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Best wishes for 2020!



The Cedre team has had the pleasure of accompanying you throughout 2019.

We wish you all the best for 2020!

Together, let's get a step ahead!

Cedre Information Day: 17th March

"Containers"

17th March 2020, in Paris La
Défense,

On the premises of MTES

See the detailed programme and register
now!

In short

Dates for the diary

► From 11th to 14th May 2020, IOSC
(International Oil Spill Conference),
New Orleans: Cedre will be represented
and will be running a stand throughout
the event

Emergency response

In the final month of 2019, Cedre's duty team received several calls to request advice following spills of home heating oil, one in Tarn-et-Garonne, another in the Manche area and finally in Vendée. Two witnesses also contacted Cedre after three 0.5 litre bottles of oil washed up in Finistère. Tests were conducted on the contents of one of the bottles in our laboratory and identified it as heavy fuel oil. Several calls were also received in relation to nurdles found on the beaches of Finistère. Finally, the Bouches-du-Rhône Departmental Directorate for Territories and the Sea (DDTM) contacted Cedre following reports of an oil slick observed off the coast of Marseille. Following aerial investigations, this proved to be a thin slick which was undergoing natural dispersal. In terms of exercises, we were contacted by the naval base in Réunion during a POLMAR oil spill framework exercise.

Renewal of Cedre's ministerial accreditation

The order issued on 20th December 2018 by the French Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition was renewed by the order of 9th December 2019 for a one-year period. This order relates to Cedre's accreditation which, under article L. 211-5-1 of the French Code of the Environment, entitles it to conduct missions of general interest providing expertise and support for the authorities, comprising:

- around the clock support to the authorities in the event of an incident and transmission of relevant data for crisis management purposes as well as advice on the pollutants, their evolution and response techniques
- research and experimentation into the behaviour of potential pollutants and their fate in the environment,
- the organisation and running of training courses.

Maritime transport and biodiversity protection seminar

On 12th and 13th, Cedre attended a seminar on maritime transport and biodiversity protection held at the Institut Universitaire Européen de la Mer, organised by the Master's degree class in the law of maritime activities at the University of Western Brittany (UBO). Biodiversity was addressed from a number of angles: the governance of maritime transport, the protection of marine mammals and invasive species. The seminar concluded with possible mechanisms for preventing and mitigating the impacts of shipping on biodiversity. This event was an excellent opportunity to bring together legal specialists, economists and scientists to focus on a specific issue.

Fourth OceanWise project coordination meeting

The fourth coordination meeting for the European project **OceanWise** was held on 11th and 12th December in Vigo, Spain. This project, led by the Portuguese Directorate-General for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services (DGRM), aims to develop concrete solutions, based on resource-efficiency, circular economy and participatory methods, to reduce the impact of expanded and extruded polystyrene (EPS/XPS) in the marine environment within the Atlantic area. This meeting was the opportunity for the 13 project partners (Irish, British, French, Spanish and Portuguese) to review the progress of the various actions, in particular knowledge acquisition on the production and use of EPS/XPS in Europe, assessment of their impact, research into pre-existing alternatives, the running of participatory workshops in the 5 countries as well as the evaluation of potential solutions and proposals for new measures.

#BeOceanWise: If you would like to contribute to the project or be updated on its progress, you can register with the project's online platform: <http://www.oceanwise-project.eu/your-ideas/>

Dispersant approval workshop

On 4th and 5th December, Cedre was involved in a workshop on dispersant product approval and authorisation for their use, organised by **OSPRI** (Oil Spill Preparedness Regional Initiative) in Baku, Azerbaijan. The objective of this workshop was to present to the Ministry of Emergency Situations and to the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources the various issues related to this technique, with a view to defining a national policy. Several representatives of oil companies located in Azerbaijan also took part in the meeting.

Training for the Iroise Marine Natural Park

Cedre organised two practical training courses at the request of the Iroise Marine Natural Park (**PNMI**). The first course was held on 4th December on the theme of spills in ports and was attended by 14 representatives of 5 ports in Finistère and 1 PNMI officer. It comprised a half-day of theory lectures and a half-day practical session devoted to response techniques and equipment in port areas. The second course was held on 6th December for 9 fishers, one PNMI officer and 2 representatives of the Finistère Fisheries Committee (**CDPMEM 29**). The morning session comprised presentations on PNMI's actions, the impacts and effects of oil on the marine ecosystem, as well as litter and microplastics. The afternoon consisted in a practical session focusing on shoreline survey techniques and coastal substrate clean-up techniques (sand and pebble beaches).

GI WACAF - SAMAREX exercise in Senegal

From 10th to 12th December, an engineer from Cedre was commissioned by **IPIECA/IMO** to represent **GI WACAF** during the national real-scale exercise in Senegal, **SAMAREX 2019**, alongside other observers representing Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Mali and Gambia. This exercise, organised by the High Authority in charge of coordinating maritime security, maritime safety and marine environmental protection (**HASSMAR**), drew together 30 participants and aimed at testing the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan. In the wake of this safety, rescue and marine pollution exercise, the comments and observations of the different participants were recorded and will be used to update the **NOSCP**. **SAMAREX 2019** was also the opportunity to train the local and national authorities involved in the management of pollution in water or on the shoreline to implement an efficient response in the event of an oil spill and to provide training on various aspects related to pollution management, for instance crisis communication, boom deployment and shoreline response.

Four French-speaking African trainees attend course at Cedre

On 5th December, at the request of the **IALA (International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities)** World Wide Academy (WWA), Cedre received 4 trainees from French-speaking African countries to attend the 2019 session of the Level 1 training course for navigation aid managers, run by **ENSAM (École Nationale de Sécurité et d'Administration Maritime)** for the **Directorate of Maritime Affairs (DAM)**, the French authority in charge of navigational aids. The four participants, representing Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar and Morocco, attended a presentation of Cedre's activities as well as of the context and challenges of oil and HNS spills at sea.

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