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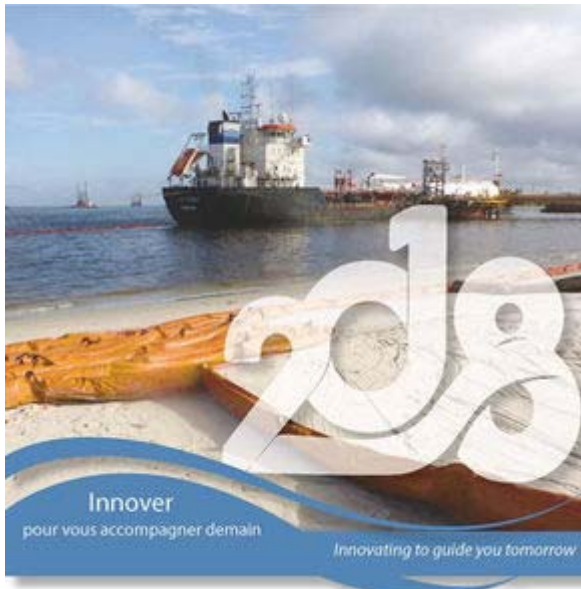
- ▶ On 8th: module on "response techniques for different types of spills on water bodies" as part of the port supervisor training organised by **CNFPT**, Vannes

Visits

- ▶ On 19th, Safety and Environment Coordinator at ESSO SAF

Dates for the diary

- ▶ 13th to 15th March 2018: **Interspill** in London



Happy New Year from all of us here at Cedre!

Emergency response

The stranding of a yellow block of an unknown substance on the beach of Saint-Martin-en-Campagne (Seine Maritime) was reported to Cedre's duty team and a sample was sent to the laboratory for analysis. Cedre was also called upon several times following spills in inland waters. First, the Yvelines fire brigade informed Cedre of the presence of sheen on the Mauldre river in Villiers-Saint-Frédéric. In late December, Cedre was questioned by the Regional Directorate for the Environment, Planning and Housing (DREAL) of the Provence-Alpes-Côtes d'Azur (PACA) region on the actions to be conducted after a tanker truck overturned and plunged into a river in Bours (Hautes-Pyrénées). The Tarn-et-Garonne Departmental Territories Directorate also contacted Cedre in search of information on the composition and behaviour of a coolant (UN3082) spilt in the Dadou river.

Cedre was called upon as part of two exercises. The first was a shoreline pollution crisis management exercise organised by the Manche department. The duty team was questioned by the fire brigade and the Departmental Directorate for Territories and the Sea and provided information on the product involved (IFO 360), its behaviour and containment equipment. The second, organised through the ICE network by the Dutch focal point, was intended to test the efficiency of the duty team at providing a MSDS.

Finally, Cedre received an enquiry following a spill in the French department of Jura (see article below).

Jura assignment

Cedre was contacted following the pollution of a peat bog and the Orb river in Bois d'Amont (Jura) following a leak from a heating oil tank at a private home. An engineer from Cedre was sent on site from 19th to 20th December to provide its expertise on the pollution situation, the emergency measures taken and the subsequent clean-up operations. The first containment and recovery measures were implemented by the response contractor Triadis Services in particularly difficult conditions due to the nature of the site and the snow cover.

Save the date: *Amoco Cadiz*, 40 years of change

On Saturday 17th March 2018, Cedre will be holding an open morning so that the general public can visit our facilities and gain a first-hand understanding of the main changes in spill response over the past 40 years.

Several exhibits suitable for all ages have been concocted by our technicians, engineers and researchers. Live scientific experiments, clean-up demonstrations, a multimedia exhibition, conferences and a whole host of fun activities will be on offer.

The new website cedre.fr is live!

Born of a major collective effort, a brand new version of Cedre's website is now online. Its structure and design have been recast for smoother browsing and faster access to the relevant information. Cedre's five areas of activity are clearly identifiable: **emergency response**, **contingency planning**, **training**, **analysis & testing**, and **research**. Our documentary resources have been reorganised. New sections have been created: "**Projects**", and "**Press area**". Visit cedre.fr to see what's new.

Board of Governors Meeting and Annual General Meeting

The meeting of Cedre's Board of Governors and the Annual General Meeting were held on 5th December in Paris upon invitation by *Armateurs de France*. During these meetings, the 2017 revised budget, the 2018 provisional budget and the 2016 accounts were approved. The assembly renewed the executive committee and slightly amended the regulations of the association by adding a substitute to be appointed in case the executive member is unable to attend a meeting. The board had the pleasure of welcoming a representative of the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation who studied at Brest University (UBO). François Cuillandre, Mayor of Brest, President of Brest Métropole, was re-elected as Cedre's Chair.

MARPOCS project closure meeting

The closing meeting for the **MARPOCS** project was held in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, from 12th to 14th December. This meeting, organised by **PLOCAN**, provided the MARPOCS partners with the opportunity to present the interactive modelling platform, as well as the different training materials developed, to the Spanish and Moroccan authorities. On the last day, a tabletop exercise was run by Cedre and simulated an HNS spill in front of the port of Las Palmas.

Meeting with the International Office for Water

Cedre was invited to visit the International Office for Water at its sites in Limoge and La Souterraine on 12th December. This visit was the opportunity for each party to present its organisation and activities and to identify collaboration opportunities in various fields such as training, information and international cooperation.

Contingency plan for Réunion port

Two engineers from Cedre stayed in Reunion Island from 11th to 21st December to initiate a project to develop the spill contingency plan for Reunion sea port. The aim of this assignment was to visit the port facilities, meet the key stakeholders and to collect the elements required to develop this document to prepare for spills into surface waters of oil or chemicals, in bulk or in packaged form, handled in the study area.

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