REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS IN POLLUTION RESPONSE ALONG THE COAST AND IN THE SHORELINE

28 February 2022, The Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) and the Center of Documentation, Research and Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (Cedre) are very pleased to announce that the Regional Workshop on the role of volunteers in pollution response along the coast and in the shoreline; will be held on 10-11 May 2022; at The Russelior Hotel in South Hammamet-Tunisia.

The event will be open on Tuesday, 10 May 2022 at 08:30 am and expected to close on Wednesday, 11 May 2022 at 17:00 pm. It will be animated by Mr. Arnaud Guèna, Deputy Director and Production Manager of Cedre.

The main objectives of this workshop will be to define the term “Volunteers” and present the POSOW1 and POSWO2 projects, to remind the combating strategies in the coastal zone and the shoreline, to understand the role of volunteers in pollution response at sea, in the shoreline cleanup and in the Waste Management, to know how to manage volunteers by the authorities and to practice the implementation of volunteers management plan through practical works.

The workshop agenda will be provided in due time. The working languages will be French and English.

In order to enable MOIG to have all logistic arrangements made on time, it would be appreciated; if you could click the following link to download the Registration Form; complete and return it by Mail at: houcine.mejri@moig.org.tn or by Fax at: +216 71 888 439; at your earliest convenience; preferably before 22 April 2022.

We would like to bring members attention that the sanitary pass COVID-19 is compulsory for any participant who wishes to attend the workshop. In addition, MOIG and the Russelior Hotel will put in place the necessary preventive measures namely the respect of distancing, the port of masks and the use of hydro-alcoholic gel in the conference room, in order to ensure the maximum safety of participants. Whilst looking forward to your response and to meeting you in this workshop, please do not hesitate to contact MOIG secretariat for any further information.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

It is a great pleasure that we congratulate our colleague Hatem Ben Khelil ETAP representative in MOIG Management Committee, who was recently nominated the Heath, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE) Manager at Thyna Petroleum Services (TPS), MOIG Member.

The Management Committee Members were extremely thrilled once they heard the news and wish Hatem all the best of success in his new position. It should be noted that Hatem Ben Khelil will continue to act as ETAP representative in MOIG Management Committee.
WEBINAR ON POINTS TO CONSIDER IN THE SELECTION OF OIL SPILL BOOMS

09 February 2022, a webinar on « Points to consider in the selection of oil spill booms » was organized in cooperation with VIKOMA; MOIG member, via electronic conferencing platform.

The webinar was presented by Paul Rayner, Sales Director from VIKOMA and Houcine Mejri; MOIG Director.

The event gathered representatives from oil and gas industry, associations and authorities from the Mediterranean region and Europe.

Houcine Mejri started by welcoming participants and presented the main objectives of this webinar which were to share knowledge on what to consider in the selection of oil spill booms and also to promote interactive Questions & Answers sessions between participants. He underlined that this webinar will be useful for MOIG members and will help them in the completion of the Oil Spill Response equipments database displayed in MOIG website – Under member area during the last quarter 2021.

Paul Rayner started by giving an overview about VIKOMA, the history, the accreditation system in place and the services provided in the design, development, sales, manufacturing, installation, commissioning and training on spill response equipments. He then presented all the components of an oil spill booms and their applications such as the emergency response. He also described some basic characteristics to considerer in an oil spill booms, for example: Safety, simplicity, ease of use and cleaning as well as towing, oil containment efficiency compatibility with other booms systems, weight, and resistance to oil/salt/fresh water /UV light an abrasion and salt.

Paul Rayner also presented many types of oil spill booms such as fence, air filled, foam filled, self inflating, shoreline sealing, POD, fire, debris and chemical resist. He explained the main characteristics of each boom highlighting both positive and negative points. He then described the type of materials, connectors and storage of oil spill booms and a list of considerations to be taken into account such as: Safe and ease of use, weight, strength, size, portability, resistance, cost, cleaning, training and maintenance requirements. He also described some repair methods of oil spill booms based on using cold glue, hot air, mechanical seals and stick patches.

We were very delighted with the outcome of this webinar, participants raised many questions related to ideal size for offshore boom, sea conditions for booming operations, type of boom connectors, storage of booms, maintenance etc...which represented a clear sign of interest from the oil and gas industry in the Mediterranean region to oil spill response booms. This webinar was also a tremendous opportunity for VIKOMA and MOIG to strengthen their relationship that will pave the way for future cooperation.

The Management Committee would like to express its sincere thanks to VIKOMA and particularly to Paul Rayner for his professionalism and the high quality of the presentation provided on oil spill booms contributing in the success of this webinar.

We would like to inform members and technical partners who were unable to attend the webinar that we posted the recording on MOIG website- Section Latest News.
NEW UPDATE ON MOIG ACTIVITIES 2022 IN THE UIA’s YEARBOOK

14 February 2022, the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) updated the information related to events requested annually by the Union of International Associations (UIA).

UIA is a not-for-profit research institute founded in 1907 to promote the work of international associations. Its primary task is the collection and dissemination of information on international associations, fulfilled largely by its two main publications: the Yearbook of International Organizations (https://uia.org/projects/open-yearbook), and the International Congress Calendar (https://uia.org/projects/open-calendar).

The UIA also promotes the work of international associations by organizing surveys and educational activities such as Round Table (https://uia.org/roundtable).

MOIG has been registered in the UIA’s Yearbook of International Organizations in 2000 and sends every year to UIA an update on its activities, members, technical partners, publications, Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) and Non Governmental Organizations (NGO) relations.

EXPERTISE CAREER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

05 February 2022, ETAP; member and hosting company; requested MOIG Director to present his work to apply for expert engineer degree according to ETAP expertise career management system.

ETAP established an expertise promotion system in 1993 for its technical staff to manage their professional careers. This system is dedicated to engineers who not have the chance to evolve in the managerial positions; while at the same time; considered as a form of motivation and provide them with more opportunities to improve their skills and advance their careers.

The expertise system contains several jobs such as Health, Safety and Environment (HSE), Geology, Geophysics, Laboratory, Database, Reservoir Geology, Reservoir, Project and Production Engineering, Drilling & Workover and Operations Geology.

The hearing took place at ETAP headquarter in the form of an oral presentation and was attended by a jury member and the representatives of Human Resources. The MOIG Director presented its whole career since its integration into ETAP in 1995.

The presentation includes 06 sections according to ETAP Criteria related to expert engineer degree which are the following: Career introduction and professional experience, exposure of a technical work during the stay period at ETAP, project management and impact of all completed works, publications and animation of seminars, supervision and perspectives. In the same context, the MOIG Director was requested by ETAP to review an expertise dossier of one HSE engineer applying for a senior 2 degree. Further details on these dossiers will be provided in the next MOIG Newsletters.

The Management Committee would like to thank ETAP for its trust and confidence in MOIG.
OIL SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT DATABASE

31 January 2022, following claims received from members related to the handling and data storage of the Oil Spill Response (OSR) equipments, the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) was very pleased to inform members that all claims were addressed promptly in order to facilitate the completion of the database.

It should be noted that all the claims made by members were predominantly focused on the visualization and how to change the technical specifications of OSR equipments, the insertion of the equipments photos as well as the confusion for owner particularly for the marine and air units.

We would like to draw member’s attention that currently:

- The visualization of the OSR equipments can be done in reverse by selecting member and equipment.
- A new line has been added in the menu including all the list of equipments (As indicated in red rectangle) that will allow members to select any equipment they wanted to visualize both their own or that of the other members
- The technical specifications of OSR equipments can be modified or deleted by double clicking in the box of the equipment to be amended.

The Management Committee is looking forward on member’s valuable co-operation to complete this database; as soon as possible; in order to organize a National workshop in which will be discussed the second draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU); in respect of Mutual Aid Agreement in the Control of Marine Pollution Events Level 2.

MEETING MOIG - TPS

10 January 2022, a meeting was held remotely between the MOIG Director and TPS representatives composed of MM. Hatem Ben Khelil, HSSE Manager, Sami Fellah; Operations Manager, Achraf Ben Dhifallah; HSSE Coordinator and Bilel Neifar, Superintendent.

The main objective of this meeting was to initiate preliminary discussions about the organization of Tier 1 oil spill response exercise in Cercina field- Kerkennah Island during the first semester 2022. More details on the exercise will be provided in due time.