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Emergency response

February was a relatively calm month in terms of operational emergencies.

Cedre's duty team was called upon in relation to various enquiries, for instance, into the possible origin of sheen near an industrial facility in Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon and of scattered arrivals of paraffin in the Bay of Bourgneuf.

In terms of exercises, Cedre took part in the **POLMAR-Land** Guadeloupe exercise based on a scenario involving oil slicks reaching the shores of Pointe-à-Pitre. Cedre provided remote support from its Response Centre in Brest as well as on-site assistance with an engineer present in the field.

In short

Dates for the diary

► **ADRIASPILLCON** from 10th to 12th May 2016, Opatija, Croatia.

► **Brest 2016: maritime event** from 13th to 19th July 2016.

► **Sea Tech Week** from 10th to 14th October 2016, Quartz Congress Centre, Brest.

Publications

An updated version of the guide "*Traitement aux dispersants des nappes de pétrole en mer*", originally published in 2005, is available on our [website](#).
Electronic version (PDF) only.

21st Cedre Information Day

"The involvement of volunteers in oil spill response"

20th April 2016 in Paris La Défense.

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For this Information Day, we shall be bringing together a wide-ranging panel of both French and international partners who are set to share their experience, stories and difficulties and to open the debate with a paradox: aid from willing men and women set against an efficient management capacity.

New Director for Cedre

On 1st March, Gilbert Le Lann stepped down as Director of Cedre after 8 years in the role. His successor is **Stéphane Doll** who, after beginning his career in the French Navy, has left the Piriou Group, specialised in shipbuilding and ship repair for medium-sized vessels, to join Cedre, with which he was previously in regular contact as part of his role at **CEPPOL** between 2002 and 2006.

Visit to Cedre

On 10th February, Vice-Admiral Silva Ribeiro, Director-General of the Portuguese Maritime Authority (DGAM) and General Commander of the Maritime Police, and Vice-Admiral Oliveira, the French Maritime Prefect for the Atlantic, visited Cedre for a presentation of the association, its resources and its missions. They were also given a tour of the technical facilities. This visit was part of a wider programme to present how State Action at Sea is organised in France, comprising meetings with certain key players.

Participation in the Blue Day

On Thursday 25th February, Cedre took part in the Blue Day on the theme of "Ports, Infrastructures and Shipping", organised by the cluster *Pôle Mer Bretagne Atlantique*, on the premises of Brittany Ferries in the port of Roscoff. This half-day conference focused on the role of ports and comprised numerous presentations, which each gave rise to interesting discussions. The programme included the latest news from the cluster, presentations by Brittany Ferries, the

Grand Port Maritime de Nantes Saint-Nazaire and a presentation and guided tour of the port of Roscoff by the representative of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI).

Visit from Belgian firm TPS

On 26th February, two representatives of the Belgian-based company Thermal Processing Solutions & Technologies SA (TPS), specialised in thermal desorption, visited Cedre. They presented the contaminated soil treatment technology developed by their firm which has recently been introduced in the oil industry. This soil heating technique (applied on or off site) using gas/propane/diesel burners is based on a principle of conduction, vaporisation, extraction and surface collection of the contaminants (oil or organic substances) trapped in the soil. These contaminants are thus recovered and possibly recycled as fuel or a liquid substance. Further information is available in the documentation section of their website: www.tpstech.com/doc.html.

Training in Morocco

Following a request by Vivo Energy Morocco for an IMO 2 spill response training session, an engineer from Cedre was present in Mohammédia alongside an OSRL trainer from 14th to 19th February. For this course, the OSRL presentations were translated into French to fully adapt to the client's requirements. A guided tour of the oil port of Mohammédia and of the spill response equipment stockpile managed by ANP (*Agence Nationale des Ports*) was also scheduled during the week.

Training course for SARP OUEST

From 16th to 18th February, Cedre ran a 3-day practical training course for 5 people from SARP Ouest/VEOLIA. This course aimed to train the participants in response techniques on the water and on the shoreline and in the optimisation of their pumping and clean-up solutions.

POLMAR-Land training course and exercise in Guadeloupe

The Directorate of the Sea and the **POLMAR** interdepartmental storage and response centre for Guadeloupe and the northern islands (CISIPG) organised an Orsec POLMAR-Land exercise, held in Pointe-à-Pitre marina from 23rd to 25th February. The first two days were devoted to providing technical training for responders (fire brigade, *gendarmerie*, representatives of the *Grand Port Maritime de la Guadeloupe* - GPMG, of the marina, of the military service regiment (*Régiment du Service Militaire Adapté* - RSMA) and of the communes of Gosier, Baie-Mahault, Port-Louis and Basse-Terre), run by **CEREMA**, Cedre and CISIPG. The exercise spill scenario was based on an incident at an on-land storage facility, resulting in a slick of heavy oil threatening the Pointe-à-Pitre marina. This exercise was the opportunity to deploy response equipment and in particular to validate the boom laying plan for protecting the marina. A crisis management unit was set up at the *Préfecture de Basse-Terre* (SIDPC) and the **DEAL** was involved in waste evacuation logistics.

Kick-off meeting for European project MARINER

On 23rd February, two representatives of Cedre attended the kick-off meeting for the MARINER project (Enhancing HNS preparedness through training and exercising) in Vigo, at CETMAR (*Centro Tecnológico del Mar*, Spain). Funded by the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism (DG ECHO) and coordinated by CETMAR, this 2-year project also involves the Spanish partners INTECMAR (*Instituto tecnológico para el control del medio marino de Galicia*) and the University of Vigo, the Portuguese partners *Action Modulers – Consultoria de Segurança* and CIIMAR (*Centro Interdisciplinar de Investigação Marinha e Ambiental*) and an English partner, PHE (Public Health England). Cedre will also be particularly involved in preparing training and exercise materials as well as in running test training courses on response to HNS spills.

Latest news on illegal discharge cases...

On 8th February, the Aix-en-Provence court of appeal convicted the shipowner and captain of the *Carthage*, a vessel belonging to CTN (*Compagnie Tunisienne de Navigation*), for causing deliberate oil pollution. The illegal discharge was detected in the Mediterranean by night, using infrared sensors, by a Spanish plane flying over French waters in October 2009. The Captain was fined €50,000, for which the shipowner was not liable, and CTN €500,000. Considering this sentence unfair, CTN plans to appeal the case.

On 24th February, a French Navy plane, a Falcon 50, detected an oil slick 40 km long by 500 m wide in the wake of the *Thisseas*, south-west of Penmarc'h, Brittany, at the edge of the EEZ. The vessel was immediately diverted to Brest by the *Gendarmerie*. The shipowner paid a €500,000 bond and the ship left the port on the 29th for China. The Captain and shipowner are charged with "severe harm to the environment" and are due to appear before the criminal court of Brest on 3rd November. They risk a fine of up to €15 million.

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