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AIMING TO FIGHT OIL SPILLS WITH WATER



Establishing whether water can replace chemicals in cleaning up oil slicks has moved a step closer after tests at the Norwegian centre for testing of oil spill response equipment in Horten south of Oslo.

Karl Fjelde Nevland adjusts a boom while keeping his gaze fixed on the rig powering across the test basin, throwing up a spray of water and dark oil.

The student from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

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This approach is largely used already by offshore players, but with the aid of chemicals. Replacing these additives by water is intended to have the same effect.

"This is the most realistic test we've conducted with this rig," explains Sørstrøm, who has invented the solution and holds the patent.

"It's been tried out earlier with oil on a small scale at Sintef and on a larger scale but without oil at the Marintek research centre.

"The present trial is important for acquiring all the information we need – for obtaining the final answer. We're starting to get close now."

He explains that the challenge is to achieve sufficient energy when the water spray hits the oil spill. A number of sprayers are needed to cover a slick.

"We've now tested how far apart it's possible to position the nozzles, and how quickly we can run the rig over a slick," he says.

Sørstrøm and his colleagues will use the test results from Horten to adjust the solution before it undergoes final verification under realistic ocean conditions.

"It's not unusual for testing at the centre to result in changes and adjustments," says Holt. "That's also one reason for hiring time here to conduct realistic trials."

International news (continued)

Is working at the Horten centre with Hanne Solem Holt of the Norwegian Coastal Administration (NCA) and Stein Erik Sørstrøm from the Sintef research foundation.

They are putting new technology with potential significance for future oil spill response through its paces at the facility, which was upgraded by the NCA in 2015.

This solution is part of the Oil Spill Response 2015 programme being pursued by the NCA and the Norwegian Clean Seas Association for Operating Companies (Nofo).



Through the programme, these two organisations have invited Norwegian and international companies to propose new or improved clean-up methods for oil spills. [Read about Oil Spill Response 2015 here](#)

Years of work lie behind the 20 seconds that the rig takes to cross part of the 30-metre-long test basin – and Sørstrøm is the expert on this effort.

Nevland for his part represents the students at the NTNU School of Entrepreneurship (NSE), who have done a substantial job for the technology over the past year.

Holt is the principal engineer at the NCA who is helping to ensure that this innovative concept for mechanical dispersion can be tested.

"We don't have dispersion equipment among our emergency response materials today, but it's very interesting to see new hardware opportunities," she says.

The aluminium rig surging back and forth is equipped with high-pressure nozzles which spray out water to make an oil slick break up into smaller droplets. These remain suspended in the water column and can be decomposed by bacterial action. [View film giving a simple explanation](#)



International news (continued)

Sørstrøm's goal is to end up with a solution which provides a wider operational window and simpler logistics compared with such options as chemical dispersants.

"This method could also be used for a time after a spill," he observes. "If we succeed, it'll reduce the logistical challenges we see with chemical dispersants. It only needs access to water."

Also present is R&D adviser Hans V Jensen at Nofo, which is financing the tests. The NCA is contributing personnel and facilities, while the NSE students have worked with the market and prepared a business plan.

"We've explored the commercialisation potential, and worked to ensure that the product we're developing corresponds with what the customers want," says Nevland (picture to the right).

He explains they have mapped a world market characterised by a number of players but with a limited range of available statistics and controls. "We found a lot of gut feeling in the decision base among many buyers of oil spill response equipment, but have identified potential competitors and suppliers as well as a global industry network."

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Your editor thanks Marianne Henriksen of the Norwegian Coastal Administration for sharing this report with our members and readers.

Incident reports from around the world (listed in chronological order)

USA: FUEL PIPELINE SUPPLYING TO JFK AIRPORT RUPTURES IN NEW YORK

March 10 - A fuel pipeline that supplies to the John F. Kennedy airport ruptured in East New York on Thursday, potentially affecting fuel supply to the airport.

The leak has been isolated, the fire department said, adding that there were no injuries or evacuations due to the incident. Authorities are yet to confirm if it is a jet fuel or natural gas pipeline, but media reports suggest it is jet fuel. *Reuters* [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

TAIWAN, CHINA: VIDEO: CONTAINER SHIP GOES AGROUND OFF TAIWAN

The Taiwanese container ship TS Taipei went aground off the coast of New Taipei, Taiwan on Thursday; authorities have not yet reported the cause. Her 21 crew were rescued by helicopters of the National Airborne Service Corps. First responders could not approach the vessel by watercraft due to rough conditions.

The Coast Guard Administration said that the ship was leaking oil, and that they had put down a containment boom, media reported. They did not release the amount of the spill or the quantity of bunkers aboard. *The Maritime Executive* [Read more](#)

USA: IOWA - OFFICIALS SAY GASOLINE SPILL APPEARS TO BE CONTAINED

March 11 - An unknown amount of gasoline has reached a drainage ditch in Sioux City near the Magellan Pipeline tank farm.

The company reported the release Friday morning after discovering a leaking pipe between tanks at their Sioux City bulk petroleum facility. The release point was outside their containment area, allowing fuel to soak into the ground with some flowing into an unnamed tributary of the Floyd River. *KCCI.com* [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

USA: NEW YORK - HUDSON RIVER TUG BOAT CRASH: ONE DEAD, TWO MISSING, AND OIL SPILLING INTO RIVER

March 12 - One man is dead and at least two people are missing in a tug boat crash on the Hudson River between Rockland and Westchester counties, reports CBS. The river crash happened at 5.20 a.m. on 12 March. The 90-foot tug, named the Specialist, crashed into a river barge near the Tappan Zee Bridge. The victims of the crash have not been named.

One person was "pulled from the crash at around 5:30 and was pronounced dead once on shore, according to officials. At least two others are still missing..." The boat has sunk 40 feet into the river since the crash. It was on its way down the Hudson River from Albany to Jersey City. The Coast Guard and the New York Police Department both have teams at the scene.

Large tug boats such as the Specialist can carry between 90,000 and 190,000 gallons of fuel, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association. Approximately 5,000 gallons of oil from the stricken boat has already leaked into the Hudson River and a "spill team" is on its way to the crash scene. *Imqisitr* [Read more](#) [gCaptain](#) [The Maritime Executive](#)

Incident reports from around the world (continued)

USA: MOL CAR CARRIER LEAKS OIL IN LOS ANGELES HARBOR



Photo: Workers continue clean-up efforts at site of the oil spill from the Istra Ace tanker at the Port of Los Angeles. Oil can be seen on the surface in the foreground. (Credit: California Fish and Wildlife)

March 15 - The U.S. Coast Guard and California Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response are investigating an oil spill from a Bahamas-flagged car carrier that occurred on Sunday in the Los Angeles Harbor.

Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach command center received a report at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, of an unknown quantity of oil in the vicinity of the 577-foot cargo ship, Istra Ace. The ship was reported to have been leaking heavy fuel in the Cerritos channel at Berth 198, with oil also observed throughout portions of Cerritos Channel.

The Istra Ace is owned by Japanese shipping company Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL).

A unified command has been established that includes the Coast Guard, California Fish and Wildlife, and the responsible party. Coast Guard investigators from Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach, along with members of California Fish and Wildlife, Los Angeles Port Police and Los Angeles County Fire are assisting in the investigation and monitoring of the area. [gCaptain](#) [Read more](#) Another report: [Daily Breeze](#)

USA: OIL SPILL, TANK FIRE AT PLATFORM IN LOUISIANA

Photo; Platform on fire, Image courtesy USCG Eighth District

March 16 - Authorities are responding to a fire on a defunct oil production platform near Bayou Sorrel, Louisiana. The U.S. Coast Guard, state and local agencies, salvage firms and spill response contractors are on site and monitoring the blaze.

A crude oil tank on the platform caught fire on Tuesday morning; as of Tuesday evening, two tanks were on fire, the USCG said. Two workers were on the platform at the time of the incident, but were apparently uninjured.

One of the tanks has partially collapsed, local media reports, spilling an unknown volume of oil into the water; the Coast Guard reports that the tanks contain in the range of 33,000 gallons of crude (about 800 barrels). [The Maritime Executive](#) [Read more](#)



Other news reports from around the world (countries listed in alphabetical order)

CANADA: MINISTER GARNEAU ENDORSES INNOVATIVE AWARENESS TOOL FOR FIRST RESPONDERS DEALING WITH FLAMMABLE LIQUID EMERGENCIES



Photo: (L-R), the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, Paul Boissonneault, President, Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, and Brad Herald, Vice President of Western Canadian Operations, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers appear at a press conference together. At the event, Minister Garneau endorsed a new awareness tool for first responders dealing with flammable liquid emergencies.

March 17 - Today, the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, endorsed an online awareness tool aimed at helping first responders deal with flammable liquid emergencies.

The awareness tool, which is available free of charge in English and French, helps first responders to assess hazards at the scene, to know who to contact and what resources are available, and to understand how to

Other news reports from around the world (continued)

respond appropriately and safely. It also addresses knowledge gaps identified by the Transport Canada's Emergency Response Task Force following requests from municipalities and first responders in the aftermath of the Lac-Mégantic tragedy.

The new tool was developed by Enform, Canada's oil and natural gas safety association, and was funded in part by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, in partnership with the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, Transport Canada, and key members of the Task Force. *Government of Canada* [Read more](#)

Related Product: Online Awareness Tool: [Emergency Preparedness for Rail Incidents Involving Flammable Liquids in Canada](#).

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NIGERIA: IRATE YOUTHS DISRUPT ACTIVITIES AT EXXONMOBIL EKET OVER OIL SPILL COMPENSATION

March 17 - Angry youths in Eket LGA of Akwa Ibom, on Thursday disrupted activities at ExxonMobil, in protest over non-payment of money as palliative for oil spill recorded in the community since 2011.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), reports that the youths disrupted activities at Mobil Airstrip as well as the company's housing estate. Numbering over 100, the youths carried placards with inscriptions such as "ExxonMobil release our Money," "Regina Udobong please our money," "ExxonMobil enough is enough." *Premium Times* [Read more](#)

UK: WEYMOUTH HARBOUR TO CARRY OUT OIL SPILL EXERCISE

March 15 - Weymouth Harbour is set to carry out an Oil Spill Incident Management Exercise on Tuesday 22 March. The intention of the exercise is to test the capability and processes for responding to an oil spill which could occur in the case of a collision, grounding or other incident. *Dorset for you* [Read more](#)

USA: NEW ESA REGULATIONS EXPAND IMPACT OF "CRITICAL HABITAT" DESIGNATIONS

March 14 - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service have significantly revised their critical habitat regulatory program under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The changes, two new rules and one new policy, increase agency discretion to designate habitat currently unoccupied or infrequently used by the listed species, increase the likelihood that activities will result in an adverse destruction finding and generally will expand the impact of the ESA on private lands. *Holland & Knight* [Read more](#)

USA: HONOLULU - 6 SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED BY THE NAVY FOR RED HILL FUEL STORAGE

March 17 - The Navy is weighing six options for ramping up safety at large underground aviation fuel tanks near Pearl Harbor, federal and state officials said in a report issued Monday.

To comply with an agreement reached with the Environmental Protection Agency and the state Department of Health, the Navy is required to make improvements to its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility in the wake of the release of 27,000 gallons of fuel from Tank 5 in January 2014. Samples from nearby water-monitoring wells indicated a spike in hydrocarbons.

The incident touched off community outcry about the potential for the contamination of Oahu's groundwater supply. While testing shows drinking water sources nearest the Red Hill tanks to be free of petroleum contamination, city water officials worry the fuel could eventually migrate into the city's water wells. *Military.com* [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

USA: GULFQUEST TO SHOW DOCUMENTARY ABOUT DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL AND EFFECTS ON THE GULF

March 17 - As the world's only museum dedicated to the Gulf of Mexico, it is fitting that GulfQuest/National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico will host the state of Alabama premiere of Dispatches From the Gulf, a new documentary that follows teams of scientists as they investigate the Deepwater Horizon oil spill's effect on the world's ninth largest body of water. *Wkrg.com* [Read more](#)

USA: TAMU-CC STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO RESPOND IN OIL SPILL SCENARIO

March 17 - Students from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi took advantage of a new vessel for oil response training. In February, the Corpus Christi marina brought in the Multiple Emergency Response Vessel, or MERV, from Louisiana. The MERV is an expandable boat that has a multitude of abilities, from debris collection to water rescue and large object retrieval.

Other news reports from around the world (continued)

On Thursday, students with the [National Spill Control School](#) at the Island University used the vessel for training in case there is an oil spill. For more information about the MERV, visit our previous story on the vessel's capabilities, [by clicking or tapping here](#).
KRISTV.com [Watch the video](#)

USA: CROWLEY LOSES ALYESKA BID

March 17 - Florida-based Crowley Marine Services has lost a bid to continue to provide tanker escort and oil spill prevention and response services in Valdez and Prince William Sound when its current contract expires June 30, 2018.

Crowley has provided marine services in Prince William Sound for Alyeska since 1990, and prior to that the company provided tanker docking services in Valdez beginning with the startup of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline in 1977. The company says that despite bidding aggressively for the Ship Escort/Response Vessel System (SERVS) contract extension, Crowley was not chosen by Alyeska to retain the entire scope of the current contract. *gCaptain* [Read more](#)

People in the news

UK: NEW SEPA DEPUTY CHAIR APPOINTED



March 10 - The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) welcomes the Scottish Government's formal confirmation that Professor Lesley Sawers has been appointed as SEPA's new Deputy Chair. Lesley has been a SEPA Board member since 1 January 2012.

SEPA Chair, Bob Downes, said "I am delighted Lesley has been appointed SEPA Deputy Chair. She has been a valued Board member and colleague for many years, and brings a wealth of experience to the role from across the private, public and voluntary sectors, with particular strengths in economics, business, and communications. Lesley has been especially influential in helping develop and implement SEPA's equality duties and women into leadership initiatives. I look forward to continuing to work closely with her in establishing SEPA as a world-leading, 21st century environment protection agency." [SEPA](#)

ISCO news

UPDATED APPLICATION FORM FOR PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP OF ISCO NOW AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOADING

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All members are reminded that the publication of the ISCO Newsletter and other activities and services provided by the organization depend on the regular receipt of annual membership dues from our members.

SHORELINE CLEAN-UP – PART 10

A short series of articles contributed by Mark Francis of Oil Spill Solutions



Mark Francis has been involved with the oil industry since 1975. He attended his first oil spill in 1976, the Tanker Elaine V incident. He became head of response for inland spills within the UK for British Petroleum E & P in 1980 for 10 years responding to well, storage tank and pipeline spills throughout the UK. Over the next 25 years he continued to build his international operations experience and has also specialised in spill response training, delivering IMO and other courses in more than 20 countries.

Shoreline Types (continued)

In-situ Pit Washing of Oiled Cobbles

Pit washing was used for the first time during the Sea Empress incident to clean cobbles.

Large pits were dug to hold between 50 and 100 tonnes of material and lined with a heavy duty plastic liner. Cobbles were added and washed under high pressure water and an approved de-oiling agent (surface cleaner).



Oil could then be skimmed off the surface of the pit and the cleaned cobbles returned to the beach.

In some cases sunken skips were used as the pit. It should be noted that this method of cleaning cobbles removes only the bulk of the oil.

The remaining stained cobbles were not returned to the surface of the cobble zone but were buried to prevent re-oiling.

Shingle



The same problem of penetration exists as with cobbles.

Surf cleaning, pit washing and concrete mixing lorries can be used to great effect, though it was found that removing the fine material before washing reduced the cleaning time as it tends to retain the oil.

There is, as with all shoreline clean up, a need to stop before more damage than necessary is caused and nature is allowed to take over.

In sheltered areas bio-remediation has been tried by applying nutrients in the shoreline or spraying gelled versions, this is not a fast process but enhances the natural cleaning process.

Do's and **Don't's** are as for Cobbles (see Part 9 in last week's ISCO Newsletter)

Special feature (continued)

Shingle Washing Operations

During the Sea Empress incident in Wales, UK 1996 these innovative clean-up techniques proved very useful.

Creating the opportunity to try innovative techniques comes from governments that have unfortunately had many large oil spills to clean up in recent years and are therefore open to trying different ideas.



Washing stations were set up at several locations.

These were established from readily available equipment such as cement mixers, skips, temporary tanks, conveyors and scaffolding.

Oiled material was fed into a lorry-mounted cement mixer and seawater with an approved de-oiling agent, or occasionally diesel, added.

However, later operations stopped the use of either de-oiling agents or diesel as it was found that these were not necessary.

Operating the cement mixer agitates the material and loosens the oil.

The mixture is then left to separate.

The oily water is then run-off into watertight skips or tanks and the oil removed by surface skimmers.

The cleaned shingle was then returned to the beach where it came from.

Treatment rates depend on the degree of oiling, the capacity of the cement mixer and the number of cement mixers used.

Cement mixers typically have a nominal capacity of 10 tonnes and, with a treatment cycle of 2 hours, some 50 tonnes per day can be treated.

However, more recent work suggests that treatment cycles of this length may not always be necessary.



To be continued in next week's newsletter

Note from Editor: This article was originally created for training course purposes. Having contributed the article for publication in the ISCO Newsletter, Mark Francis wishes to acknowledge sources that provided information that he used in compiling this and future episodes in this series. In the sections dealing with shoreline types, the do's and don'ts were taken from Concawe report no. 9/81 Field Guide to Coastal Oil Spill Control and Clean-up Techniques and the tables are based on some found in the Field Guide for Oil Spill Response in Arctic Waters prepared for the Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response Group.

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Events

NIGERIA: UPDATE ON CLEAN NIGER DELTA CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

Letter received from Paul Obukey Omu, President of the Conference Organising Committee

Dear Distinguished ISCO Members,

As you already know, the proposed Clean Niger-Delta Conference and Exhibition was supposed to hold on the 29th – 31st of March, 2016 at the International Conference Centre, Abuja, Nigeria in collaboration with The National Oil Spill Detection & Response Agency (NOSDRA) supported by your esteemed organization The International Spill Control Organization (ISCO).

Unfortunately, at this juncture the event has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances and the current economic woes in the country Nigeria, however we will use this time to put certain measures in place we may have overlooked to bring you an outstanding event worthy of your presence. We are sorry for any inconveniences this may have caused.

New dates and venue will be announced as soon as possible, the event will hold as planned with slight changes in the event schedules and a far better concept. Registration is still open and discount for both registration and Exhibition is now 15% for ISCO Members.

I will like to encourage you my fellow ISCO members to come out to support the event either by just attending, exhibiting or sponsoring, what we are doing is in line with what we all signed up for to become members of this great organization, the benefits of being part of this event is second to none as the government has now decided to kick-start the clean-up process in the Niger-Delta Region as recommended by UNEP in their report, this translates to opportunity.

For more information visit the website and register for updates at www.cleannigerdelta.org.ng You can also call me personally for a one on one if you so wish at +234-817-459-1438.

Once again we are sorry for any inconveniences and we are looking forward to your support. Thank you.

Best Regards,
Paul Obukey Omu
President of the Conference Organizing Committee

AUSTRALIA: NATIONAL LAUNCH OF BULK TANKER EMERGENCY RESPONSE VIDEO

The Hon Duncan Gay, NSW Minister for Roads, will perform the national industry launch of the Fire & Rescue NSW Video "BULK TANKER EMERGENCY RESPONSE" on Friday April 22nd at the FRNSW Training College 189 Wyndham Street Alexandria NSW. The official launch will be at 11.00AM

This first class video, which was filmed, by FRNSW, at the TISC Canberra Training Complex highlights how the various emergency services inter-react at a bulk tanker incident scenario. It places strong emphasis on the importance of the CROIERG Training Courses for industry emergency responders. It also strongly highlights the Bulk Tanker Emergency Responder Card

FRNSW/CROIERG and TISC will be issuing invitations to attend this official national video launch
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INDIA: OIL SPILL INDIA 2016 – COMMENT FROM SHRI DEEPAK SHETTY, IRS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SHIPPING & ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

"At the outset, I hereby convey my compliments to the Conference Chairman, Global Brand Ambassador & members of the Advisory Board of the Oil Spill India (OSI) - 2016, on the launch of the 4th edition of the OSI Conference slated to be held in August 2016 at Mumbai.

Oil Spill India has now come a long way since its inaugural take-off four years ago. I am confident that the OSI will go from strength to strength as years roll by. The theme of the upcoming conference 'Commitment, Synergy & Excellence' is extremely

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contemporary, topical and futuristic. The sheer scale of maritime incidents like oil spills are so daunting & challenging that we need to collectively push the frontiers of cutting-edge technology and innovation that will drive synergies in planning, prevention, response, containment & restoration efforts to redress, mitigate & pre-empt such incidents, going forward. While technology, knowledge & innovation are the need of the hour, there is a compelling imperative for capacity building / human resource development and creation of a very calibrated & dispersed awareness.

There is a multitude of stakeholders who need to be on board this vital national disaster response preparedness mission. To be fore-armed is to be fore-warned. In the run-up to the event it is extremely crucial that there is mass dissemination of information & awareness about this theme as the same is at a discount, largely. Looking at the climate change forces & dynamics at play, globally, the future generations will clearly hold us as having been derelict if we do not contribute individually & collectively towards the cause of environmental protection. While I look forward to the OSI Conference in August 2016, please be assured that as the National Maritime Administration of India, the Directorate General of Shipping, Govt. of India will be more than happy to collaborate and partner with the OSI 2016. I exhort all the stakeholders involved in this extremely challenging, complex task and convey my best wishes for the success of this event”.

Shri Deepak Shetty, IRS, Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.

[Read more about Oil Spill India in the OSI 2016 Newsletter](#) [OSI India Website](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS SUMMARY

COUNTRY	2016	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
For more information click on Title of Event			
SAO TOME	Mar 21-24	National Workshop on Contingency Planning	Sao Tome
AUSTRALIA	Mar 22-23	2nd Dangerous Goods Conference	Perth
CANADA	Mar 23-24	8th Arctic Shipping Summit	Montreal
NIGERIA	Postponed	Clean Niger Delta Conference	Abuja
USA	April 5-7	2016 SCAA Annual Meeting & Conference	Washington
JAPAN	April 7-8	NOWPAP 14th CEARAC Focal Points Meeting	Toyama
NORWAY	April 11-13	SPE HSSE&SR Conference and Exhibition	Stavanger
GUINEA	April 12-15	National Workshop on Contingency Planning	Conakry
UK	April 18-22	IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee	London
UK N. Ireland	April 19-21	ISAA Training Days 2016	Enniskillen
FRANCE	April 20	CEDRE Information Day – Volunteers in OSR	Paris
AUSTRALIA	April 22	Launch of Tanker Emergency Response Video	Alexandria NSW
UK	April 25-27	IOPC Funds Meetings	London
UK	April 26	UK Spill Meeting, Dinner and Annual Awards	London
USA	April 27	Oil Train Safety Symposium	Washington
USA	April 27-29	APICOM Spring Meeting	Galveston, TX
AUSTRALIA	May 2-6	Spillcon 2016	Perth, WA
CABO VERDE	May 9-12	National Workshop on Contingency Planning	Praia
CROATIA	May 10-15	ADRIASPILLCON 2016	Opatija
UAE	May 17-18	Offshore Arabia Conference & Exhibition	Dubai
UK	May 17-18	Edie Live - Sustainability and Resource Efficiency	Birmingham
RUSSIA	May 18-20	13th POMRAC Focal Points Meeting	Vladivostok
CURACAO	May 19-20	RAC/REMPEITC-Caribe Steering Committee Mtg.	Curacao
NIGERIA	May 23-25	National W'shop on Spill Compensation & Modelling	Abuja
NETHERLANDS	May 24-26	Bon Agreement WG on Counter Pollution Activities	Scheveningen
CANADA	June 7 - 9	AMOP Technical Seminar	Halifax
LITHUANIA	June 20-22	Exercise Balex Delta 2016	Klaipeda
USA	June 21-23	Clean Pacific Conference & Exhibition	Seattle. WA
INDIA	August 11-12	Oil Spill India	Mumbai
INDIA	Sept. 22-24	India Clean Seas Conference 2016	Goa
UAE	October TBA	EI Middle East HSE Technical Forum	Abu Dhabi
UK	October 18	UK Spill – Spill Science Seminar	Southampton
MALTA	November 2-3	JOIFF Fire & Explosion Hazard Mgmt. Conference	St. Julians

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Job vacancies

VACANCIES AT ITOPF

March 15 - ITOPF is currently advertising for a PA and a Team Secretary to join its team based in London.

See our [Careers page](#) for further information.



Company news

CONTAINMENT DRAIN SYSTEM FROM ISCO MEMBER, IMBIBER BEADS ASSISTS SPILL PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND COUNTERMEASURE (SPCC) COMPLIANCE



Imbiber Beads® point source control, gravity fed drain protection systems, allow water to pass, but automatically seal leak the path when contacted by compatible oils, fuels & solvents.

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ISCO MEMBER, CRUCIAL INC. TURNS 25

ISCO congratulates Crucial Inc. on its 25th Anniversary !

A message from Crucial - From the frigid waters of Alaska to the warm water of the Gulf of Mexico and everywhere in between, CRUCIAL has been there! We would like to personally thank all of the loyal customers over the last 25 years who have made this experience so rewarding.



CRUCIAL INC., specializes in manufacturing and distributing products for containment/recovery of floating waste/tramp oils generated in industrial processes or accidental oil spills. A complete line of oil skimmers (mop, disc, drum or weir) provides a wide range of recovery capabilities. Ancillary equipment includes oil sorbents, containment boom, turbidity/silt curtains, containment pools/bladders, and oil spill response packages. Website: <http://www.crucialinc.com/>

FASTANK HAS BECOME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ISAA



Fast Engineering Ltd., the manufacturer of the world-renowned portable tanks has just joined the International Spill Accredited Association as an Associate Member <http://fastank.com/>

Associate Membership of ISAA is open to individuals and organisations that are not themselves eligible as full members (Accredited Spill Response Organisations or Accredited Training Providers) but wish to support the objectives and work of the Association. More info contact info@spillcontrol.org

UK & IRELAND: NEW AWARD OF ISAA ACCREDITATION

SPILL ASSIST LTD., based in Armagh, Northern Ireland has successfully completed an oil spill response accreditation assessment and has been awarded certification for Freshwater Level 1, Groundwater Level 3 and On-Land Level 3 (FW1, GW3, OL3) <http://spillassist.com/>



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