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Emergency response

This month, Cedre was called upon in relation to small spills in inland waters, by the Bouches-du-Rhône fire brigade for advice on the techniques to be implemented to respond to a spill of heating oil in Port-de-Bouc, following a tanker truck accident (spill of an estimated 2 to 3 m³) and by the Manche Operational Fire and Rescue Centre relating to a spill of unknown origin. The duty team was also called upon by the Pas-de-Calais authorities following reports of tarballs and chunks measuring several dozen centimetres of a paraffin-like substance along the shoreline of three municipalities. 500 kg of this product was collected on the shores of one of these municipalities. The authorities helped and continue to help the municipalities to coordinate their efforts to collect, store and dispose of these recurrent deposits. Finally, the duty team was called upon by the Finistère fire brigade during drills on chemical risks.

Memorandum signed with Taiwan

On 22nd November, the Director General of the Taiwanese **Environmental Protection Administration** (EPA), Jiunn-Horng Yeh, and the Director of Cedre, Stéphane Doll, signed a memorandum of understanding at an official ceremony. Thomas Shun Kuei Chan, Taiwan's Vice-Minister of the Environment, was present to witness the signing of this agreement. "This memorandum is a valuable vote of confidence in the quality of the services Cedre has been providing to EPA for the past five years. It will give a new impetus to our relations" stated Stéphane Doll, speaking after the ceremony.

e-learning at Cedre: your opinion matters

Cedre is considering extending its training offering by proposing distance learning courses in the field of spill response. To help us better understand your needs and expectations, please take a few minutes to answer our online survey by clicking [here](#).

Training for representatives of the Cypriot Environment Ministry

From 22nd to 25th November, four representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of the Republic of Cyprus attended a training course on oil spill response strategies and techniques. As part of this bespoke training course, the trainees were able to put into practice the concepts outlined through a tabletop exercise, as well as at three half-day sessions during which they were able to handle containment, recovery and shoreline clean-up equipment at Cedre's technical facilities.

Training for Moroccan civil protection officers

As part of a three-year project (2016-2018) on the modernisation of the Moroccan civil protection mechanism, funded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cedre was called upon by the French Embassy in Morocco. Our mission was to organise and run train-the-trainer courses in the field of response to oil and chemical spills. From 28th November to 2nd December, nine Moroccan civil protection officers from different regions attended a course at Cedre. A second session is scheduled to be held at Cedre in March 2017.

OPRC/IMO training in Guadeloupe

Thanks to IMO funding granted to **RAC-REMPEITC**, an OPRC level 2 course on subregional cooperation was held from 15th to 18th November in Guadeloupe. This course, organised with support from Guadeloupe's Directorate of the Sea, brought together some fifteen participants from the insular states of the Caribbean, including three representatives of Guadeloupe and a representative of South America. Cedre, Cerema, **ITOPF** and **OSRL** were all involved in this course.

In short

Training courses

- ▶ 9th to 10th: Merchant ships and the role of shipping industry stakeholders in the event of accidental marine pollution, 18 participants
- ▶ 14th to 16th: Aerial observation of pollution at sea, 14 participants
- ▶ 21st to 23rd: Chemical spill response principles, 15 participants

Visits

- ▶ On 30th: Abdoulaye Fofana, Permanent Secretary of the Ivory Coast Inter-ministerial Committee for State Action at Sea

Dates for the diary

- ▶ **IOSC** from 15th to 18th May 2017 in Long Beach, California, US
- ▶ **ICOPCE** from 25th to 28th April 2017 in Singapore

The French emergency organisation in case of shoreline pollution (ORSEC POLMAR-Terre) was presented, as was the equipment in Guadeloupe's maritime pollution equipment stockpile.

POSOW II training in Tunisia and Egypt

Two new training courses were held this month as part of the POSOW II project. The first, supervised by Cedre, was held in Zarzis, Tunisia, from 22nd to 24th November, for a group of nine Libyan trainers. It was illustrated by a practical shoreline clean-up exercise organised with support from MOIG and the companies ECUMED and MARETAP. Some forty representatives of MOIG members and of the local authorities were invited to the event. This helped to promote the project and the training materials developed as part of it. A few days later, another course for 23 people was held in Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt, from 27th to 29th November. Again, practical exercises were carried out, this time with support from the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency and Sharm el-Sheikh spill response centre and equipment stockpile.

International training on aerial surveillance of pollution

On 29th and 30th November, Cedre was involved in the training course on "The use of surveillance systems for marine pollution detection and assessment", organised at EMSA in Lisbon. This fifth session gathered 35 participants from 19 different countries.

Working meeting with a representative of Transport Canada

From 14th to 16th November, a representative of Transport Canada was present at Cedre for a working meeting on the production of an operational guide on the issue of chemical spills. These three days of meetings were extremely fruitful, both in terms of the exchange of views and returns of experience. This visit proved to be the perfect opportunity to strengthen the ties, first established some seven years ago, between Transport Canada and Cedre.

44th meeting of Cedre's Strategy Committee

On 18th November, the Strategy Committee met at Cedre. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss next year's technical programme. Some forty proposals prepared by the department managers were discussed with the committee members. Based on the productive discussions held, the attendees were able to come to an agreement on the scope of the different projects to be carried out in 2017. This meeting was the last to be chaired by Frédéric Périé. Given his new responsibilities, he will no longer be able to fulfil this role. All the committee members thanked him for the quality of the 12 meetings he had chaired. Cedre is very grateful for his unflinching support and wishes him every success in his new activities.

Cedre's 14th Technical Day

The 14th edition of this day of technical discussions devoted to the activities implemented by Cedre with its partners was held in Brest on 17th November. This year's topic was emerging oil products with and without additives. The various presentations provided the audience with a better understanding of these products, their future place on the French and global market, as well as the unanswered questions in terms of product behaviour and impact and response in aquatic environments. Cedre continues to pursue its work in this field.

Fire brigade training

On 23rd November, 3 navy firefighters, 10 firefighters from the Finistère and Côtes-d'Armor fire brigades and 5 supervisors attended the "Chemical and Biological Risks" level 2 training course at Cedre. The aim of this course was to provide trainees with the necessary skills to fulfil one of the positions within the emergency response team as defined by the French National Reference Guide produced by the Ministry of the Interior. The oil spill response module was composed of a half-day of theory lectures and a half-day of practical exercises. The purpose of these exercises was to deploy the response resources of the Finistère fire brigade as well as other containment and recovery equipment designed for use on water bodies and in outfalls.

Day of technical discussions at INERIS

On 2nd November, Cedre's Emergency Response Coordinator visited INERIS, the French national institute for the industrial environment and risks, to take part in technical discussions with the members of the centre's emergency support unit. This unit, which is operational around the clock, provides technical support to the authorities in the event of technological accidents and incidents relating to chronic and natural disasters. The discussions held should help to optimise cooperation between the two organisations.

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