



## N° 230 E – News from December 2014

### 20th Cedre Information Day

"In situ burning and other alternative techniques"

**10th March 2015** in Paris La Défense.

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### In short

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

► **Interspill 2015**, 24 - 26th March 2015, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

### Emergency response

Cedre's assignment in the **Vallée de la Maurienne (Savoie)** extended until 7th December in order to provide technical assistance to respond to the pollution of two reservoirs by heavy fuel oil. We also report:

**A small spill in the port of Brest:** on 12th December, the vessel *Lord Star*, which grounded in Northern Europe without any apparent consequences, entered a drydock in the port of Brest to be inspected.

During a ballast transfer operation, IFO 380 bunker fuel spilled into a harbour basin. The port authority requested assistance from Cedre to control the pollution, in collaboration with the fire brigade, the French Navy and the port services. As a second phase, Cedre conducted a survey of the oiled infrastructures and defined the clean-up procedures, upon request by the Regional Council of Brittany and together with representatives of the ship's insurers.

**Various incidents:** we were called upon to provide advice on the origin of oil pollution in ground water in Eastern France and in relation to a pipeline rupture in a Mediterranean country.

**Exercise :** The Transaid network and the **INERIS** emergency response unit (**CASU**) were activated by Cedre during an exercise organised by the French Navy.



### VISITS

► On 9th December, Cedre received 8 representatives of the 3 nautical brigades of the *Gendarmerie du Finistère* for a presentation of its activities.

### TRAINING

► On 9th December, Cedre received 4 agents from Brest **CCI** working in the port for a training course on the use of sorbents on land and on water.

### Pollution in Bangladesh

Since 20th December, two experts from Cedre have been participating in an assistance and advisory operation, coordinated by the United Nations Development Programme, for the Bangladesh authorities on the management and mitigation of impacts of the spill caused by the sinking of the *Southern Star VII* in the Sundarbans region. One of these experts was mobilized upon request by Ségolène Royal, French Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, while the other was called upon through the European Union Civil Protection mechanism to join the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination team.

### Missions to Malaysia and Singapore

Ubifrance, the French agency for international business development, organised two prospective missions with economic players in Malaysia and Singapore on 27th November and from 1st to 5th December. The first mission exclusively targeted the Malaysian national oil company Petronas and was open to the whole of French industry. The second was organised in partnership with the maritime clusters for the Atlantic and Mediterranean (*Pôle Mer Bretagne Atlantique* and *Pôle Mer Méditerranée*) and was primarily geared towards members of these clusters. This second mission addressed wider maritime issues and in particular maritime safety and security, shipbuilding, offshore construction and port infrastructure construction. It provided the opportunity for discussions with operators and research organisations involved in these fields. Cedre took part in both missions through which many interesting contacts were established. For more information, see the [Pôle Mer Bretagne Atlantique website](#).

### Meetings of Cedre's Board of Governors and General Assembly

The meetings of Cedre's Board of Governors and General Assembly were held on 9th December in Paris upon invitation by *Armateurs de France*. During these meetings, a review of 2013, the 2014 revised budget and the 2015 provisional budget were approved. A new treasurer was elected for the association, Joël Le Jeune, president of Vigipol (union for the protection of the Breton shoreline), mayor of Trédrez-Locquémeau and president of Lannion-Trégor Community.

## Prime Minister in Brest for the "Pact for the Future of Brittany"

The French Prime Minister visited Brest on 18th December where he took part in a meeting at Océanopolis to review the first year of the "Pact for the Future of Brittany". Many of the region's political and economic leaders attended this information and discussion meeting, to which Cedre was invited. A commitment protocol was signed by the Prime Minister and the President of the region at the end of the meeting, to define the main efforts to be made and assess the cost of these commitments. The [protocol](#) and [speeches](#) can be found on the region of Brittany's website.

## IMO OPRC level 2 course

Upon request by the Belize Department of Environment (DOE), the regional centre [RAC-REMPEITC](#) organised an [IMO OPRC](#) level 2 training course in Belize City from 9th to 11th December 2014. This theory and practical training course, which was part of the effort to update the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan, involved 31 participants from Belize government agencies and the country's private sector. It was run by RAC-REMPEITC, POLARIS Applied Science and Cedre as part of France's support to RAC-REMPEITC.

## Visit to CESIR in Valabre, France

On 11th December, we were invited by [ECASC](#) (civil protection training school) to visit CESIR (European Risk Simulation Centre). This complex, due to be officially inaugurated in January 2015, is intended to teach and train operators in different types of risks through simulation. It is equipped with around 100 computers, "helicopter" cabins, "plane" cabins and crisis rooms.

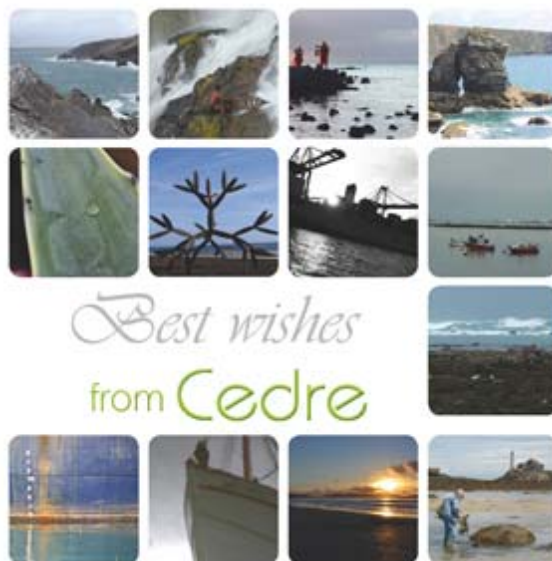
## Contingency planning

On 10th December, Cedre attended a meeting at the [CCPI](#) on the development of an intercommunal Infra-Polmar plan for the Pays d'Iroise area. Various stakeholders ([Vigipol](#), [SDIS](#), [DDTM](#), [PNMI](#), legal expert, regional council, Cedre) presented the framework, the work to be implemented and the possible contributions of each party. Following a proposal made by Cedre, which had worked together with the municipality in early 2014 when the Morbihan shoreline was polluted, the town of Carnac presented its experience in managing the tarballs which washed upon its shoreline in February 2014 and the importance of having an Infra-Polmar plan for the municipality or wider area (Vannes-Auray area).

## Polar Code adopted

The [Polar Code](#) adopted this month by [IMO](#) is due to enter into force on 1st January 2017. This text is intended to govern the operation of ships in polar waters (Antarctic and Arctic) and to regulate their navigation. The code covers pollution prevention, amending both the Solas Convention and the Marpol Convention.

At the dawning of this new year,  
all the staff at Cedre thank you for your trust and loyalty...  
and wish you success, progress and enthusiasm for 2015!



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