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Emergency response

At the beginning of May, Cedre was contacted by the Sea and Shoreline Directorate (DML) in Lorient following the sinking of the gill-netter *Izel Vor* off Groix Island, to identify the most appropriate type of boom to be mobilised, if necessary, from the **POLMAR** stockpile in Saint-Nazaire. The Mediterranean **MRCC** in La Garde requested advice from Cedre after receiving a **CleanSeaNet** report (satellite image) relating to a container ship which appeared to be discharging a substance. Several calls from private individuals were also received, reporting sightings of expanding polyurethane foam on the shores of Blériot (Pas-de-Calais). Cedre was contacted by the shoreline pollution correspondent in Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon to review the situation following the grounding of the Canadian fishing vessel *Arlene Adonna*. Finally, Dieppe port authority requested information on a bioremediation agent. Cedre also took part in three exercises. The first was organised by **ENSOSP** and simulated a fire onboard a barge which was carrying hazardous substances and which subsequently ran aground. The scenario of the second, an "ANED Channel-North Sea" exercise, involved a collision between an oil tanker and a container ship resulting in a spill of Arabian Light crude oil and chloropicrin. For the third, Cedre was called upon by the **ICE** network through the Polish focal point to provide toxicological data and information on fighting a fire involving a hazardous substance.

In short

Training courses

- ▶ On 3rd: course organised by Ceppol, 13 French Navy representatives
- ▶ From 15th to 19th May: inland waters training course, 13 participants
- ▶ From 29th May to 2nd June: ORSEC POLMAR-Land training course, 20 participants

22nd Cedre Information Day

"Spills in ports"

28th September 2017 at the Military School in Paris (7th arrondissement)
Registration is now open! The [programme](#) and [registration form](#) are available online.

Cedre's Strategy Committee

On 10th May, the 45th meeting of Cedre's Strategy Committee was held at the **HAROPA** agency in Gennevilliers. This event was the opportunity for the agency's Director Mr Piquard to present the activities of the Ports of Paris and for Mr Retailleau and Mr Ravary to address the issue of spills on the site. We were also given a presentation of the container terminal by Mr Ojeanson, Director of Paris Terminal SA. Chaired for the first time by Patricia Mani, the committee meeting was mainly devoted to Cedre's short and medium term priorities, in terms of investments, research projects and other activities funded by its members or liable to be proposed to external sponsors. In addition to the 2017 Information Day announced above, it was confirmed that the Technical Day held at Cedre on 16th November 2017 will be devoted to response in areas of strong current and that the 2018 Information Day will be held on 16th March in Brest to mark the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the *Amoco Cadiz*. The 46th meeting of the Strategy Committee is scheduled to be held at Cedre on 17th November 2017.

12th REMPEC focal points meeting

Cedre's Director was invited to attend the 12th meeting of **REMPEC** focal points in Malta from 23rd to 25th May. The aim of this meeting was to review the centre's activity over the period 2015-2017 and to prepare the work programme for the coming biennium. Meanwhile, other proposals and texts were examined by the focal point representatives and a presentation on cooperation in the Mediterranean region for the prevention of and response to marine pollution from ships was given by Gabino Gonzalez, REMPEC's Head of Office. The participants were given the Regional Strategy for Prevention of and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships adopted by the contracting parties to the Barcelona Convention. This meeting was also a chance to talk with Cedre's partners in the Mediterranean and to lay the groundwork for new partnerships, in particular training and studies.

Interspill 2018: preparations in full swing

On 30th May, Cedre attended a meeting to prepare Interspill 2018, which is due to take place in London from 13th to 15th March. The day included a tour of the venue, feedback from [IOSC](#), a review of communication on the event and brainstorming on session chairs. The [call for papers](#) was released in mid-May.

Bonn Agreement OTSOPA meeting

The [OTSOPA](#) working group met from 22nd to 24th May in Bergen (Norway). The meeting was chaired by Stan Woznicki ([MCA](#), UK) and was attended by delegations from all the member states as well as observers from [EMSA](#) and [SASEMAR](#). The agenda covered the action plan, R&D, technical and operational resources, aerial surveillance, guidelines and manuals, exercises and the activity schedule, information on incidents and international networks. Among the points raised, mention can be made of the [SINTEF](#) study on the behaviour of sulphur-free fuels and the results of the [COMPON](#) project (detection of gas emissions from ships). Cedre presented some of the results of the [POLLUPROOF](#) project. The next meeting is due to be held in May 2018 in Sweden.

IOSC

The [International Oil Spill Conference](#) was held from 15th to 18th May in Long Beach, California. Three agents from Cedre were present to attend the conferences and represent Cedre at a joint stand with SYCOPOL. They also gave three conferences on: evaluating the efficiency of bioremediation agents, evaluating the degradation of oil in mangroves and studying the behaviour of chemicals using an innovative experimentation system.

Training and exercise in New Caledonia

From 2nd to 5th May, two engineers from Cedre were in Nouméa to run a theory course for some forty participants invited by the civil protection directorate ([DSCGR](#)), held at its training centre in Paita. Representatives of local authorities, government administrations and [MRCC](#) Nouméa liable to be mobilised in the event of a real spill or threat of a spill were trained in the response strategies and techniques to be deployed on the shoreline, in ports and at industrial sites. The agents from Cedre also helped to run a two-day spill crisis management exercise for some twenty participants.

Cedre training courses

- From 2nd to 5th May, Cedre ran a 4-day theory and practical training course for a group from the company Triadis services - [Séché Global Solutions](#). The aim was to train 10 supervisory staff in oil spill response techniques for use on-land, offshore and in inland waters.
- On 16th May, Cedre ran a one-day theory course on oil spill response at sea for around twenty officers in training at [ENSAM](#), set to be appointed to an [MRCC](#) or a local maritime authority or administration.

Minamata Convention: entry into force on 16th August 2017

Twelve years after the establishment of the Global Mercury Partnership, the resulting [Minamata Convention](#) of 2013, which is named after a coastal city in Japan, was ratified by the European Union and 6 of its Member States. Composed of [35 articles](#), this convention imposes tight controls to reduce mercury pollution.

Pollution in the Caribbean Sea

On 23rd April, almost 300 barrels of oil were released into the Gulf of Paria when an oil storage tank ruptured in Pointe-à-Pierre (Trinidad and Tobago). This spill is reported to have contaminated at least 17 beaches in the region. Clean-up is currently in progress with the help of volunteers.

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