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Emergency response

Cedre continued to be involved in the follow-up to 3 incidents: the collision of the *Ulysse and the CSL Virginia* (public meeting and clean-up site inspection and validation), the PLIF pipeline rupture (field visits and public meeting), and the sinking of the *Grande America* (final drift committee meetings, buoy tracking, chemical analyses, response to enquiries from the land authorities). Information on the characteristics and risks related with parafins was sent to the Somme authorities. We were called upon several times in connection with small oil spills, mainly of light oils (by a community of communes in Finistère and the Finistère fire brigade, the La Garde MRCC, the Conflans-Sainte-Honorine river brigade, the DDTM Manche and the DDT Haute-Savoie). We advised the La Garde MRCC following a fire at a wastewater treatment plant which led to contaminated extinguishing water being released into the sea. In terms of exercises, we were called upon by *Total Mauritania* to provide drift and behaviour forecasts in relation to a scenario involving a crude oil spill from its facilities. Finally, we were contacted by our Czech colleagues during an ICE network test.

Cedre attends its first IOPC Funds meeting as observer

On 1st and 2nd April, Cedre's Director attended its first IOPC Funds meeting since obtaining observer status with the 1992 Fund and the Supplementary Fund on 30th November 2018. The situation in terms of compensation claims for marine pollution cases was presented. It is interesting to note that certain older incidents are still on the agenda, including that of the *Prestige* in 2002. Cedre's observer status strengthens its position as an international technical expert recognised by intergovernmental bodies specialised in marine pollution incidents.

Maritime Cluster AGM

On 5th April, Cedre attended the Annual General Meeting of *Pôle Mer Bretagne Atlantique* which gathered nearly 300 participants, members of the cluster but also partners involved in its work.

MOIG Regional Workshop

From 2nd to 4th April, the Deputy Director in charge of Production was in Hammamet to run the regional workshop on Crisis Management and Making Decisions, organised by the *Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG)* with the support of *ENI Tunisia*. The main objectives of this workshop were to remind participants of the reasoning method, the main response strategies and the principles of their implementation, the decision support tools available and to work in groups on different tabletop exercises relating to a variety of spill scenarios at sea, on the shoreline and in inland waters. The workshop was attended by around 40 participants from MOIG member companies as well as from the Tunisian administration. Furthermore, participants also had the opportunity to visit a spill response vessel chartered by ENI Tunisia, fitted with various dispersant spraying and containment and recovery systems which were presented onboard.

In short

Dates for the diary

- ▶ 10th May 2019: *Seminar on chemical spills in continental waters*, in Châtenay-Malabry, organised by the French alliance of pharmacists belonging to the fire and rescue service
- ▶ 20th to 23rd May 2019: International conference *CBRNE Research and Innovation* in Nantes (chemical hazards)
- ▶ 14th May 2019: Cedre's Strategy Committee meeting at *OLEUM* in Dunkirk
- ▶ 17th to 21st June 2019: Training course on *oil spill response at sea and on the shoreline*, at Cedre
- ▶ From 9th to 14th September 2019: Training course on "*Oil and HNS spill response in surface waters*", in English, at Cedre
- ▶ 24th and 25th September 2019: 9th *congress on the Port of the future*, in Lille
- ▶ 22nd November 2019: Cedre Technical Day in Brest

Visits and presentations

- ▶ 26th April: Visit from representatives of the chemistry department at the *University of Western Brittany (UBO)*

Online

- ▶ Launch of Cedre's *Instagram account*, on the 40th anniversary of the very first meeting of its Board of Governors held on 24th April 1979

European project BALTEX DELTA in Helsinki

On 9th and 10th April, the Emergency Response Coordinator attended the **BALEX DELTA 2018** Lessons Identified and Final Conference. This meeting aimed to highlight the lessons from the exercise, to identify opportunities for reinforced cooperation within the **Helsinki Commission HELCOM** (in particular through amendments to the HELCOM Manual on Co-operation in Response to Marine Pollution) but also to consider ways of making future exercises even more challenging, in particular by adding an onshore component, already initiated this year.

Cedre in Taiwan

On 15th and 16th April, Cedre's Director attended meetings with **Formosa Petrochemical Corporation** (private company) and the **Chinese Petroleum Corporation** (public company) in Taiwan to present Cedre's activities and to discuss future cooperation, especially in relation to the training of personnel in oil and chemical spill response.

On 17th April, he was invited to present Cedre to the **Coast Guard Administration** then to the **Environmental Protection Agency** (EPA) with which Cedre has a strong partnership, since 2012, for the training of personnel in marine pollution response (more than 150 people trained at Cedre). New training opportunities were validated.

Finally, on 18th April, the Director met Dr Julia Hsiang-Wen Huang, Director of the **Ocean Conservation Administration** (OCA) to present Cedre and its activities with a view to developing cooperation with this new agency devoted to the marine environment.

Training course for Mauritania's Total subsidiary in Nouakchott

Two engineers from Cedre visited Nouakchott from 7th to 10th April to deliver the contingency plan drafted by Cedre for **Total's Mauritanian exploration subsidiary**. The aim of this mission was to present the document stakeholders to the subsidiary and to train the personnel in its use. A Large Scale Exercise (LSE), jointly run by Cedre, was organised to test the plan and integrate the final remarks following feedback from the simulation.

OSRL response personnel training

From 23rd to 26th April, Cedre ran a training session for 12 members of the **OSRL** response team. This 4-day practical course was held at Cedre's technical facilities. It was the opportunity for the participants from OSRL to test their response and assessment procedures, as well as to perfect their knowledge of shoreline response techniques. During these sessions, Cedre's training team put the trainees in real-life situations with the release of real oil: containment and recovery on the water, on a section of road and at outfalls, and clean-up of pebbles, riprap and sandy beaches. The course ended with a half-day exercise designed to give the trainees the chance to apply the knowledge acquired throughout the week based on an oil spill scenario. This course gave rise to numerous technical discussions between the trainers and trainees and was the opportunity to further the cooperation between our two organisations.

IMO level 2 sea and shoreline response training course

This year's first session of the IMO level 2 course on oil spill response at sea and on the shoreline was held from 1st to 5th April. This course aims to provide concrete, practical knowledge of oil spill response strategies, techniques and equipment in inshore areas. During this year's first session, 11 representatives of French administrations, international organisations (**IMO**), **FOST** (Total's Fast Oil Spill Team) as well as the oil industry were trained. The main objectives of this course were to provide the participants with practical tools for contingency planning, selecting the most appropriate equipment for the risks inherent to their site, as well as for defining the operational tactics and procedures required to deploy and operate this equipment.

Training course for CCME at Cedre

For the second year running, from 8th to 12th April, Cedre played host to 17 German trainees (including two supervisors acting as observer) from **Havariekommando**, the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies (CCME), a joint institution of the German Federal Government and the Federal Coastal States, created to establish and maintain joint management of maritime emergencies in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea. Organised at Cedre's facilities, this largely practical course also included a module in the natural environment (on the banks of the Penfeld river) and comprised training throughout the week on pollution surveys, clean-up site organisation and the different containment, recovery and shoreline clean-up techniques. Like in 2018, this course was also the chance for these trainees to test equipment recently acquired by their institution. A second training session for CCME is scheduled for October.

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