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### Emergency response

In February, Cedre's emergency response team was called upon by the Tarn fire brigade to assess the risks generated by two fertilisers containing phosphoric anhydride and potassium oxide in connection with a fire and extinguishing water. Secondly, we were contacted by [Vigipol](#) after two drums of chemicals washed ashore in the Sillon de Talbert nature reserve (Côtes-d'Armor) to determine the risks related to these products and their possible interactions.

We received a query relating to an abnormal water colour (Porquerolles Island, Var), suspected to be of mineral origin. Sightings of tarballs and patches of oil on the shores of Porspoder (Finistère) were reported by an individual. Finally, we received an enquiry into the spill response equipment available in French Guiana and the French West Indies.

### In short

#### Dates for the diary

- ▶ 13th to 15th March 2018: [Interspill](#), London
- ▶ 16th March 2018: [Cedre Information Day](#) on the 40 years of developments since the *Amoco Cadiz* spill, Brest
- ▶ 17th March 2018: [Open Day](#) at Cedre's facilities, Brest

### Fifth session of the IMO PPR subcommittee in London

From 5th to 9th February, two representatives of Cedre attended the 5th session of the Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response, held at [IMO](#) headquarters in London. The meeting mainly focused on regulatory matters relating to the IBC Code, ballast waters, atmospheric discharge from ships and their filtration systems and control measures to mitigate the impact of black carbon emissions. The drafting group for the [OPRC-HNS](#) guidelines was chaired by a member of Cedre's management team. This group brought together 35 participants from 18 countries, representatives of specialised institutions of the United Nations and observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations. Two main points were on the agenda: the update of the IMO guidelines on dispersants and the practical guide for the implementation of the OPRC Convention and the OPRC-HNS protocol. All the drafting group participants then followed the discussions of the informal OPRC-HNS group attentively and with interest, during which considerable information on incidents, exercises, training and guides was exchanged.

### Audit in the Port of Antwerp

From 19th to 23rd February, two engineers from Cedre were present in Antwerp, Belgium, to conduct an audit of spill response procedures in the port waters. This 5-day assignment provided the opportunity to hold discussions with port agents and the contractor in charge of spill response, as well as to attend a demonstration of their capacities and assess the various points for improvement. The forthcoming report will constitute an independent technical assessment which will be used by the Port of Antwerp as a basis to draft a new tender notice to contract spill response services.

### Launch of the HazRunOff project in Lisbon

The kick-off meeting for the European project HazRunOff was held in Lisbon on 28th February. It was organised by the project leader, [Instituto Superior Técnico](#) which belongs to the University of Lisbon. This [DG-ECHO](#)-funded project draws together scientific and operational partners from 5 countries: Modellers from the IST's mechanical engineering department ([Maretec](#)) and nuclear technology department (CTN) as well as the company Bentley Systems and representatives of the municipality of Loures, bordering the Tage estuary, for Portugal; [CETMAR](#) for Spain; representatives of the Department of Health and Social Care for the UK; the German company [EOMAP](#), specialised in satellite data processing; and Cedre, in charge of chemical behaviour analysis, response protocol development and training material production, for France. The project aims to improve preparedness and the response capacity in case of flood conditions and pollution in rivers and estuaries, in particular through the use of new detection tools (drone, remote sensing) combined with the development of behaviour models in order to identify the risks and reduce alert and response times. Four pilot areas have been selected to test the tools developed.

### Training on OSPAR/MSFD shoreline litter monitoring on Oléron Island

In late February, Cedre contributed to a training course on **OSPAR/MSFD** monitoring of litter on the shoreline for field operators (municipal agents, associations, volunteers, etc.). This course was organised as part of the Codemar project, funded by **EMFF** and led by **LPO**, and aims to coordinate knowledge and communication on marine litter. The purpose of the course was to present the background to shoreline litter surveillance in France through the OSPAR and MSFD programmes, and to train participants in the monitoring protocol. This one-day course, held on Oléron Island, was attended by a dozen participants. Following the theory session, the participants took part in a practical workshop during which the monitoring protocol was applied. This involved collecting litter on Douhet beach and subsequently sorting and counting it based on the MSFD/OSPAR classification established by Cedre.

### Visit to ENSOSP in Aix-en-Provence

On 15th February, Cedre's Director met with Colonel Bruno Beaussé, head of the "foresight and professionalisation" department at the French Academy for Fire, Rescue and Civil Protection Officers **ENSOSP**, based in Aix-en-Provence. This visit was a follow-up to training provided by Cedre in 2017. The aim was to lay the groundwork for an agreement between Cedre and the academy in the fields of research, training and documentation.

### Two response products tested

At the request of the companies **Sodepac International** and **RAMEKO**, the universal sorbents INSTAZORB 5/20 and Ecollose H-Lic sorbent, both in loose form, were tested by Cedre's laboratory. Given their performance, they have been added to the list of universal sorbents published by Cedre, available at [www.cedre.fr](http://www.cedre.fr)

### New and updated IOPC Funds publications

Updated versions of the various publications on **IOPC Funds** compensation claims, first published in 2014, have been released in 2018. The following documents have been updated: the Claims Manual, the Guidelines for presenting claims in the fisheries, mariculture and fish processing sector, the Guidelines for presenting claims in the tourism sector, the Guidelines for presenting claims for clean up and preventive measures and the Example Claim Form. A new publication has also been added to the collection: Guidelines for presenting claims for environmental damage. These documents can be downloaded at [www.iopcfunds.org](http://www.iopcfunds.org).

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