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#### Cedre Information Day

Registration for the 2013 Information Day on spill modelling is now open. The registration form can be downloaded [here](#).

#### Emergency Response

In November, the duty team was mobilised for several exercises, in particular through the European **Mar-ICE** network set up by **EMSA** in partnership with **CEFIC**. One of these mobilisations focused on the preparation by Latvia of a large-scale exercise involving a major accident scenario causing a 20,000-tonne spill of methyl isocyanate. As a reminder, this product was at the origin of the Bhopal disaster (India, 1984) which caused the death of several thousand people. On 13 and 14 November, the ORSEC-POLMAR "ACOUA 2012" exercise was organised by the French Guiana maritime zone. This exercise aimed to test the **ORSEC** maritime organisation for assistance to vessels in difficulty as well as the deployment and coordination of response means at sea following the collision of two vessels causing a spill offshore. During the past month, the response centre also received several enquiries concerning hazardous substances. One focused on an operation to pump additives into a cargo of diesel while the vessel was moored, while others concerned substances involved in incidents such as leaking drums of limonene ethanol on board a vessel and human intoxication by 2-chloroacetophenone.

#### In short

##### Training courses

- ▶ Merchant ships and the role of shipping industry stakeholders in the event of accidental marine pollution, on 13th and 14th, 16 participants
- ▶ Aerial observation of pollution at sea, 19th to 21st, 19 participants
- ▶ Chemical spill response principles, 26th to 28th, 21 participants

##### Dates for the diary

- ▶ *Cedre* Information Day

##### Provisional programme [here](#)

The 2013 edition will be dedicated to spill modelling. It will be held at the *Direction de l'Eau et de la Biodiversité*, Grande Arche, Paroi Sud - Paris-La-Défense on Wednesday 27 March.

##### Hot off the press

▶ In the collection of *Cedre* chemical response guides, the French language guide on **Methanol**. An English translation of this guide will be available in 2013.



#### 36th Strategic Committee meeting and Cedre Technical Day

The 10th Technical Day, held the day before the Strategic Committee meeting, was the opportunity for exchanges between *Cedre's* staff and partners on its activities relating to trials on spill response equipment and products. These presentations highlighted the possibilities, but also the limitations, of the trial equipment *Cedre* owns or has access to. After the spring meeting which focused on outlining *Cedre's* technical programme for 2013, the second Committee Meeting was the chance to fine-tune the content of the outlined programme for the coming year. Over and above the still very high share of permanent activities, *Cedre's* 2013 programme will be marked by heavy involvement in multipartner projects benefiting from external funding, in particular from the French National Research Agency (**ANR**) and the EU. The programme of the upcoming **Information Day** was also presented.

#### Southampton: information exchange seminar

On 29 and 30 November, at the **National Oceanography Centre** in Southampton, the Industry Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) discussed various projects recently or currently conducted by its members and partners. This meeting was also the opportunity to present several projects conducted by *Cedre*, either alone or through partnerships, to representatives of the oil industry and its spill response entities, in particular the multipartner research projects **DISCOBIOL**, **DECAPAGE**, **AMPERA-France**, **DRIFTER**, **HOVERSPILL**, **FISHHEALTH**, **MEDESS4MS**, **MIGRHYCAR**, **SPRES**, **IMPOLEST**, **POSOW** and **ARCOPOL**. In return, the meeting enabled *Cedre* to gather up-to-date information on the projects in progress in Great Britain, Norway and the United States, which mainly aim to resolve the difficulties encountered during the Gulf of Mexico spill.

#### Visit to Cedre by Mrs Delphine Batho

French Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy Mrs Delphine Batho visited *Cedre* during a trip to Brest, on 13 November. This visit was the chance to present the association to her, to explain its role and to show her some of the equipment *Cedre* has at its disposal to carry out its research activities and to provide technical and scientific advice to the authorities in the event of an incident.

## Argomarine project final conference and EGEMP meeting

The final conference of European research project **Argomarine** was held on 21 November in Portoferraio, Italy, at the headquarters of the Tuscan Archipelago National Park, as project coordinator. This meeting also provided the opportunity to present the results obtained and what they can offer in terms of spill prevention and response. In addition to the project partners, this event gathered representatives of local authorities and the EU, as well as many international experts. The members of the European Group of Experts on remote sensing Monitoring of marine Pollution (**EGEMP**) held their annual meeting on 22 November, at which they discussed recent incidents. This meeting was also the opportunity to discuss the group's missions and organisation for the future.

## Water forum for the Loire and Brittany

As part of the preparation of the future water organisation and management plan (SDAGE) which will cover the period 2016-2021, the Loire-Brittany water agency organised a water forum in Rennes on 26 November, as part of a cycle of meetings covering the whole of the basin. The forum aimed to consult stakeholders on important questions to be addressed in the future plan. *Cedre* was represented at this meeting by its Director.

## November training courses

In addition to the training courses listed in the "In short" section, *Cedre* ran four training days. On 26 October in Barneville (Manche, 23 participants) and 16 November in Dives/Mer (Calvados, 17 participants), an engineer from *Cedre* ran the annual training days for technical and "natural heritage" correspondents of the "**Pollutions marines et littorales**" network, initiated by the Normandy delegation of the *Conservatoire du littoral*. The contribution of these agents to the **ORSEC** system is mainly expected to focus on vigilance and warning dissemination, as well as on information relating to the sensitivity of natural environments. On 20 and 21 November, *Cedre* successively received a group of 6 then 8 agents from SELLOR, the private/public joint-venture company that manages the marinas of the Pays de Lorient, for training in small-scale spills in ports and harbours.

## Surfrider Foundation Europe - 10 years since the *Prestige*

On 22 and 23 November, the Surfrider Foundation organised a maritime safety conference in Biarritz on the theme "**10 years since the *Prestige***". At various workshops, local councillors, representatives of French and EU administrations, associations, legal specialists, scientists, mariners... openly discussed evolutions in the field over the past 10 years and future prospects. *Cedre* spoke on technological innovation and on the technical and operational documents available for those who are not spill response professionals. [See here for more information](#) (website on the conference and Surfrider Foundation maritime safety report).

## MARLEANET - SeaTechWeek

The European programme **MARLEANET**, led by the European Maritime Training Center (CEFCM) in Concarneau, aims to create a network of maritime training centres in the Atlantic Area. This public-private partnership includes 4 countries: France, Ireland, Portugal and Spain. *Cedre* was called upon at the end of the summer to help CEFCM create an e-learning module on port pollution management issues through the provision of the guide on "**Response to Small-Scale Pollution in Ports and Harbours**". An agent from *Cedre* took part last month in the final project conference during the SeaTechWeek symposium in Brest. The first e-learning modules developed were presented, including one developed by the Spanish organisation CETMAR on Annex V of the MARPOL Convention on waste discharge at sea.

## OSPAR ICG Marine Litter meeting

On 7 and 8 November, *Cedre* hosted the annual meeting of the **OSPAR** Convention Intersessional Correspondence Group (ICG) on Marine Litter. This work is carried out within the OSPAR Commission which comprises representatives of the 15 countries and the EU which make up its Contracting Parties. Marine litter is one of OSPAR's work areas for which the ICG-ML has developed various tools such as a guideline for monitoring marine litter on beaches, an environmental impact assessment tool (Fulmar Litter Ecological Quality Objective), litter collection initiatives (Fishing for litter)... These approaches concur with those to be implemented through the **MSFD** to monitor marine litter, which has been selected as one of the 11 descriptors of Good Environmental Status. It was on these converging OSPAR/MSFD aspects that discussions focused within the group of around twenty experts, from governments and **NGOs**, present in Brest. This was also the chance for *Cedre* to present the recent and current initiatives of the main French public stakeholders and associations.

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