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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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ISCO AGM TO BE HELD AT CLEAN PACIFIC

ISCO's 2018 AGM will be held at 1715 hrs. on Tuesday 19th June during the Clean Pacific Conference and Exhibition, Oregon, USA. See ISCO News on Page 8 for more details.

IMO FORUM LOOKS AT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMO

Under the theme IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future, two panels of experts led stimulating debates at a forum held at IMO Headquarters (15 May).

Moderated by shipping journalist Richard Clayton, the forum discussed IMO's role in the future of shipping and international trade, with hundreds tuning in worldwide via online participation and hundreds of people submitting their questions to the panel, from Colombia to Indonesia.



Fascinating insights were shared by the panel, "I see tremendous opportunities for change in the industry where IMO will have to be agile and collaborate with partners to make the most of it" declared Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen, Chief Executive at DNV GL Group. Meanwhile, Diane Gilpin, Founder CEO at Smart Green Shipping Alliance said "as an industry, we must harness the power of renewables, that is the future", making a clear point about how to meet the challenges faced by the maritime industry. The forum was organized as part of a series of events for [World Maritime Day 2018](#), which celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Organization. [Click for photos - Listen to the debate](#)

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MAPPERS LOOK TO CHART WORLD'S OCEAN FLOOR BY 2030

May 22 - Using data collected from underwater drones, merchant ships, fishing boats and even explorers, a new scientific project aims to map the ocean floor by 2030 and solve one of the world's enduring mysteries.

With 190 million square km (73 million square miles) of water – or about 93 percent of the world's oceans with a depth of over 200 meters (650 feet) – yet to be charted, the initiative is ambitious.

Satinder Bindra, director of the Seabed 2030 project, said the work can be completed within the period and will shed light on everything from tsunami wave patterns to pollution, fishing movements, shipping navigation and unknown mineral deposits.

"We know more about the surface of the Moon and Mars than our own backyard. This in the 21st century is something that we are working to correct," Bindra told Reuters.

"For too long now we have treated our own oceans as a forgotten frontier."

The project is a collaboration between Japan's philanthropic Nippon Foundation and GEBCO, a non-profit association of experts that is already involved in charting the ocean floor. GEBCO operates under the International Hydrographic Organization and UNESCO, the United Nations cultural agency. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

REPORT FROM OSRL ON THE 13TH INTERNATIONAL EFFECTS OF OIL ON WILDLIFE CONFERENCE

May 22 - Daniela Barreras Biesot, Consultant / Senior Spill Response Specialist reports on the 13th International Effects of Oil on Wildlife Conference - Baltimore 7th -10th May.

"The EOW conference had always been on my mind since I joined the Wildlife working group in OSRL but the last one in 2015 was too far away (Alaska) to justify a flight over there. This year I thought I was going to miss it again but somebody suggested (the day before the deadline for abstract submissions!) that we should try to present in the conference a paper explaining the improvements in our wildlife equipment and the water filtration systems and, with a bit of effort and an allowance to present the abstract a couple of days after the deadline, we made it: abstract accepted and poster to be presented at the conference!

I attended 5 full days of very active workshops, numerous talks, well organized poster sessions, interesting discussions and roundtables and lots of people sharing their wildlife knowledge and professional experiences. Not to forget the horrible American tea and the amazing last day's strolling banquet in the National aquarium!

From day 1 I knew I would be requested to write an Intranet article once back in the office so I started thinking on the best way of writing it up and I thought sharing some of my notes on things that stood out from the conference/talks/workshops for me and that I thought might be interesting for somebody else (individuals, departments, SME groups, etc.). If you find yourself targeted in some of my notes and you think you would like more information please contact me!"

Workshop 1: Wildlife Response Planning, standards for Industry preparedness. (#WildlifeGroup)

Main Challenges and Roadblocks for Oiled Wildlife Response (OWR) Organizations are: the lack of understanding of wildlife response components, the lack of commitment of industry, lack of funding, OWR Plans developed by individuals with lack of expertise in OWR, the high diversity of species and habitats makes planning and response unique, wildlife sits at the bottom of the priorities list, the infrequent wildlife impact leads to lack of experience and the poor clarity in legislative requirements, among others.

Importance of establishing a hotline in the first 24-48h.

The keys for a successful OWR are quite similar to our OSR priorities: planning and preparedness, drills and exercises, training local resources, a rapid wildlife response activation and the use of deterrence operations in the first 48h.

Workshop 2: Oiled wildlife response 201 -Intermediate response preparedness (#IMSSME)

In the USA, the wildlife response gets fully embedded in the ICS organization which clearly supports the 'what' needs to be done, by whom, where, who needs to be communicated and how to proceed.

High complexity of the Wildlife Branch (roles and responsibilities)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS (CONTINUED)

We reviewed all the ICS structure in a spill response and it was interesting to see how Wildlife will have an interaction with each of the different ICS positions: ops section chief, safety officer, air operations branch director, on-water and shore-side recovery groups, SCAT teams, resources request, finance, etc. [OSRL / Continue reading: Conference Presentations and Closing Plenary Session](#)

UNESCO OUTLINES SARGASSUM AND OIL SPILLS MONITORING PROJECT FOR CARIBBEAN AND ADJACENT

May 23 - In recent years, the Caribbean region has faced challenges from oil spills and an influx of floating sargassum seaweed. Large-scale oil spill incidents have included an April 2017 spill at Pointe-à-Pierre, Trinidad and Tobago and a July 2017 oil spill in Kingston Harbor, Jamaica. Illegal dumping of oil-contaminated waste by ships operating in the region is also a common occurrence. An increase in the frequency and volume of sargassum beachings and coastal overabundance has caused another challenge for the region with mats preventing the deployment and retrieval of fishing gear and clogging popular beaches, harbors and bays.

Based on the amounts of sargassum detected in the Central West Atlantic and the Caribbean and in January – April 2018, researchers at the University of South Florida (USF) predict high amounts of sargassum in Caribbean in coming months.

To combat the issue, forty experts from various United Nations entities, academia, governments, private companies and international initiatives met at the Ministry of Education in Mexico City from May 2–4 to discuss the development of a region-wide system for monitoring and forecasting oil spills and sargassum. [Geospatial World / Read more](#)

INCIDENT REPORTS (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

BRAZIL: SWEDISH TANKER GROUNDING, AMAZON RIVER



May 17 - Product tanker WISBY ATLANTIC in the afternoon May 15 (local time) ran aground on a sandbank in Amazon river in 00 20N 050 37W, some 40 nm downstream from Macapa port, while proceeding upstream to Manaus port with 50,000 tons of fuel on board. Tanker was refloated in about six hours with the help of Macapa-based company's tug.

She was brought to anchor at Santana anchorage, Macapa, for inspection, but no leaks, no damages were reported so far. [Maritime Bulletin / Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

INDONESIA: PASSENGER SHIP AGROUND, 250 PASSENGERS EVACUATED

May 19 - Passenger ship BUKIT RAYA with some 250 passengers on board ran aground on reef or rock in Lapma Strait, Natuna Regency, Riau Islands South China sea, on May 18, while en route to Pontianak, western Kalimantan.

All passengers were evacuated, BUKIT RAYA was holed, water ingress reported.

Update: As of 0700 UTC May 19, she was reported as still aground, waiting for salvage, plan to be worked out in Jakarta. She was breached starboard underwater, or bottom, leak said to be minor. [Maritime Bulletin / Read more](#)

USA: FLORIDA - UP TO TWO TONS OF FERTILIZER SPILLED INTO CHANNEL LEADING TO TAMPA BAY, KINDER MORGAN REPORTS TO STATE

May 20 - As much as two tons of fertilizer accidentally spilled into a channel that leads to the upper part of Tampa Bay, according to a report sent Friday night to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

DEP spokeswoman Dee Ann Miller said the agency deployed an emergency response team to the site of the spill, where it worked to scoop as much of the water-soluble fertilizer out of the channel as possible.

Tampa Bay Times / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

KENYA: KDF TEAM DEPLOYED IN KIBARANI AFTER FUEL CARGO TRAIN DERAILS

May 20 - Kenya Railways cargo train ferrying fuel derailed at Kibarani early Sunday, completely cutting off Mombasa Island from the mainland.

KDF soldiers drawn from the Navy were deployed to man the Mombasa port through Kipevu gate and others at Kibarani where oil spilled.

Travelling in and out of the tourism hub was stopped following the incident but alternative routes were created through the port. [Daily Nation / Read more and watch video](#)

USA: NEW YORK - SEARCH ONGOING FOR CAUSE OF DIESEL SPILL ON THE HUDSON

May 21 - Update: This story has been updated with information from the U.S. Coast Guard and state environmental officials saying that it wasn't yet determined what caused the spill. The stench first caught the attention of Dutchtown residents walking along the Hudson River or living near the shoreline.

When the walkers and others looked out onto the majestic river early Sunday, they saw diesel fuel glistening off the water under the cool morning sun. They estimated the spill extended 30 to 40 feet out onto the water and had crept onto the shore.

A Tilcon New York tugboat initially was cited as a potential cause of the spill, but U.S. Coast Guard and state environmental officials have not made that determination. Tilcon stated the vessel did not cause the spill. "Tilcon New York Inc. has been engaged with authorities since the spill was reported and according to the United States Coast Guard, Tilcon New York Inc. is not responsible for the spill in the Hudson River," read a statement from the company.

Coast Guard spokeswoman Annmarie Gordon said Monday that investigators inspected the tugboat and no problems related to leaking fuel had been found. USA Today / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

NIGERIA: CRUDE OIL SPILL WRECKS HAVOC IN ODIMODI COMMUNITY

May 22 - A devastating oil spillage has occurred on the 24 inches Trans Ramos crude oil pipeline owned by Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), in Odimodi Community in Burutu Local Government Area of Delta state.

The crude oil spillage has already spread to over fifty communities under the Odimodi Federated Communities and others in the creek. OnLine Nigeria / [Read more](#)



INDONESIA: BURNING TANKER SET RIVER ON FIRE, INDONESIA VIDEO

May 25 - Fire erupted on board of tanker SRIKANDI 511, docked at Banjarmasin, south Kalimantan, Indonesia, at around 0200 LT May 25. By 0800 LT fire reportedly was under control or extinguished. Witnesses said they saw "river on fire", meaning that burning oil leaked from tanker into river and drifted downstream. At least 4 ships located downstream from SRIKANDI 511 were said to be damaged by burning fuel on the water. Information is rather sketchy at the moment, updates expected soon.

Maritime Bulletin / [Read more and watch video](#)

CANADA: REQUIREMENTS FOR OIL SPILL RESPONSE ORGANIZATIONS

May 23 - As part of the Oceans Protection Plan, the Government of Canada is strengthening Canada's oil spill preparedness and response regime. This includes reviewing the requirements for the response organizations that provide spill response services in Canada. We want to hear from you. Do you live or work on our coasts? Are you interested in how Canada prepares and responds to marine oil spills? We want your ideas on how we can enhance the regulations and standards for response organizations.

How to Participate

Read the [Discussion Paper](#) and join the discussion forum via the "Join the Conversation" tab below. To participate, click "register" at the top of the page or sign in; or send a written submission via the "Submissions" tab.

The Response Organizations Review - The review aims to enhance the regulations and standards for response organizations certified by Transport Canada. It will address a wide range of topics under five themes:

1. Recognizing local conditions and risks
2. Strengthening response times and capacity
3. Planning for cascading resources (e.g. bringing extra people and equipment from other regions)
4. Improving the federal government's certification process for response organizations
5. Improving public awareness and participation

After several major oil spills, including the Nestucca in 1988 and the Exxon Valdez in 1989, the Government of Canada commissioned the Public Review Panel on Tanker Safety and Marine Spills Response Capability. The panel's report and recommendations prompted the Government of Canada and industry to create Canada's current [Ship-Source Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Regime](#) in 1995. As part of this regime, industry established four response organizations in Canada to ensure there is a consistent level of preparedness in place for oil spill response.

While Canada has a strong oil spill preparedness and response regime, the current requirements for response organizations were developed over twenty years ago. Since then, environmental response planning in Canada has evolved. There is now a desire for risk-

based planning that takes Indigenous and coastal communities feedback into account. Transport Canada is inviting people across Canada to identify ways to improve the requirements for response organizations. Government of Canada / [Read more](#)

CANADA: ALBERTA REFUSES TO SIGN STATEMENT AT WESTERN PREMIERS MEETING

Photo: Sarah Hoffman answers questions during a federal, provincial and territorial health ministers' meeting in Toronto on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. , The Canadian Press/Christopher Katsarov

May 23 - Alberta has refused to endorse the official statement stemming from the western premiers meeting in Yellowknife because it didn't include support for the Trans Mountain pipeline.

The final communique deals with issues such as pharmacare and legalization of marijuana.

Alberta deputy premier Sarah Hoffman said without the wealth that would flow from the expansion of the pipeline, all discussions on such issues are moot.

"All of this costs money and we have one way to ensure we have that money and those resources, and that is for us to move forward with this project in the national interest. That's what I came here to do," said Hoffman, who was attending the meeting Wednesday in place of Premier Rachel Notley

"Unfortunately we didn't get consensus on Trans Mountain today."

Alberta sees the federally approved pipeline, which would triple the amount of oil flowing from Alberta's oilsands to the British Columbia coast, as key to unlocking lucrative overseas markets.

B.C. Premier John Horgan's minority government is fighting the expansion in court. The province is worried about the threat of a major spill and the capacity to clean it up. Bloomberg / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Marc Shaye, Hon. FISCO]

GREECE: POLYECO CONTEMPORARY ART INITIATIVE PRESENTS RESILIENT FUTURES

May 22 - An exhibition co-produced by Polyeco Contemporary Art Initiative (PCAI) and the Contemporary Art Center of Thessaloniki (CACT).

Polyeco Contemporary Art Initiative (PCAI) collaborates with the Greek State Museum of Contemporary Art in Thessaloniki and co-organizes Resilient Futures, a contemporary art exhibition which joins symbolically two of the most important ports of our country, that of Piraeus and that of Thessaloniki for the first time. From June 5 to September 23, the two cities are bridged through a unique art venture dedicated to video art and environmental awareness that includes works by prominent international artists.

The launch of this co-operation will take place on the World Environment Day on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 19:30, at the PCAI headquarters in Piraeus (Dervenakion 24, 185 45) through an art event, a unique prelude to the Thessaloniki exhibition. During the event Mr. Athanasios Polychronopoulos, Director of PCAI and Executive Chairman of Polyeco Group, and Mrs. Syrago Tsiara, Curator and Director of CACT, will talk about their cooperation. Visitors will also be able to enjoy video art works from the PCAI Collection and installations by Saskia Olde Wolbers, George Drivas and Efi Spyrou amongst others.

PCAI Event Attendance by Reservation Only at +302104060088, +306948500531 For more information contact Mrs. Kika Kyriakakou, PCAI Collection and Exhibitions Manager, at collectionmanager@pcai.gr

NIGERIA: POLLUTION: NNPC MUST ACCEPT RESEARCHERS' RECOMMENDATIONS – COMMUNITY

May 22 - Following the ground water contamination in Baruwa in Alimosho Local Government Area of Lagos State by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) leaking pipelines, the residents of the embattled community have called on the Federal Government and particularly the Group Managing Director of the corporation, Mr. Maikanti Baru, to implement the recommendations of the researchers from three universities that worked on the remediation of the community's water. New Telegraph / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: POLLUTION WORSENS AROUND SHELL OIL SPILLS IN NIGERIA

May 25 - Ruptured pipeline spilled thousands of barrels of oil into the Niger Delta in 2008 - The environmental damage around the site of two Royal Dutch Shell PLC oil spills in Nigeria a decade ago has worsened significantly after years of delay to cleanup efforts, according to a report that the oil giant has been accused of trying to shield from public view. Wall Street Journal / [Read more](#)



NIGERIA: DTHA URGES OKOWA TO INTERVENE IN ODIMODI OIL SPILLAGE



In the picture: Senator Ifeanyi Okowa

May 25 - DELTA State House of Assembly has adopted a resolution urging the state governor, Senator Ifeanyi Okowa to, as a matter of urgency, direct the Commissioner, Bureau for Special Duties, to send relief materials to Odimodi federated communities, following an oil spillage that occurred in the community.

The resolution was sequel to a motion moved under matters of urgent public importance by the member representing Burutu Constituency I, Chief Daniel Yingi, seconded by Chief Kennedy Daubry representing Burutu constituency II and adopted. Vanguard / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: OIL SPILL: NIGERIAN COMMUNITY CLAIMS WIN OVER SHELL AFTER UK COURT RULING

May 26 - A British judge ruled on Thursday that Nigeria's Bodo community, which has been involved in a protracted legal battle with Shell over the clean-up of two 2008 oil spills, should retain the option of litigation for another year.

Lawyers for Bodo had accused Shell of trying to kill off the legal case by seeking a court order that would have meant the community had to meet onerous conditions before it could revive its litigation, which is currently on hold.

A London High Court judge, J. Cockerill, ruled that the litigation should remain stayed until July 1, 2019, with no conditions attached should the Bodo community's representatives seek to re-activate it before then. Premium Times / [Read more](#)

USA: SPILL RESPONSE: BUSINESS PRACTICES TO CONSIDER BEYOND THE SPCC REQUIREMENTS

May 23 - At the Connecticut Business and Industry Association's (CBIA) 2018 Energy and Environment Conference, a panel of industry experts recommended several best practices and business strategies that companies should consider as part of their spill response preparation process beyond the mandatory Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) requirements.

Speaking to a room of business professionals, attorneys Rachel Rosen and Richard Fil and commercial and environmental insurance specialist Vincent Falcigno advocated a multifaceted approach to spill prevention and response that encompasses practical considerations, calculated business and legal strategies, and informed commercial insurance choices in order to manage risks, limit impacts, and improve community and government relations.

Rosen, of Burns & McDonnell, kicked off the presentation with a discussion of practical considerations that are vital to effective spill response but that frequently get overlooked by companies both large and small. By having the foresight to manage variables not regulated by the SPCC rules, businesses can increase efficiency, reduce confusion during a crisis, and minimize the monetary and legal consequences of potential spills. Her recommendations for attendees included:

- Periodically confirm relationships with on-call spill response contractors, the local fire department, and any environmental consultants or attorneys being retained before a spill event occurs to improve response time.
- Know your reporting requirements beyond those mandated by federal and state requirements, such as obligations to inform corporate entities, insurance companies, landlords, lenders, or parent companies.
- Create and post a one-page laminated guide for employees that lists emergency contacts, alternates, spill response assignments, and actions to take in the event of a spill.
- Plan for releases from sources not covered in an SPCC plan, such as equipment that does not routinely contain oil (e.g., chillers, circulators, pumps, relief valves, and secondary containment), delivery trucks, and sabotage.
- Use dedicated equipment when responding to and documenting a spill, such as a camera instead of a personal cell phone or designated field notebooks, to minimize the consequences and inconveniences of a subpoena in the aftermath of a spill.
- Quantify and record the amounts of product released and recovered—some agencies may reduce fines if enough product is successfully recovered.

Environment Compliance News / [Read more about the sensible and worthwhile recommendations made at this event.](#)

USA: NOAA PRESENTS BRONZE MEDAL AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER AWARDS

May 25 - NOAA presented Bronze Medal and Distinguished Career Awards Tuesday, May 22. Following a keynote address by Acting NOAA Administrator RADM Tim Gallaudet, NOAA leadership recognized award recipients.

For OR&R, the cross-divisional team of Chris Barker, Bill Lehr, Amy MacFadyen, Caitlin O'Connor, Jeff Lankford, Debra Simecek-Beatty, Dave Wesley, George Graettinger, and Robb Wright received the Bronze Medal "For completely redesigning, updating and integrating NOAA's oil spill response models and tools to efficiently support spill responders and planners."



Photo: Mary Baker, right, accepted the Distinguished Career Award “For excellence in leading and supporting more than 50 natural resource damage assessments in the course of 35 years, resulting in restoration of NOAA trust resources.”

Mary Baker accepted the Distinguished Career Award “For excellence in leading and supporting more than 50 natural resource damage assessments in the course of 35 years, resulting in restoration of NOAA trust resources.”

The Bronze Medal recognizes federal employees for superior performance and is the highest honor that can be granted by the NOAA Administrator while the Distinguished Career Award acknowledges significant accomplishments across all NOAA program areas and functions that have resulted in long-term benefits to mission and strategic goals.

For further information, please contact Tony.Penn@noaa.gov

[More news from NOAA in this week’s OR&R Weekly Report](#)

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

JOYCE MSUYA OF TANZANIA NAMED ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT UN ENVIRONMENT



May 21 - United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres today announced the appointment of Joyce Msuya of Tanzania as Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi, Kenya.

She will succeed Ibrahim Thiaw of Mauritania to whom the Secretary-General is grateful for his leadership and dedicated service during his tenure.

Ms. Msuya has since 2017 served as Adviser to the World Bank Vice President, East Asia and Pacific Region in Washington, D.C. She brings to the position more than 20 years of extensive experience in the field of international development spanning corporate, strategy, operations, knowledge management and partnerships, with diverse assignments in Africa, Latin America and Asia regions. UN Environment / [Read more](#)

CHAIRPERSON VANESSA ALLEN SUTHERLAND TO STEP DOWN FROM U.S. CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

May 21 - Chairperson Vanessa Allen Sutherland announced today that she will be stepping down and resigning from the position of Chair and Board Member of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board next month.

Chair Sutherland released the following statement: “I am saddened to leave the wonderful mission and incredible work of the CSB. This mission is unique and critically important because we are the only agency conducting independent, comprehensive root cause chemical incident investigations. As we continue to recognize the agency’s 20th anniversary of operations, we still have much work to do to achieve our vision of a nation safe from chemical disasters. And I am absolutely certain that this team, and future hires, will both excel in execution and outshine our prior efforts. I’m fortunate to have been a part of the work.”



The board members will be required to vote on an interim executive, unless and until the White House nominates and the Senate confirms a new Chairperson. CSB / [Read more](#) [More about Vanessa Allen Sutherland](#)

NEW PRESIDENT PLOTS COURSE FOR THE NAUTICAL INSTITUTE



May 24 - The newly elected President of The Nautical Institute, Captain Nick Nash FNI FRIN FRGS has pledged to help in its efforts to improve standards of shiphandling and bridge resource management (BRM).

Captain Nash is Senior Master for Carnival Corporation’s 144,000 GRT, 3650 passenger vessel the Royal Princess. He also teaches at the group’s simulator training facility in Amsterdam, where he is a part-time lecturer on BRM and Shiphandling. The Institute has recently published a Shiphandling logbook aimed at providing users with an essential tool to help them manage the development of their skills and take advantage of training opportunities.

“Shiphandling is probably the most important skill for mariners and one of the most difficult to practise,”

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said Captain Nash at the Institute's AGM in Malta. "It is very important to gain sea-time experience and develop shiphandling skills." Mariners using the logbook can record and reflect on their experiences, provide evidence of what has been learned, identify gaps and be encouraged to take opportunities to learn more.

Captain Nash also served as Vice-President and Senior Vice-President for The Nautical Institute and is an active and enthusiastic member of Council.

The AGM saw further changing of the guard. Captain James Robinson DSM FNI Irish Navy (Retired) handed over as Chairman of the Institute's Executive Board to Peter Hinchliffe OBE FNI and Captain Robbie Middleton FNI relinquished his role of Treasurer to Captain Duncan Telfer FNI.

The above is an extract from an email received from NI. For more information please contact Bridget Hogan, Director of Publishing and Membership, The Nautical Institute, +44 (0)20 7928 1351, bh@nautinst.org

KURT HANSEN, OHMSETT ADVOCATE RETIRES



The following item is from the OHMSETT Gazette – "Over the years Kurt Hansen, project manager for Oil Spill Prevention & Response at the U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development Center (RDC), has been a strong advocate of the Ohmsett facility. With 25 years and countless R&D projects behind him, Kurt retired from the USCG in March 2018. Kurt first began his career with the USCG R&D Center in 1993 conducting research for marine inspections of vessels in New Orleans and the Great Lakes, performed operational test and evaluations of the new 47-foot motor life boats, and risk-based decision making for commercial vessels.

In 1998 he was asked to help with conducting oil spill research because of his master's degree area of study. "My master's thesis was 'An Interactive Computer Model for Oil Spill Training' completed at the University of Rhode Island with the founders of Applied Science Associates [an environmental numerical modeling firm]," said Kurt. "I started in the R&D Center conducting oil spill research based partly on my knowledge of oil spill behavior and also due to the previous experts' planned retirement."

His oil spill research led to him conducting numerous projects at the Ohmsett facility. "My first project was in 1998 conducting tests on four fire booms, to see if they could still hold oil after being subjected to a burn test," commented Kurt. "I conducted all of the RDCs tests at Ohmsett from 1998-2012; and then alternated with Alex Balsley [project manager, USCG R&D Center] since then." The projects ranged from testing fast water response techniques, pumping systems, skimming systems, and a sample collection buoy; to the evaluation of sunken oil detection and recovery equipment, suspended oil detection, and an ice management system.

And what are some of the highlights from his work with Ohmsett? "The first time evaluating fire booms that had been previously burned at a test facility in Mobile, Alabama. Another would be the several times the Ohmsett staff constructed a sea floor on the bottom of the tank to test detection and recovery of non-floating oils.

At least one of the products we tested has been commercialized and was the cover feature in the January 2018 issue of Ocean News & Technology Magazine. "Kurt always challenges the manufactures and researchers to advance innovations and capabilities within the industry. He has pushed many aspects of all projects to the limits – with a smile!" said Dave DeVitis, Test Director at Ohmsett. "We'll miss his enthusiasm and openness in research projects; but not the mess he leaves behind!" The Ohmsett staff wishes Kurt all the best and hopes he enjoys every minute of retirement". <https://www.ohmsett.com/>

Note from Editor – Kurt has recently joined ISCO and has now set up his own consultancy. See report in issue 627 (ISCO News of 12th March). Kurt can be contacted at kurthanspe@gmail.com

ISCO NEWS

ISCO 2018 AGM

ISCO's 2018 AGM will take place during the Clean Pacific Conference and Exhibition on Tuesday 19th June at 5.15 pm. Details of the meeting room location and how to find it are awaited.

ISCO BOOTH AT CLEAN PACIFIC IS No. 319

ISCO President David Usher, Secretary Matthew Sommerville and Membership Director Mary Ann Dalgleish will all be there and are looking forward to seeing you.

THE EDUCATIONAL ROLE OF THE ISCO NEWSLETTER

The ISCO Newsletter has in the past published excellent serialised articles on such matters as inland spill response, aerial observation of oil spills, in-situ burning, etc. by respected experts including Dr Merv Fingas and Mark Francis. Your editor is currently looking for more interesting articles of this kind. If you think you can help, please get in touch. john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

USA: COAST GUARD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER TESTS UNDERWATER OIL BARRIER SYSTEM IN THE KALAMAZOO RIVER



Photo: A 25-foot section of inland underwater oil barrier is laid out on a dock prior to deployment, Monday, April 23, 2018, in Kalamazoo, Mich. The three-foot high barrier is made of PVC and X-Tex fabric, and is designed to let water flow through while trapping oil. Weighted chains and scour flaps prevent oil and sediment from flowing underneath the barrier. (U.S. Coast Guard Photo courtesy of Research and Development Center)

May 2 - Report from Lt. Charles Clark - U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development Center. Members of the Coast Guard Research and Development Center oil spill response research team were in Kalamazoo, the week of April 23 testing an underwater barrier system designed to mitigate the impacts of sunken oil traveling along a river bottom.

Mitigating or reducing the impact of oil is usually accomplished by minimizing the spread of oil on the river bottom and deflecting it, either to a collection area for recovery or away from sensitive areas. The underwater barrier system being tested in Kalamazoo was specifically designed for deployment in inland water bodies such as rivers, streams and small lakes.

Although no oil was used, the test provided an opportunity for RDC to deploy the barrier, monitor its effectiveness, and retrieve it. Some of the parameters that RDC monitored were the barrier's position, motion, sag, scour and tension over a period of 18 to 24 hours. Researchers deployed the barrier in the Kalamazoo River near the upstream region of Morrow Lake, and tested two different anchoring methods. The anchoring method is dependent on river depth, type of substrate of the river bottom, and resources available to oil spill responders at the time of an incident. Local U.S. Environmental Protection Agency representatives and the Northern Michigan regional director from the office of Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., observed portions of the test.

This is one of several efforts the RDC is undertaking to improve spill response capabilities for non-floating oil because of the increasing transport of oil sands and diluted bitumen, known as dilbit. Depending on environmental conditions and the type of oil spilled, oil can sink to the bottom of inland water bodies and travel with the current. DVIDS / [Read more](#)

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IOPC FUNDS VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE

May 23 - The Secretariat has developed an introductory video covering the role, structure and activities of the IOPC Funds, as well as an overview of the legal framework behind the international liability and compensation regime. The video is intended to provide a general introduction for those not familiar with the organisation and its work and brings all the basic information from reporting of contributing oil to the claims admissibility criteria together in one place. It is currently available in English and can be found under the [About Us](#) section of the website. French and Spanish versions will be made available very soon.

TAKE THAT LEAP – AN INSPIRING BOOK PUBLISHED BY A SCAA MEMBER WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO OUR SPILL RESPONSE INDUSTRY

May 25 - Abstract: In a very uncertain world, entrepreneurs like Nigel Bennett are our best hope for the future. During the thirty years he's been building a business to protect the world's most precious resource of water, he has been whacked on the side of the head as often as he's been nudged out of his comfort zone. His extraordinary journey from dyslexic high school graduate to global entrepreneur, adventurer and philanthropist has much to teach us about responsibility, freedom and the bravery that surfaces in moments when everything is on the line.

In 1992, Nigel co-founded Aqua-Guard Spill Response Inc. The business's mission: protect water, the world's most precious resource. For over twenty years, the company has designed, fabricated and supplied marine oil spill response equipment and provided related services to 3,000+ clients worldwide. Aqua-Guard's patented oil skimming technology has been used to clean up spills from Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico and from Egypt to China. Nigel and Aqua-Guard have received multiple awards for their innovation, business excellence and entrepreneurialism.

In his action-oriented autobiography "Take That Leap: Risking it all for what really matters" Nigel Bennett shares the many leaps he

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took on the way to becoming a successful entrepreneur and philanthropist, spouse and parent. Follow him as he moves between the intensity of extreme outdoor adventures and the intense work of starting, building and growing a successful international business dedicated to protecting water, the world's most precious resource. Discover some of the bigger leaps he and his fellow entrepreneurs make on the way to success, and what helps them nimbly cross any chasms. Learn how going for a life rhythm, rather than life balance can make it possible for you to:

- Leverage your business to do good in the world
- Travel and have extreme adventures doing so
- Spend tons of time with your family
- Give back through numerous philanthropic activities.

If you have an interest in designing your life around what you care about, you'll want to read "Take That Leap."

"Take That Leap" can be purchased on Amazon or at www.nigeljbennett.com Nigel is donating the proceeds to his listed charities: [View here](#). To see book launch video click here: <https://goo.gl/xZoSZC>

LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING & READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Alga Cronicle	News from Australia on Contaminated Land Remediation	February 2018
AMSA Aboard	News from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	December 2017
ATRAC Newsletter	News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre	April 2018 issue
Newsletter from George Holliday	News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday	On request email
Bow Wave	Sam Ignarski's Ezine on Marine & Transport Matters	Current issue
Cedre Newsletter	News from Cedre in Brittany, France	April 2018
CROIERG Enews	Canberra & Regions Oil Industry Emergency Response Group	October 2017
EMSA Newsletter	News from the European Maritime Safety Agency	May 2018 issue
EUROWA Newsletter	European Oiled Wildlife Response Assistance Module	October 2017
IMO News Magazine	News from the International Maritime Organization	Spring 2018 issue
IMO Publishing News	New and forthcoming IMO publications	April 2018
Intertanko Weekly News	International news for the oil tanker community	May 25, 2018
JOIFF "The Catalyst"	Int'l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management	Q2 2018 issue
Maritime Executive Magazine	Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community	March-April, 2018
MOIG Newsletter	News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group	April 2018 issue
NOWPAP Quarterly	News from the North West Pacific Action Plan	Quarter 2, 2017
NOAA OR&R	Weekly round-up of news from NOAA's Office of Response & Restoration	May 25, 2018
Ocean Orbit	Newsletter from the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation	August 2017
OCIMF Newsletter	News from the Oil Companies International Marine Forum	April 2018
OHMSETT Gazette	Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly	Spring 2018
PEMSEA E-Updates	Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas	April, 2018
Pollution Online Newsletter	News for pollution prevention & control professionals	May 23, 2018
Safe Seas, Clean Seas	Quarterly Newsletter from Maritime New Zealand	August 2017 issue
Salvage World	Quarterly Newsletter of the International Salvage Union	Current issue
Sea Alarm Foundation Newsletter	Oiled wildlife Preparedness and Response news from Sea Alarm	Spring 2018 issue
Spill Alert	Newsletter from the UK Spill Association	December 2017
Technology Innovation News Survey	News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination	April 1-15, 2018
Transport Canada Newsletter	News and articles re transport of dangerous goods in Canada	June 2017 issue
USA EPA Tech Direct	Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater	May 1, 2018

Your editor depends on regular receipt of updated links for listed publications. If these are not received, relevant entries may be discontinued

EVENTS

Towards the end of each month the ISCO Newsletter publishes a round-up describing events taking place in the next two months. Every week a Summary of Upcoming Events during following months is published in the ISCO Newsletter. Requests for inclusion of new entries should be sent to the Editor.

OIL SPILL INDIA 2018: CHANGE IN VENUE

May 21 – Urgent Communication received from Oil Spill India 2018 – "Greetings from Team OSI 2018. In continuation to your esteemed participation in OSI 2018, we would like to update you that OSI 2018 was scheduled to be held at "The Manekshaw Centre" New Delhi, a convention & exhibition centre under the Ministry of Defence, Govt of India.

Due to some unavoidable circumstances (possibly to host a Government Event involving a visiting State Head) at the Manekshaw Centre, we have been requested to shift the OSI 2018 event dates. Considering the majority of the participants have confirmed their participation, shifting of the conference dates was not feasible.

In view of the same, the advisory board of the Energy & Climate Initiatives Society (ENCIS) would like to inform you that the 5th edition of Oil Spill India 2018 is now scheduled to be held at "The Constitution Club of India", New Delhi.

EVENTS (CONTINUED)

The Constitution Club of India (CCI) located in the heart of New Delhi is a modern meeting, conventions, conferences & exhibition venue. With a modern large auditorium of over 600 pax capacity, 6 Convention Halls of various sizes, 2 State of the art Board Rooms, numerous executive lounges & sprawling green lawns, CCI is suited for a vast variety of events held here on on day to day basis. A stone's throw from the Indian Parliament House, the Constitution Club of India is thus preferred venue of choice for all high-profile conventions.

CCI also serves as one of the most important venues for past and present members of the Indian Parliament to interact and socialise over. Given its strategic importance as a club for Indian Parliamentarians & location exclusivity, the venue would ensure the highest levels of service to the 5th edition of Oil Spill India-International Conference & Exhibition.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may have caused but would like to assure the best of our services for a successful event at the new venue.

Please note our team will also be shortly sending the revised Hotel options (Premier 5 Star Hotels like The Shangri-La Eros, Le Meridien & Royal Plaza are at walking distance from the venue) for your kind reference & booking.

Should you require any further details, I would be pleased to personally assist you on the same,

Best Regards, Shalinder Chauhan secretariat@itenmedia.in

RESPONSE EVENTS DURING JUNE & JULY 2018

USA: NOAA SCIENCE OF OIL SPILLS CLASSES

Seattle, June 11-15. Helps spill responders increase their understanding of oil spill science when analyzing spills and making risk-based decisions. They are designed for new and mid-level spill responders. <https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/june-training-registration-open-oil-and-chemical-spill-responders>

USA: CLEAN PACIFIC CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION + CONCURRENT EVENTS

Portland, OR, June 19-21. Spill prevention and response for oil and hazardous materials in the marine and inland environment. **ISCO Members qualify for a \$50 discount on conference attendance – to register, click on the banner on Page 1 of the ISCO Newsletter.** <http://2018.cleanpacific.org/> Concurrent events include the ISCO AGM (June 19) www.spillcontrol.org and the Pacific States / British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force Meeting (June 19) <http://oilspilltaskforce.org/task-force-events/annual-meeting/>

MALTA: WORKSHOP ON SPILL INCIDENTS INVOLVING HNS

Valetta, June 20-21. The Regional Workshop on Response to Spill Incidents involving Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) (MEDEXPOL 2018) will be held at the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) premises in Valletta, Malta. <http://www.rempec.org/rempecnews.asp?NewsID=467>

UK: 4th PREMIAM CONFERENCE <http://2018.cleanpacific.org/>

London, June 21. Forum on Post Spill Monitoring - Effective post-spill monitoring – Sharing best practice and experience. See article in last week's ISCO Newsletter. <https://www.cefas.co.uk/premium/premium-conference-2018/>

USA: NOAA SCIENCE OF CHEMICAL RELEASES (SOCR) CLASS

Mobile AL, June 25-28. Science of Chemical Releases (SOCR) classes are designed to help spill responders and planners increase their understanding of chemical spill (release) science when preparing for and analyzing chemical spills, and making risk-based decisions to protect public health, safety, and the environment. <https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/june-training-registration-open-oil-and-chemical-spill-responders>

UK: INTERNATIONAL HARBOURMASTERS ASSOCIATION CONGRESS & EXHIBITION

London, June 25-28. Topics will include shipping industry perspectives on managing port of refuge scenarios, the future of IMO guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services, the relevance to harbour masters of entry into force of the BWM Convention, adapting to a changing climate, and the environmental impact of port operations with reference to air emissions.

<https://maritime.knect365.com/ihma-global-port-and-marine-operations/>

INDIA: OIL SPILL INDIA 2018 CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

New Delhi, July 5-6. **Note that the venue has changed (see announcement on Page 10)** One of the central goals of the Oil Spill India (OSI) Conference, conceptualized and founded in 2011 as an industry led global forum jointly in association with the Indian Coast Guard - The Central Coordinating Authority for combating oil spills in Indian waters & India's flagship Oil Producer The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC), is to partake with global stakeholders & reaffirm the Industry's commitment for the protection of the Environment; promoting responsible cultures to be incorporated at all levels, from the small communities where the industry operates and throughout their global businesses. <http://www.oilspillindia.org/event-info.php>

If we have omitted to include an event of interest to our community, please let us know.

UPCOMING EVENTS – AUGUST 2018 ONWARDS

COUNTRY	2018	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
For more information click on Title of Event			
SWEDEN	August 27-30	HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2018 spill recovery ex'cise	Karlskrona Area
UK	Sept. 12-13	9th Maritime Salvage & Casualty Response	London
UK	Sept. 12-13	Flood Expo	Birmingham
UK	Sept. 12-13	Spill Response Expo	Birmingham
SINGAPORE	Sept. 25-26	Salvage & Wreck Asia	Singapore
USA	October 1-3	Elastec's Annual Oil Spill Response Workshop	Carmi, IL
CANADA	October 2-4	AMOP Tech. Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response	Victoria, BC
UAE	October 2-4	El Middle East HSE Forum	Dubai
AUSTRALIA	October 2-4	Ecoforum Conference & Exhibition	Sydney
FRANCE	October 8-12	Sea Tech Week	Brest
UAE	October 9-10	RECSO EnviroSpill Conference & Exhibition	Abu Dhabi
CANADA	October 17-19	Arctic Shipping Forum N. America Conference	Newfoundland
UK	October 22-26	IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee	London
TURKEY	Nov. 6-8	Regional Workshop & Oil Spill Exercise	Istanbul
USA	Nov. 13-15	Clean Gulf Conference and Exhibition	New Orleans, LA
COUNTRY	2019	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
USA	April 16-18	Clean Waterways Conference	Cincinnati, OH
Australia	May 20-24	SPILLCON 2019 Conference and Exhibition	Perth

To request posting of an event of interest to the Spill Response Community please send details to the Editor

TRAINING

USA: OHMSETT - OIL SPILL RESPONSE STRATEGIES & TACTICS

August 14-17, 2018 Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Ohmsett | Leonardo, NJ <https://www.ohmsett.com/registration.html>

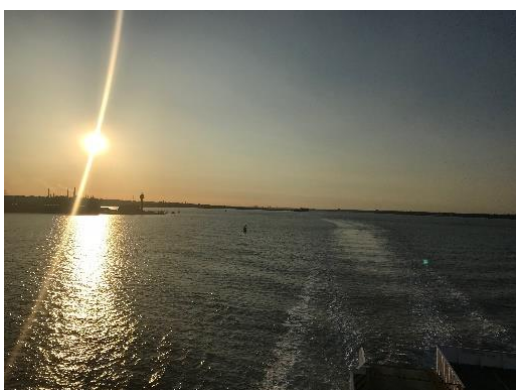
Course Topics:

- Factors affecting oil spill movement
- Fates & effects of spilled oil
- Oil skimmer & containment boom selection & use
- Booming & recovery strategies
- Site safety planning
- Incident Command System (ICS)
- Alternative response techniques
- Shoreline Characterization (Introduction to SCAT)
- And More!

Class size is limited to 16 students.



OSRL TRAINING - EXERCISE DIARY - THE FINAL RECKONING



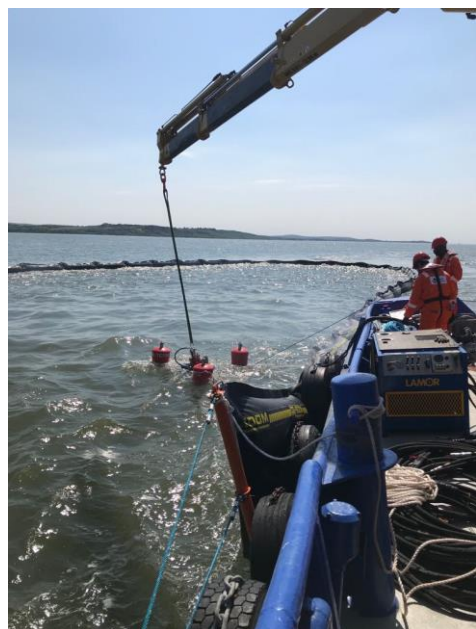
OSRL's Offline course is put in place to train new staff, like myself, in the world of oil spill response. This extensive 11-week course covers health & safety, spill management, offshore, shoreline, inland and surveillance monitoring when responding to an oil spill to name but a few. We learn both theory in the classroom and applying it then practically in the set environment.

This is my 5-day diary from our final week, giving us the ability to demonstrate what we have learnt over the past 10 weeks in a lifelike exercise. Although we had no idea what was in store for us everyone was excited and ready to get stuck in.

Monday

It was an early start with the mobilisation call coming in around 4:50 am. Within an hour once everyone had arrived, we were briefed on the spill information and immediately started listing down what was needed and next actions. When myself and the team first started gathering information and putting things like; assay sheets, marine charts and other oil spill concepts together it was brand new, now they were almost second nature.

After presenting our strategies to the ops team we took the feedback on-board and started loading the kit ready for a big week on the Isle of Wight.



Tuesday

We were split into two groups, one group conducted offshore operations and the other was on the shoreline. The shoreline group did a SCAT survey to get an overview of the geology, extent of oiling at the impact site and to make initial recommendations on a response strategy.

The offshore team set up the Ro-boom to collect oil and utilised the termite skimmer as a recovery device. AFEDO nozzles were also operated to demonstrate a fictional dispersant operation.



Wednesday

We were given the 204 ICS briefing document. The command tent was set up as the centre for our shoreline operations and our hot, warm and cold zones were designated.

Two cascade booms were set to collect oil and a Komara 7k skimmer was used to recover oil. Steve Storey also came to visit to see how we were getting on. Names were then put into a hat and randomly taken out to nominate shifts for a long night of boom watch.

Thursday

We were given the task to set up a horseshoe boom formation to contain oil remobilised by a low pressure high volume flushing operation. A minivac system was then used to recover the collected oil which went through a stage pumping system between two fastanks. In addition, we set up a damming site with the shore guardian boom to mitigate oil flowing down a beach stream. Paul Foley and Aaron Montgomery also came down to check out the site and see how we are going.



Friday

After a big week of operations and carting around boom bags everyone was glad to get on the early ferry and get back to the Southampton base. Once we arrived on base, we got changed one last time for the week to unload the kit ready for rehabilitation next week.

A big thanks to Deon Holdaway, Gabriel Gyamfi, Russell Hurst, Tessa Wharton, Johnathan Cook and Michael Scott for their support and guidance in our final Endex.

Written by Danial Lim

JOB VACANCIES WITH ISCO MEMBERS

VP SALES POSITION IN ISRAEL

HARBO Technologies, manufacturers of the first immediate spill blocking systems, is looking for a VP Sales star to boost and lead HARBO's sales. He/she will be in charge of achieving the company's sales objectives and managing all sales operations, including distribution and sale channels, global sales team hiring, pricing, sales collaterals etc. See more details [here](#).

Harbo Technologies is a Corporate Member of ISCO

COMPANY NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

LAMOR CORPORATION AND MERITAITO AGREE ON AN ASSET ACQUISITION



Meritaito Ltd. and Lamor Corporation Ab have concluded an agreement whereby Lamor will acquire Meritaito's oil spill response equipment operations marketed under the brand name SeaHow.

"We have worked well together in the oil spill response field, and this acquisition will strengthen and open up further new possibilities. Through this acquisition, we strengthen our product portfolio in terms of shallow water oil spill response. Meritaito's products are of high-quality and have excellent customer references. Through Lamor's sales network, these products can now be introduced into international markets", says Fred Larsen, President and CEO of Lamor Corporation.

"By using Meritaito's updated strategy, we can now focus on developing basic business operations and broadening our operations within these services. The asset acquisition concerns the manufacturing of oil spill response equipment and we will continue providing our oil spill response services as before", says Meritaito's CEO Hannu Ylärinne.

"The new generation of oil recovery equipment developed by Meritaito has demonstrated functionality in extremely challenging environmental conditions. The equipment supports Lamor's strong product family very well. It's great that Finland has a world-class oil spill response equipment manufacturer who supports worldwide sales success of well-proven equipment", says Ylärinne.

The acquisition will not affect the companies' employees.

Lamor Corporation and SeaHow Meritaito Ltd. are Corporate Members of ISCO



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