



## N° 260 E – News from September 2017

### Emergency response

Cedre was involved in various exercises this month. As a **MAR-ICE** focal point, we were questioned about LPG (UN 1075) and anhydrous ammonia (UN 1005) in preparation for the SCOPE 2017 exercise, coordinated by the Norwegian Coastal Administration (NCA). Cedre was activated twice for **ICE** network ring tests by BASF in Germany and Spanish civil protection. During a departmental exercise, the Calvados authorities (**DDTM**) requested information on the containment and recovery of slicks of diesel near a port and on cleaning up riprap. Finally, during a **POLMAR** exercise in the Hérault area, we activated the **MOTHY** forecast model and provided information on sample analysis and legal procedures. Cedre was called upon by an association in relation to plastic litter washed up on the beaches of Ostend in Belgium. Advice and recommendations were provided following observations of sheen around the wreck of *Laplace*. We were questioned after a boat went on fire in the port of Arcachon, causing fuel to be spilt. Following satellite observation by **CleanSeaNet** and upon request by La Garde **MRCC**, we activated Météo France's forecast model **MOTHY**. Finally, after cyclone Maria struck Guadeloupe, Cedre provided advice and recommendations on the pollution hazard for an operation to remove 7,000 litres of diesel from motor boats.

### In short

#### Standard training courses

- ▶ From 25th to 28th, **pollution crisis management course** (9 participants)

#### Visits

- ▶ On 5th: Pierre Karleskind, Region of Brittany
- ▶ On 12th: Clément Chazot and Julien Favie, **GI WACAF**
- ▶ On 19th: Birgit Böhme and Sebastian Kroll, **CCME**, Germany
- ▶ On 20th: Guillaume Voineson, **SHOM**

#### Dates for the diary

- ▶ 31st October 2017: **Call for contributions** for the compilation "*Amoco Cadiz*, 40 years of change"
- ▶ From 13th to 15th March 2018: **Interspill** in London

### 22nd Cedre Information Day in Paris

The 2017 Cedre Information Day was held on 28th September at the Military School in Paris and focused on the issue of spills in ports. How can we prepare for such incidents? Which products and techniques should be used? Which specific challenges do port stakeholders encounter? These questions and many more were addressed during presentations by 10 speakers who provided an excellent illustration of this wide-reaching topic.

### Pilot HNS training course at Cedre

A pilot training course was organised by Cedre at its facilities from 12th to 14th September, with the participation of 35 people of 12 different nationalities, both European and Canadian, in charge of spill preparedness or response. This course was the opportunity to test the training materials prepared by Cedre and the other partners of the European project **MARINER**. The Finistère fire brigade gave a demonstration of a response operation to hazardous drums washed up on the beach. All the participants were very satisfied and appreciated the organisation of this event.

### One-week mission in Taiwan

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding between Cedre and the Taiwan Environmental Protection Administration (EPA), two engineers from Cedre were sent to Taipei from 25th to 28th September. On 26th, they were involved in the annual conference on marine pollution, alongside the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Japanese Maritime Disaster Prevention Center (MDPC) and Taiwan EPA. The next day they took part in a morning of discussions on past incidents with several Taiwanese stakeholders who had come to present case studies of past spills followed by a visit to the site of the *TS Taipei* incident. During this mission, the two engineers visited various institutes and met various stakeholders involved in preparation and response. They also saw several former trainees trained at Cedre since 2012 and had the honour of meeting the Minister of Environmental Protection Administration and his two Deputy Ministers.

## Industry Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) annual meeting

The 2017 ITAC meeting was held from 26th to 28th September at Plymouth Marine Laboratory (UK). It was the opportunity to review the activities and projects in progress with committee members and partners. Several current industry issues were addressed including: spill impact minimisation, oiled wildlife rehabilitation, the development of integrated crisis management tools by various operators and the increased response capacities of industry OSROs. Response preparedness and oiled site surveys, in particular data acquisition and management techniques and tools for SCAT surveys, were also mentioned. OSRL presented an interesting review of an exercise recently carried out at sea, which was the opportunity to test a wide range of equipment for various aspects of spill response: remote detection, autonomous vehicles, SCAT, etc. Cedre presented its recent projects and those in progress, relating to oil and HNS spills, and touched on its growing involvement in the issue of litter and microplastics. One session of this broad meeting was devoted to the *Torrey Canyon* spill which occurred 50 years ago and whose impacts were addressed at this meeting by various scientists from different environmental and societal angles.

## European SCOPE 2017 exercise in Norway

An engineer from Cedre was invited to attend the European exercise SCOPE 2017 in Norway from 25th to 27th September as an observer. Several spill response vessels were deployed at sea near to the Langesund region. A large amount of equipment belonging to the fire department was also mobilised to respond to a fictional leak of ammonia from an LPG carrier moored to dock in an emergency. On 27th and 28th September, Cedre also attended a workshop on compensation.

## 7th congress on the port of the future in Paris

Upon invitation by Cerema, the event organiser, a member of Cedre's management took part in the "Assises du Port du Futur 2017" on 26th and 27th September in Paris. The presentations and discussions mainly focused on the new challenges and future prospects of the French and European port sector in economic, logistical and environmental terms. The key issues of energy transition and information security, cybersecurity and digitalisation were also broached. Cedre was invited to present the specificities of contingency plans in port areas during a round table debate on the physical safety of port infrastructures.

## French Biodiversity Agency seminar in Ile-et-Vilaine

Cedre was invited to take part in a seminar organised by the French Biodiversity Agency's Interregional Directorate for Brittany and Pays de la Loire to present its missions in the event of a spill in inland waters as well as the techniques and equipment available to respond to such an incident.

## Berre Petrochemical Cluster's local information and exchange commission

Upon invitation by LyondellBasell, two representatives of Cedre attended Berre Petrochemical Cluster's CLIE meeting on the theme of water held on 6th September. This meeting was the opportunity to present Cedre's activities, hold discussions with the Berre site environmental department and meet the HSE department of the Fos-sur-Mer site.

## Greek coastline struck by spills

The ferry *Blue Star Patmos* ran aground in late August in the Aegean Sea, close to the entrance to the port of the island of Ios. On the 11th, as the vessel was towed to the port of Piraeus for repair, oil escaped and spread out on about 350m<sup>2</sup>. A containment boom was deployed. Meanwhile, on the 9th, the oil tanker *Agia Zoni II*, carrying a cargo of 2,200 tonnes of oil and with 340 tonnes of fuel onboard, sank while anchored off the south of the island of Salamis, near Athens. The causes of the incident have not been clearly established. The oil first reached the coastline on the 12th, affecting a 1.5 km stretch. On the 12th, the breach in the vessel was plugged and shoreline clean-up operations began. Containment booms were deployed and pumping operations organised. On the 13th, the spill reached the port of Piraeus and the Greek authorities requested assistance from the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) via the European civil protection mechanism. On the 15th, many beaches were closed from Piraeus to Glyfada. The captain of the tanker and his chief mate were charged with negligence and released on bail pending trial. In late September, the IOPC Funds developed a plan of action for handling future compensation claims.

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