

# 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 26 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 preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region.

Despite the current difficult situation in the global oil and gas industry, 2017 was a pivotal year for MOIG, marked by significant advances in the implementation of the MGICAP by performing two regional workshops and Tier 1 oil spill response and shoreline cleanup exercises, visiting Turkish members and technical partners as well as participating in international conferences.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all our members and technical partners for their continuous support and particularly to TRAPSA for providing their sites and resources on personnel and equipments for Skhira exercise and ETAP for sponsoring this event, to Turkish Petroleum, MEKE Marine and Shell Shipping & Maritime, Europe & Africa for their warm welcome and kind cooperation during our visit to Turkey. A special thanks to Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) and the Centre of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (Cedre), Technical Partners, for their technical support respectively in the Incident Management System (IMS 100) and Oiled Shoreline Cleanup training courses allowing more than 200 participants from MOIG members, oil and gas industry and governments to explore how to manage incidents and be familiar with all the stages of the shoreline cleanup in order to be prepared for and respond effectively and efficiently to oil spill incidents.

Notwithstanding the achievements realized so far, we are well aware of the challenges ahead and how much more we need to do to further improve oil spill preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region. Prevention will always be our top priority. The one thing I have learned in many years since joining oil and gas industry is that the focus should be on better using the resources available in the region to deal quickly and effectively with serious oil spill incidents. I strongly believe that sharing resources, information, experience, expertise and lessons learned, exchanging views and ideas are the best way to move forward. In this respect, MOIG efforts in the future will be concentrated on enhancing networking and information exchange by participating to international conferences, developing and promoting prevention programmes based on innovative approaches and better use of technology, organizing a series of training, courses, exercises and workshops to ensure the continuous improvement of the regional management and response capabilities.

At the end of these few words, I would like to inform you that MOIG Management Committee is currently preparing the work programme of 2018 that will be disseminated in the next few weeks.

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Happy New Year



## SKHIRA EXERCISE LESSONS LEARNED



10 November 2017, Following the Tier 1 Oil Spill Response and Shoreline Cleanup Exercises code named “Skhira”, MOIG produced the lessons learned through the observations provided by 57 evaluators from the Mediterranean Region and Tunisia.

TRAPSA and MOIG selected the main observations and recommendations related to incident command, operations, safety affairs, training, maintenance and additional Oil Spill Response equipments needs that shall improve management and response capability of TRAPSA as well as those of the future exercises.

The Management Committee Members would like to reiterate its sincere thanks to TRAPSA for their hospitality and warm welcome as well as Cedre for providing technical support to TRAPSA through the MOIG.

## INTERSPILL 2018



13-15 March 2018, MOIG will participate to the leading European Oil Spill Conference and Exhibition INTERSPILL 2018 that will take place in ExCel in London and will look at potential issues to be raised for any future oil spills, including Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Restoration. This event will be a good opportunity for MOIG to meet, discuss and network with Oil Spill industry professionals, Academia, Government and Experts.

## EXPLORATION PRODUCTION CONFERENCE (EPC'2018)

23-25 April 2018, MOIG will participate to the 14<sup>th</sup> Exploration and Production Conference in Tunis-Tunisia organized by the Tunisian National Oil Company ( ETAP), MOIG member, supported by the European Association of Geoscientists & Engineers (EAGE), the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) and the Mediterranean Energy Observatory (OME).



This conference ensures, through its challenging program including 14 topics, 04 workshops and 02 field trips and will be a good opportunity to attendees to undertake fruitful discussions and share useful information that will allow exploring new ideas and concepts related to Exploration and Production. This event will host professionals from National and International oil and gas companies, academia, experts and consultants and will allow MOIG to meet and exchange experiences, expertise and best practices on Health, Safety and Environment. EPC'2018 will be also an area for knowledge sharing and networking where in attendees can discuss and take up challenges.