MOIG VISITED THE CHARM EL SHEIKH TIER 2 CENTER

From 20\textsuperscript{th} to 21\textsuperscript{th} July 2014, following the request made by ETAP General Manager, a delegation composed of ETAP representatives (Mr. Yassine Mestiri, Central Production Director and Mr. Ridha Hammami, Operation Manager and Member of MOIG Management Committee) and the MOIG Director visited the Charm El Sheikh Tier 2 Center, under the ownership of EEAA and currently managed by the International Marine and Environment Services (IEMS), MOIG member. The purpose of this visit was to view closely the operation mode of Tier 2 Center at all levels in order to duplicate a similar center in Tunisia. In the course of this visit, the delegation held meetings with the CEO, the operation manager, the advisory manager, the head of the center and the response team of IEMS and visited all the areas of the center. In addition, the delegation participated in a boom deployment exercise in the red sea area of Ras Mohammed. The delegation was extremely impressed with the professionalism and performance of the response team during this exercise. This visit offered to ETAP team and MOIG Director the opportunity to see the Tier 2 center, arrangements, marine and Coastal OSR equipments, personal and more importantly the management system in place under which they operate and support is provided to both government and industry.

IEMS is a member and will support ETAP through the MOIG. This visit is a good example of enhancing cooperation and interaction between MOIG members. This will build a foundation that we hope will continue in the coming years.

NEW MEMBERS

The MOIG Management Committee Members is very delighted to welcome the new members "Companie Tuniso-Koweito-Chinoise de Pètrole“ (CTKCP) and Swire Emergency Response Services (SERS):

- CTKCP is the joint venture company between ETAP, KUFPEC and CNPCI specialized in production and operated in Sidi El Kilani field, an onshore concession located in Central Tunisia.
- SERS is an International emergency response company, provides bespoke oil and hazardous material spill preparedness and response solutions to the oil and gas, shipping and port industries worldwide from its four operating centres in Dubai, Singapore, Cameroon and South Africa.

MOIG OBJECTIVES

- To promote regional cooperation within the industry and between governments and industry by creating a regional network of industry oil spill response coordinators in all Mediterranean countries.
- To enhance preparedness and response to oil spill incidents in the Mediterranean region by acting as a regional forum for information exchange an discussion on oil spill matters and by making best use of industry resources of equipment and expertise for education and training.
MOIG PARTICIPATED TO THE JOINT CNR/INGV SUB-REGIONAL END-USER MEETING MEDESS-4MS PROJECT

MOIG was invited to take part to the MEDESS-4MS user meeting organized jointly by the National Research Council (CNR) and the National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanism (INGV) in Rome. The meeting was held in 09 October 2014 and gathered more than thirty participants from public/private agencies, oil industries and international/regional stakeholders engaged in surveillance and rescue operations, in civil protection and in related marine scientific endeavors. The aim of this meeting was to provide training and hands on access to the MEDESS-4MS project services. The outcomes will help to guide the future development of the MEDSS-4MS system in the coming months and the training of national operators in oil spill management and response.

FORTHCOMING MOIG WORKSHOP

The MOIG Management Committee has decided to postpone the forthcoming Workshop entitled “Oil Preparedness and Response Partners” scheduled to be held at Nicosia-Cyprus on 13-14 October 2014 until 10-11 December 2014, for reasons which have been already explained earlier.

The main objectives of the workshop are to improve communication within and throughout industry groups, establish clear recommendations and guidelines on resource placement/availability, benefiting from Manufacturers and Responders technical advances in response systems and clarify expectations reducing duplication.

This workshop will be an ideal environment for industrial groups, government and non government organizations, manufacturers, industry responders, and other stakeholders to work together toward mutual objectives, through the exchange of ideas and lessons learned from previous incidents and research around the world. It will also be a good opportunity for MOIG to demonstrate real value to the industry. **We look forward to your active participation!**

MOIG LAUNCHES ITS NEW WEBSITE

MOIG continued its efforts on innovation and improvements to maintain an international Website in keeping with enhancement technology and with our growing awareness for the information needs of our members, technical partners and visitors. In this regard, MOIG is pleased to launch its new website: [www.moig.org](http://www.moig.org)

The MOIG Management Committee would like to thank Mr. Richard Robert Byrnes, Planning Assistant in the International Environmental Marines Services (IEMS) for his hospitality, kindness and assistance by designing the new MOIG Website.

MOIG MEMBERSHIP FEES IN 2014

To-date we have twenty one official (Fully paid up) members of the MOIG: We are looking forward to receiving outstanding contributions from the remaining MOIG members. Please contact the MOIG secretariat should you need any additional letter and invoice to be sent to you.

BECOME MEMBER OF MOIG

MOIG welcomes any new members from oil companies and is also open to companies and associations that work with the oil Industry in preventing and responding to Oil Spills in the Mediterranean region. For further information and membership contact the MOIG Secretariat at info.moig@planet.tn and houcine.mejri@moig.org.tn or visit the MOIG Website on [www.moig.org](http://www.moig.org)