

Mediterranean Oil Industry Group for Oil Response

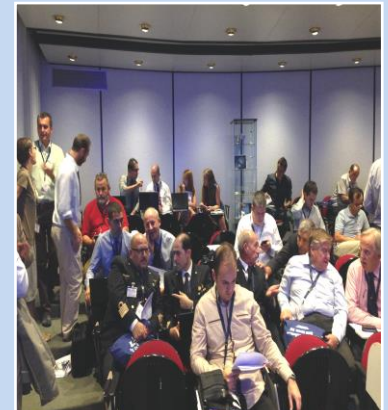
A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Mahmoud Abdessalem Camour, NOC-Lybia



I would like to start first this address by wishing you and your families a happy new year and also to express my thanks to IPIECA, who has supported us since the beginning as well as the adhesion of many oil companies, responders and manufacturers in the Mediterranean region. Thanks also to REMPEC to a series of past activities, the collaboration is already strong and we will continue to work together to implement the MGICAP and develop other new projects and research studies in cooperation with our technical partners ITOFF, OSRL, CEDRE and FOST to improve oil spill preparedness and response in the Mediterranean Region.

I am very pleased and proud of 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, 2014, was a year of achievements: Response to offshore protocol requested by REMPEC in cooperation with the ANPE, organization of an Oil Spill Response Exercise in Tunisia, holding a series of meetings with Tunisian MOIG members, launching the new MOIG Website, participation to MEDESS4MS meeting, visiting the Sherm El Sheikh Tier 2 Center, MOIG contribution to the Mutual Assistance Agreement signed in Tunisia, holding the Regional MOIG Workshop in Nicosia-Cyprus, promoting the MOIG and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and thank the new members: NRC, SNDP, TPS, BGT, MARETAP, ENI, CTKCP, TRAPSA, SWIRE and DNO sign of their confidence in MOIG. Thanks also to all members for their support and particularly IEMS for its hospitality by providing technical support to TPS through the MOIG for the Oil Spill Response Exercise held in Tunisia.



MEDESS4MS Meeting, Rome

We are aware that there is a still lot of work to do and we need to further improve oil spill preparedness and response in the Mediterranean region. Listening, exchanging views and ideas, sharing lessons learned and experience are the best way to move forward. We would like to enhance the dialogue with our members and technical partners, invite you to raise us questions and tell us about your needs and expectations, propose new projects and research studies, in brief, help us to make progress because the world is moving and we shall move with it or faster. In this respect, MOIG's main efforts in the future will be focus on enhancing cooperation and information exchange within the MOIG framework, developing and promoting prevention programmes based on innovative approaches and better use of technology, organizing a series of training, courses, exercises and workshops to improve and regularly test regional response capabilities.

For the upcoming two years, we drafted a programme based on the outcome of the meetings of last June 2014 that fully and effectively meet the needs and expectations of our members. The said programme includes training, exercises, workshops and other activities and will be discussed during the forthcoming MOIG MCM scheduled to be held in Tunisia at the end of January 2015. MOIG is also committed to continued progress in the implementation of the MGICAP in cooperation with REMPEC.

MOIG OBJECTIVES

- ❖ *To promote regional cooperation within the industry and between governments and industry by creating a regional network of industry oil spill response coordinators in all Mediterranean countries.*
- ❖ *To enhance preparedness and response to oil spill incidents in the Mediterranean region by acting as a regional forum for information exchange an discussion on oil spill matters and by making best use of industry resources of equipment and expertise for education and training.*

MOIG REGIONAL WORKSHOP

The MOIG Regional Workshop on “**Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Partners**” was held in Nicosia-Cyprus over 10-11 December 2014. The workshop was organized by the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) in cooperation with IEMS and Shipcon Limassol-Cyprus. The main objectives of the workshop were to enhance communication and expert networking (MOIG Initiative), recognize regional efforts and identify further actions, benefit from Manufacturers and Responders technical expertise, clarify preparedness and response expectations and establish key recommendations. A total twelve (12) speakers from Responders, Manufactures, Cyprus Government, United Nations organization, Public Institutions and Private Companies contributed to this event providing specific presentations. The workshop gathered thirty-nine (39) participants from twenty-two (23) oil companies, responders, manufactures, specialized agencies and associations, governmental and non-governmental organizations, training centre such as ETAP, REMPEC, SAMIR, IEMS, NRC, DESMI, SHELL, SEREPT, TPS, SNDP, SWIRE, TANKMED, CYPRUS OIL&GAS ASSOCIATION, LAMOR, NOBLE ENERGY, FAMELINE OIL & GAS, SHIPCON LIMASSOL, LEVANTINE TRAINING CENTER, DEPARTMENT MERCHANT SHIPPIING, LEMISSOLER NAVIGATION CO, VTTV, SEAHARVEST and SELLENCO.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the organizers and in particular the local partner Shipcon-Limassol, IEMS and Seaharvest Group, speakers, MOIG members, guests from Cyprus and MOIG Director for his efforts to coordinate and enhance the MOIG. Four main topics have been discussed during the workshop: Regional cooperation, planning and response, response equipments and new technologies as well as oil spill response and challenges. For those who couldn't attend this workshop, below are the communications delivered by speakers:

- Update on MOIG Activities-Enhancing Member Integration within the MOIG Framework, MOIG-Tunisia
- Update on the Mediterranean Government Industry Cooperation Action Plan (MGICAP), REMPEC-Malta
- A Hollistic Approach on Risk Assessment for Oil Spills in the Mediterranean Region, DMS-Cyprus
- Cyprus Legislative Framework for Oil Spill Response, DMS-Cyprus
- Contingency Planning Process as applied in Egypt, IEMS-Egypt
- Swire Pacific Offshore-Integrated Response, SWIRE-Abu-Dhabi
- The Key Role of Cyprus in the Development of East Mediterranean Gas Resources, COGA-Cyprus
- Challenges in Oil Spill recovery technologies, DESMI-ROCLEAN-Denmark
- Oil Spill Response Readiness, LAMOR-E.A.U
- Ro-Boom Speed Sweep-The new concept for a high sea oil recovery system,DESMI-ROCLEAN-Denmark
- Independent Tier 2 Oil Spill Response Centers-Case History, IEMS-Egypt
- Levant Training Centre of Shipcon Limassol Ltd, LVT-Cyprus
- Developing & Providing Tier 2 Spill Response Services, NRC-UK
- Learned Lessons, Kerkennah Island Exercise, Tunisia, IEMS-Egypt

The report containing the outcome of the workshop is under preparation and will be displayed with presentations on the MOIG Website in mid-January 2015.



Group Photo: MOIG Regional Workshop, 10-11 December 2014, Nicosia-Cyprus

NEW MEMBER



MOIG is very delighted to welcome the new member **DNO Tunisia**. The company is initiating offshore exploration activities in Tunisia, where she has three licenses: the Sfax and Hammamet Offshore licenses and the Fkirine license.

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT



A mutual assistance agreement was signed on 12th November 2014 between MOIG on one hand and SEREPT, TPS and DNO in the other hand. The main objective of this agreement is to set up an effective cooperation mechanism for controlling or reducing marine pollution in the Gulf of Gabes. It was agreed that MOIG will ensure the coordination with the HSEQ Managers in case of Oil Spill, provide technical support through its network of experts in the Mediterranean region in case of need and organize regular Oil Spill Response exercises in cooperation with MOIG.

This agreement confirms the enhancing of cooperation and information exchange among MOIG members. This will build a foundation that we hope will continue to strengthen in the coming years.

PARTNERS NEWS

IPIECA Latest News



IPIECA Reporting Survey 2014

On 15th December 2014, IPIECA conducted its biennial survey to assess the use of the IPIECA, API and OGP Oil and Gas Industry Guidance on Voluntary Sustainability Reporting across the industry during 2013 and uptake of other reporting frameworks as well as ascertain overall reporting trends. The survey also explored the ways in which companies use their sustainability reports and how they add value to the company, which has subsequently been sent to IPIECA members and non-member companies.

The report survey results is displayed on IPIECA Website, page News.

OSRL Latest News



Report of Activity 2014-Focus on Five

In its 2014 Activity Report, Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) highlighted their key focus areas for business improvement, outlines financial and business performance, and listed the major activities they have been a part of during the year. For OSRL, 2014 has been a tremendous year of achievement and delivery and expressed thanks to the collective efforts of its personnel and stakeholders for their support, and look forward to continue their work in 2015 and finalize major projects and focus on areas which help further the needs and aspirations of industry.

The activity report 2014 is displayed on OSRL Website, page Publications.



OSRL/ITOPF Mumbai Seminar, India, 29th January 2015

Government & Industry Cooperation, A Successful Response-Effective Implementation of the Contingency Plan



The seminar will be co-hosted by OSRL and ITOPF and will have a particular emphasis on global good practice in effective integration of TIER 1/2/3 response resources and tackling HNS spills (Hazardous and Noxious Substances- ie Chemicals). For both oil and HNS, having a response capability that can be mobilized on the timescales required is an essential feature of a successful plan.

More details of the seminar are available on ITOPF Website, page News & Events.



In Situ Burning and other alternatives techniques

Cedre Information Days, 10th March 2015, Sequoia Tour, Paris la Défense

On the occasion of its 20th anniversary, the Cedre's Strategic Committee will organize an information day dedicated to "In Situ Burning and other alternatives techniques" in 10th March 2015 in Paris. Cedre asked their French and foreign partners to address the issues of in Situ Burning, Bioremediation, Sorbents and other alternatives techniques from a range of scientific, technical and operational angles, which should they hope give rise to interesting discussions.



The temporary programme is available on Cedre Website, page News.

INTERSPILL 2015



Interspill, Amsterdam 2015, Conference and Exhibition

Interspill 2015, will be held at Amsterdam RAI Centre in Netherlands over 24-26 March 2015, Co-organised by Reed Exhibitions and Interspill Ltd and hosted by the Spill Response Group Holland (SRGH). Interspill Ltd is controlled by the European spill industry associations, NOSCA, SYCOPOL, Eurospill and UKspill Association, together with EMSA and IPIECA and Oil Spill Response.

BECOME MEMBER OF MOIG

MOIG welcomes any new members from oil companies and is also open to companies and associations that work with the oil Industry in preventing and responding to Oil Spills in the Mediterranean region. For further information and membership contact the MOIG Secretariat at info.moig@planet.tn and houcine.meiri@moig.org.tn or visit the MOIG Website on www.moig.org