



## N° 218 E – News from November 2013

### **Cedre Information Day 2014 "Hazardous and Noxious Substances" Tuesday 1st April 2014 in Paris**

[Programme](#) and [Registration form](#).

#### **Emergency Response**

In November, *Cedre* was contacted for various exercises:

- **Orsec SAR** exercise organised by the French Atlantic maritime authority (**PREMAR Atlantique**), in close cooperation with the Morbihan sea and shore department and Etel Atlantic **MRCC** (grounding of a vessel transporting passengers)
- Request from various groups participating in an exercise organised by **ENSOSP** (barge transporting two chemicals on fire on the river Seine)
- Exercise run by an oil company in coordination with the French maritime authority for the Channel (**PREMAR Manche**) (grounding of a chemical tanker with a leak of a few dozen to a few hundred tonnes of liquid sulphur in waters 30 m deep, 5 miles from the coast of Cherbourg)
- Oil company exercise simulating a crude oil leak from a pipeline crossing the river Seine (information on the risks and oil's behaviour)
- **MAR-ICE** activation for an exercise initiated by the **MRCC** Madrid (information on the risks, measures to be taken and behaviour of the liquid aniline following a spill at sea).

In addition, at the end of the month, an agent left for the Philippines as part of an assistance mission organised by the **EU**. She will be tasked with advising the authorities on accidental pollution caused by typhoon Haiyan.

#### **In short**

##### **Dates for the diary**

- **INTERSPILL 2015**, 24-26 March 2015  
Amsterdam, Netherlands

##### **Training courses**

- 4th and 5th: Merchant ships and the role of shipping industry stakeholders, 15 participants
- 18th to 20th: Aerial observation of pollution at sea, session 2, 20 participants
- 25th to 27th: Chemical spill response principles, 19 participants

##### **New releases**



- *Cedre's* new presentation video is now online

- Published by **Editions Quae**: *A Clean Sea - Mission Impossible? Seventy Keys to Understanding Waste at Sea*.

#### **Strategic Committee and Technical Day**

The members of the Strategic Committee met on 15th November in Brest for the 38th session. This meeting was mainly devoted to the presentation of 50 proposals for the 2014 technical programme and expressions of interest by committee members. Alongside the permanent activities and the continuation of projects in progress, a few new research projects and the production of new operational guides were put forward in response to the expectations of various partners. An overview of *Cedre's* activities over the past 6 months was then presented to the participants. The previous day, the 11th Technical Day provided the opportunity for the different *Cedre* departments to present their work on HNS spills, including work conducted in partnership, in particular with **Alyotech**, who presented the joint work on subsea gas leak modelling (Blow-out and Metane projects). This meeting between the *Cedre* team, the Strategic Committee members and a few other partners confirmed that the risks generated by HNS spills remain a key concern of the organisations present, involved in spill response.

#### **Training: action for the Iroise Marine Natural Park**

Two days of on-site practical training (Porspoder and Molène island) were organised by *Cedre* and the Iroise Marine Natural Park (**PNMI**), on 13th and 14th November, for park agents, local authority employees for these two areas, a representative of **CCPI** and of **PNRA**. The aim was to train the agents in the adaptation on natural sites of the organisation principles and clean-up techniques they had previously learnt during practical training courses at *Cedre*. These days also provided a chance to discuss the importance of having a local contingency plan (**PCS**) with the local councillors. This type of field action, reinforcing the links between the PNMI, the coastal communities and *Cedre*, is set to be repeated in 2014.

#### **Petroleum Environmental Research Forum meeting**

The 88th Petroleum Environmental Research Forum (**PERF**) meeting was hosted by Chevron at the Richmond Technology Center in California on 5th and 6th November. The theme of this meeting was "Optimizing Leveraging Opportunities through PERF Liaison Members". *Cedre* has been a member of PERF since 2011. At this meeting, several US national laboratories and *Cedre* presented their activities in general as well as the subjects in which they

are involved and which could be of interest to oil companies that belong to PERF. The aim was to promote oil company contributions to research projects and thus to reinforce these projects leading to shared benefit. Several opportunities were identified and are the focus of discussions between interested parties in a bid to establish collaboration.

### **Mediterranean decision support system for marine safety (MEDESS-4MS)**

The 5th meeting of the **MEDESS-4MS** project steering committee was held in Athens on 4th and 5th November. This project aims to help to improve shipping risk prevention, maritime safety and the protection of ecosystems in the Mediterranean Sea. This meeting was the chance notably to clarify the actions to be implemented during the last year of the project which is scheduled to end on 31st January 2015. *Cedre* is due to organise a presentation and training session for Mediterranean zone users on its premises in Brest in 2014.

### **ARCOPOLplus: final conference**

On 6th November, the final conference of the **ARCOPOLplus** project gathered around sixty people from all over Europe to learn about the tools produced through the project. On the 7th, a large-scale exercise in Vigo Bay, coordinated by the Galician coastguards, aimed to test the various contingency levels (local plans, regional **Camgal** plan and national plan) and to test the web-based information management tools developed and improved through the **ARCOPOLplus** project. Twelve vessels (**SASEMAR**, **EMSA**, coastguards and volunteer fishermen) were deployed and 82 agents mobilised on land and at sea (Galician coastguards, representatives of the ports of Galicia, Vigo port authority, **SASEMAR**, civil protection, **INTECMAR**, **EMSA** and **CETMAR**).

### **OSPAR Commission meetings**

Contracted as a representative of the French Government, *Cedre* attended two meetings organised by the **OSPAR** Commission in Hamburg (Germany). The Intersessional Correspondence Group (ICG) on Marine Litter met on 10th and 11th November, and the Regional Action Plan (RAP) on Marine Litter workshop was held on 11th and 12th. The harmonisation of national policies was the focus of discussions: at European level – via the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (**MSFD**) – at the ICG meeting, then in the wider context of a North-East Atlantic environmental strategy, by the establishment of objectives and measures, during the RAP workshop.

### **GI WACAF 2013**

The 2013 Regional Conference and Workshop organised within the framework of the Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (**GI WACAF**) were held in Swakopmund (Namibia) from 4th to 8th November. 95 State and industry representatives from 19 countries attended this event. Working groups, exercises and presentations provided the opportunity to review the activities conducted over the two previous years and to define the priorities for 2014-2015, in particular in terms of shoreline response and waste treatment. The *Cedre* operational guide on "custom-made" spill response barriers was distributed at this event. *Cedre* helped to run the working groups and to establish the final recommendations.

### **Rouen: closure of the CAMIS (Channel Arc Manche Integrated Strategy) project**

On the 21st, the final conference of the Interreg **CAMIS** project was held in Rouen. This Franco-British project aimed to help to shape the future of maritime cooperation in the Channel area by developing and testing governance tools for this maritime area, in particular by producing a document for integrated maritime management. Among the publications produced as part of this project, a document on **The risk of marine pollution in the Channel** was produced by **Vigipol** to raise awareness among local councillors in coastal areas of their involvement and responsibilities in the event of a spill. Over and above a review both of the risks and challenges but also of the response organisation on both sides of the Channel, this document also addresses the evolution of risks, in particular in connection with the ever-increasing size of container ships.

### **Paris: IPIECA Oil Spill Working Group meeting**

On the 19th and 20th, the Oil Spill Working Group meeting jointly organised by **IPIECA** and Total mainly focused on reviewing the "Global Initiative" actions conducted jointly by **IPIECA** and **IMO** to improve oil spill response preparedness in a few particularly high risk regions in which government-industry cooperation is called for: in the Caspian and Black Seas (**OSPRI**), in Africa (**GI-WACAF**), and more recently in South-East Asia. Discussions also covered the Mediterranean and East Africa.

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