REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN THE ADRIATIC AND MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS

25-27 October 2022, the Regional Workshop on Enhancing Oil Spill Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic and the Mediterranean Regions was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Opatija and in JANAF Terminal in Croatia; in cooperation with the Adriatic Training and Research Center (ATRAC) and JANAF. The workshop was opened by Mr. Siniša Orlić; the deputy of the Minister of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of Croatia Republic.

The main objectives of this workshop were to reinforce and develop Sub-Regional contingency plans, to stay abreast of the newest technologies, to benefit from responders & manufactures technical expertise as well as to share information on lessons learned and best practices of the previous emergencies and exercises.

This event gathered over 40 delegates from ministries, Oil&Gas industry, manufacturers, responders, agencies, International organizations, port authorities and university such as: Agency of Hydrocarbons, Cedre, Central European Initiative, CIAN, Civil Protection, CIKLON, Coast Guard, ETAP, Dezinskcij, Faculty of Maritime Studies, Harbor Muster Office Zadar, INA, La Fornatrice, LUVETI, Maritime Administration of Republic of Slovenia, Meke Marine, Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of Croatia Republic, MRCC, New Naval, OSRL, Port Authority Šibenik Croatia, Port Authority Zadar, REMPEC, SEREPT, S.I.O.T Italy, SPLIT-Dalmalta County, Šibenik Croatia, Thyna Petroleum Services and VIKOMA.

The first two days workshop programme included seventeen (17) oral presentations hinged around six topics: T1-Contingency planning & Regulatory and legal requirements, T2-Regional initiatives and activities in the Adriatic and Mediterranean regions, T3-Oil spill modeling and training, T4-Spill preparedness capability and response management, T5-Oil spill response services and new technologies, T6-National and regional emergency response Exercises.

We are very delighted with the outcome of this workshop, delegates had the opportunity to discuss and debate many issues of common interest and shared views, knowledge and experiences in how to enhance oil spill preparedness and response in both Adriatic and Mediterranean regions.
The third day event was dedicated to a visit to JANAF terminal located in Krk island. Participants attended a presentation delivered by JANAF Terminal Director describing the activities, the facilities, the storage capacity, the pipelines network in Croatia and the neighboring countries as well as the controls required for maintaining the terminal assets. In addition, participants were afforded the opportunity to make a turn around the terminal which allow them to see closely the storage tanks and the loading arms in the terminal jetties.

The MOIG Management Committee Members would like to extend their thanks to all attendees for their active participation, their interest to the workshop and the high quality of their interventions.

The MOIG Management Committee Members would like also to thank all speakers for the high quality of their presentations and greatly appreciated their professionalism and expertise provided to participants, thereby contributing to the success of this event.

At the end of the visit, trophies were awarded to both ATRAC and JANAF Terminal directors by MOIG Management Committee Members Malek Kallel and Hatem Ben Khelil, as a sign of thanks and recognition for their valuable support to MOIG in the organization of this event.

The Management Committee Members would like to express their sincere thanks to ATRAC and JANAF for their kind cooperation, hospitality and warm welcome extended to delegates during this event. Thus, will pave the way for further strengthen cooperation on oil spill preparedness and response between ATRAC, JANAF and MOIG.
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING N°21 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

24 October 2022, the MOIG Management Committee Meeting N°21 took place at the Ambasador Hotel in Opatija-Croatia from 18:00 to 19:00 pm, just before the General Assembly Meeting.

This meeting was attended by. Hatem Ben Khelil; ETAP representative; Malek Kallel; SEREPT representative and Houcine Mejri; MOIG Director. Unfortunately, the MOIG Chairman; Mahmoud Kamour, was not be able to attend the meeting due to visa issue.

During this meeting, the Management Committee Members approved the agenda of the meeting and the minutes N°20. They also discussed the financial statement, the audit report 2021 and the MOIG programme 2023-2024.

24-25 October 2022, the General Assembly Meeting was held at the Ambasador Hotel in Opatija-Croatia. It was decided to postpone the meeting to the next year; according to MOIG Constitution and Rules; due to the lack of the required quorum in one hand and the absence of MOIG Chairman, Mahmoud Kamour; on the other hand. The date, venue and agenda of the forthcoming General Assembly Meeting will be provided to members and technical partners in due time.

PARTICIPATION TO ETAP MAIN EXPERTISE COMMITTEE MEETING

21 October 2022, ETAP; member and hosting company; invited the MOIG Director to the main expertise committee meeting in order to approve the assessment results of 34 engineers applying for various expertise levels from confirmed to senior 3 engineers; according to ETAP expertise system.

This meeting followed up on earlier subcommittee meeting held on 19 September 2022, in which was discussed the evaluation results of the candidates dossiers.

The meeting was attended by ETAP Vice Chairman, the representatives of Human Resources, the members of special skills, the basic syndicate and joint committee.

The MOIG Director participated to this meeting as a representative of Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) job.

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 assessment of expertise dossiers was carried out according to specific criteria for each job based on work completed by engineers for defined periods of time ranging from 02 years (For confirmed engineer) to 11 years (For Senior 3 engineer).

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

The Management Committee Members would like to thank ETAP for its trust and confidence in MOIG.