

Newsletter



A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I would like to start first this address by welcoming members and technical partners to the Newsletter Issue 059 and also take this opportunity to thank all of them for their valuable and continuous support they have show year after year.

MOIG celebrated this year its thirty-one anniversary of service to Mediterranean oil and gas sector. During more than three decades, we believed in our vision, inspired us to be ambitious, pushed us to achieve those ambitions and disciplined us in setting priorities and continuing our work in close collaboration with our members and technical partners.

Today, I believe that MOIG responsibility is to give back to the members which makes us what we are and our ability to contribute wherever we are working to improve oil spill preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region.

We want to measure our success not only by the degree of satisfaction, but also by the real value added to members. Indeed, we are always looking to grow above expectations and planning for our future to keep our organization strong and vibrant.

We all know that one of MOIG mission is mainly to enhance oil spill preparedness and response to oil spill incidents in the Mediterranean region. To achieve this mission, we discussed and implemented an ambitious and realistic program during the Management Committee Meeting N°22.

This programme will include training courses, oil spill response exercise and workshops to be conducted during the next two years in cooperation with members and technical partners. I am confident that the proposed activities will further strengthen member's capability.

On the other hand, I would like again to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to LAMOR Corporation for providing technical support to MOIG for the regional workshop on Waste Management and Wastewater treatment held on 09-10 May 2023, in South Hammamet-Tunisia, thus will pave the way to strengthen cooperation between Lamor and MOIG.

Mahmoud Abdussalm Kamour - MOIG Chairman

MEETING CEDRE - MOIG

13 June 2023, a meeting was held between Mr. Arnaud Guéna, Deputy Director and Production Manager of Cedre and MOIG Director at the Conference Center of Urban Valley Resort Hotel in Malta.

The main objective of this meeting was to discuss and exchange views on the forthcoming joint activities to be held in 2024. We were very delighted with the outcome of this meeting, both parties agreed to organize events that will strengthen member's capability on oil spill preparedness and response.

The Management Committee Members would like to thank Cedre for its continuous support to MOIG.



15TH MEETING OF REMPEC FOCAL POINTS

13-15 June 2023, the MOIG Director participated to the Fifteenth Meeting of the Focal Points Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) held at the Urban Valley Resort & Spa in Kappara, Malta.

The principal objectives of the meeting were :

- To examine the implementation of REMPEC activities and deliverables pursuant to the Programme of Work (PoW) of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), also referred to as UNEP/MAP, since the Fourteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC (online, 29 May-01 June 2021); and
- To discuss and agree upon the proposed PoW of REMPEC for the biennium 2024-2025, prior to its submission, for approval by the next meeting of the UNEP/MAP Focal Points (Istanbul, Turkey, 12-15 September 2023), and for adoption by the Twenty-Third Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols (COP 23, Portoroz, Slovenia, 04-08 December 2023).



The main issues discussed and adopted during this meeting were the following ones:

- The adoption of the amendments to Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) concerning the Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter (Med SOx ECA);
- The adoption of the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of Preparedness and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031);
- The final draft regional harmonized procedures for the uniform implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention in the Mediterranean Sea;
- The final draft common marine oil pollution detection/investigation report;
- The progress made by the Mediterranean Technical Working Group (MTWG) on various topics, including the “Condensates – Chemical Intervention Guide for the Mediterranean”;
- The Mediterranean Assistance Unit (MAU).

Relevant outcomes of this meeting will be submitted to the next Meeting of the MAP Focal Points for consideration and approval, as appropriate, prior to their submission to COP 23 for adoption. The Sixteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of REMPEC will be tentatively held in 2025. On the other hand, discussions were undertaken with REMPEC representative about the progress on the draft of the Mediterranean Government Industry Cooperation Action Plan (MGICAP) in synergy with the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031), sent recently by MOIG to REMPEC.

15TH MEETING OF REMPEC FOCAL POINTS - CONTINUED

This meeting was also a good opportunity to undertake fruitful discussions with technical partners and international organizations on oil spill preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region and identify scope for future cooperation. The Management Committee Members would like to thank REMPEC for its kind invitation.

NEW MEMBER JOINING MOIG



The Management Committee Members were very delighted to welcome Environmental Protection Engineering (EPE) SA, new member based in Piraeus-Greece joined MOIG.

Counting over 45 years in the Marine & Industrial sector, EPE is the largest.

private company in the Mediterranean, offering a complete range of services and products for the protection and preservation of the marine environment.

Having successfully responded to over 2,500 incidents, EPE ranks among the global frontrunners in Oil & HNS Spill Response services. An integrated worldwide network of experienced and trained personnel, facilities and stockpiles enables EPE to provide services of superior quality to all kind of vessels, onshore and offshore facilities including oil terminals, refineries, shipyards, recycling yards, pipelines, power stations, industries, ports and marinas, in accordance with relevant legislation. Since 2007, EPE maintains a contract with European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), providing the readiness and availability of antipollution Tanker Ship "AKTEA II OSRV" based in Greece. The vessel can be mobilized to face major pollution disasters following EMSA's instructions.

EPE has extensive experience and expertise in Port Reception Facilities and management of ship-generated waste, as damaged & distressed cargo, ship-repair waste, oil sludges and cargo residues. Hazardous and non-hazardous waste generated or collected during operations is subsequently directed to Polyeco's fully licensed facilities for further treatment and energy recovery. Polyeco SA (www.polyeco.gr), subsidiary of EPE, is one of the largest Hazardous Waste Management companies worldwide.

EPE has been a trusted collaborator of major oil companies in Greece, Cyprus, and the Balkans, establishing a solid partnership over the years. The company holds contracts for handling waste generated from oil extraction (on shore and offshore) and tanks cleaning and maintenance. Our expertise includes managing various waste streams such as drilling cuttings, sludges, spent catalysts, and providing soil decontamination services. Additionally, EPE possesses the necessary license to collect and export NORMS (Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials).

By continuously investing in research, development and implementation of new technologies, EPE has developed innovative machinery for water treatment & environmental response services. Is a leading company in designing and production of various types of marine equipment and systems such as bilge oil water separators, sewage treatment plants, potable water related systems, sacrificial anodes, antifouling and cathodic protection systems.

EPE has earned an excellent reputation among the maritime sector, the public authorities and large private companies in the Mediterranean, for providing high quality professional services.

EPE is dedicated to upholding sustainability and safeguarding the environment. Recognizing the significance of their actions on the planet, the company actively seeks opportunities to diminish their carbon footprint. Through the adoption of energy-efficient measures within their facilities, EPE actively pursues the goal of making a constructive impact on the world.

For more information on EPE, please kindly visit the company's website on: www.epe.gr