre, ATRAC, OSRL, IOPC Funds, Sea Alarm foundation and IOGP.

For 2020, we shall begin with renewed drive, ready to make all our efforts to continuously improve and enhance oil spill preparedness and response capability in the Mediterranean region. In this regard, I would like to underline three very important appointments taking place, the first one being the training course on "Oil Spill Waste Management" to be held on 01-02 April 2020, in Tunis-Tunisia, in cooperation with Cedre and REMPEC.

The second appointment will be the Regional Workshop titled "Enhancing Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic and Mediterranean Regions" to be held, from 13 to 15 October 2020, in Opatija-Croatia, in cooperation with ATRAC and JANAF.

The last appointment will be the Extraordinary General Assembly that will take place in conjunction with the regional workshop; in Opatija-Croatia; on 16 October 2020.

I would like personally to thank Cedre, REMPEC, ATRAC and JANAF for their support and commitment to improve preparedness and response for MOIG members and Oil and Industry in the Mediterranean region, this will build a foundation that we hope will continue to strengthen together in the coming years.

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