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Emergency response

The month of June saw two new **MAR-ICE** exercises. The Finnish Environment Institute **SYKE** called on Cedre to determine the risks and hazards of organometallic compounds, adhesive products and batteries for human health. As part of the Porex exercise, **SASEMAR** (Spain) via MRCC Madrid, asked us to model the behaviour and drift of a spill of 3,000 tonnes of IFO 380 at sea as well as its ecological impact. Two exercises were organised by Vigipol in Finistère to test French inter-municipality contingency plans. Finally, an oil company organised an exercise simulating a crude oil spill. Cedre was called upon to provide an MSDS, a simulation of the product's behaviour and a slick drift forecast. An association reported strandings of chunks of paraffin on the beaches in the north of France (Nord department). Cedre provided the MSDS for paraffin to the local authorities (DDTM 59) together with information on debris collection, the tests to be carried out to determine the nature of the substance, the storage conditions and the disposal methods for such waste. The Alpes-Maritimes fire department (CODIS 06) and a local authority for the Var department also reported paraffin washed up on their shorelines. Cedre analysed a sample and confirmed the nature of the product. The Bas-Rhin fire brigade (SDIS 67) requested information on modelling the drift of floating pollutants in a watercourse. The Seine-et-Marne fire brigade (SDIS 77) contacted us for information on the risks related to products used in printing works, heavily diluted in fire extinguishing water. Finally, we were contacted by a privately-owned French shipyard for information on the regulations on the use of dispersants outside of French waters.

In short

Standard training courses

► 19th to 23rd June: **Oil spill response at sea and on the shoreline**; 20 participants

Visits

- 1st: Didier Le Gac, Deputy for Finistère at the French National Assembly
- 6th: Matthieu Gallou, President of the University of Western Brittany (**UBO**)
- 26th: Members of the Brest-Iroise Science and Technology Park

Dates for the diary

- 12th to 14th September 2017: **MARINER** workshop at Cedre, Brest
- 28th September 2017: **Cedre Information Day** in Paris
- 13th to 15th March 2018: **Interspill** in London

Register now for the 22nd Cedre Information Day!

Spills in ports

At the 2017 Cedre Information Day, specialists will be offering insightful feedback from past incidents. The **programme** and **registration form** are available at cedre.fr. French-English simultaneous translation will be provided.

ISO 9001 and 14001 certification maintained

The team at Cedre is devoted to improving the satisfaction of its clients and interested parties and to preserving the environment, the cornerstone of our mission. Following the surveillance audit on 23rd and 24th May, our **certification** is maintained both for Quality Management standard ISO 9001: 2008 and for Environmental Management Systems standard ISO 14001: 2004.

Meeting of Cedre's Board of Governors

On 13th June, our **Board of Governors** meeting, chaired by François Cuillandre, was held in Brest. After reviewing the activities carried out in 2016, the meeting focused on the two main call-outs which involved teams being present in the field for several weeks. The financial result of the past year, a mid-year outlook update for 2017 and the programme of investments were presented. The debates at the latest meeting of the Strategy Committee were outlined. Discussions were held on the progress made in terms of agreements and contracts concluded with the members of Cedre as well as on the proposals for 2018.

Training for a Taiwanese delegation

This month, Cedre played host to a Taiwanese delegation – as it has done annually for the past six years – led by the Vice Minister of the **Environmental Protection Administration** (EPA). Two training sessions were run for 26 representatives of the EPA, Coast Guard Administration and local authorities. The first session, held from 14th to 16th June, focused on response to chemical spills at sea, while the second, run from 19th to 22nd June, was devoted to oil

spills. An HNS incident management exercise and a visit to the Brest POLMAR stockpile were also organised.

Training course jointly run for Vivo Energy Madagascar

From 6th to 9th June, Cedre and OSRL jointly ran a training course on oil spill response at sea for some twenty oil operators in Madagascar and a representative of OLEP, the body in charge of response to marine oil spills. This course, conducted for Vivo Energy Madagascar, was the opportunity to organise a practical workshop involving boom deployment in the port of Toamasina.

Polex 24-17 exercise in Spain

From 14th to 16th June, SASEMAR ran a large-scale exercise in Santander, Spain, simulating an oil spill at sea. The aim of the exercise was to train teams and test the spill response organisation in near-real conditions. It was attended notably by Cedre's Director Stéphane Doll, Naval Attaché Dominique Bucas, serving at the French Embassy in Madrid, and CEPPOL's Commander Marc Reina.

TRANSAID meeting in Normandy

On 7th June, a meeting was organised for the TRANSAID members based in Normandy, the fire brigades of the different areas concerned and the Union des Industries Chimiques (UIC). It was hosted by the Total support centre in Gonfreville l'Orcher (Seine-Maritime). Cedre attended the meeting in its capacity as the second TRANSAID support point for Western France. The day was devoted to technical discussions, in particular a presentation of the role of each stakeholder, and also included a tour of Total's facilities and a presentation of the available response equipment.

French biodiversity agency seminar

Upon invitation by the technical support engineering department of the French Agency for Biodiversity (AFB), Cedre took part in an internal seminar held in Rennes on 8th June intended for agents working for the directorate in charge of the environmental police, on the theme of freshwater facilities, structures, works and activities. We presented the main oil spill response techniques for use in inland waters, in particular the initial measures to be implemented. This seminar was also the opportunity to outline Cedre's missions and to present when and how it can be mobilised, in particular to assist agents surveying a spill in the field.

Offshore exploration and production seminar

On 28th June, a seminar was held in Nantes on offshore oil and gas exploration and production, with a specific focus on prevention and civil liability. Cedre gave a presentation centred around oil spill contingency planning for offshore platforms and response methods in the event of a spill, drawing on two concrete examples: *Montara* and *Deepwater Horizon*.

Training for fishermen in Finistère

On 27th June, a training course was jointly organised just outside the port of Lanildut by the French Navy Centre of Practical Expertise in Pollution Response (CEPPOL), Iroise Marine Natural Park (PNMI), the Finistère Committee for Maritime Fisheries and Fish Farming (CDPMEM 29) and Cedre for professional sea-going fishermen operating in the northern sector of the Iroise marine park. Recovery devices such as surface oil trawl systems were tested in calm seas. This session was a sequel to the course run in Douarnenez in June 2016 which met with great success among fishermen in the southern sector of the marine park.

Training course at French fire academy

Also on 27th June, Cedre ran a training session at the French Academy for Fire, Rescue and Civil Protection Officers (ENSOSP), in Aix-en-Provence, as part of their level 4 chemical risk training (RCH4). The aim was to present our centre as well as feedback from past spills involving firefighters.

Final operations on the Maersk hulls – Sein Island, Finistère

On 16th June, a vessel chartered by Maersk Supply Services, the *Swordfish*, set off from Brest for Sein Island, to carry out new investigations on the two hulls which sank on the night of 11th December 2016 (Newsletter 254). These inspections were conducted in order to analyse the contents of several tanks and to remove said substances in early July.

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