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ISCO AT THE 4TH ADRIATIC SPILL CONFERENCE – ADRIASPILLCON 2019



In the picture – On the left, Mr Vedran Martinic, Director of the Adriatic Training and Research Centre (ATRAC); On the right, Mr Kerem Kemerli, Member of the ISCO Executive Committee.

On behalf of ISCO, Darko Domovic, Council Member for Croatia, gave the welcome address at the opening of the ADRIASPILLCON Conference & Exhibition held in Opatija, Croatia. Member of the ISCO Executive Committee, Kerem Kemerli was also involved in the organisation of this very successful event.

AdriaSpillCon 2019 took place in Opatija, Croatia from 28 – 30 May 2019. The Conference was organized by ATRAC, under the auspices of the Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia.

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The AdriaSpillCon conference is organized every three years, and this year it gathered over one hundred participants from Croatia and all the countries in the Adriatic region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, Montenegro and Slovenia), as well as from other European countries. Among the participants were representatives of national and regional government, oil and maritime industry, independent experts, academic institutions, specialized companies and equipment producers.

The work of the Conference is supported by Primorje – Gorski Kotar county and the City of Opatija. Key international organizations that work on improving the preparedness and response systems to oil spills (IMO, REMPEC, EMSA, ITOPF, CEDRE, MOIG, IOPC Funds, ISCO, and IPIECA) also gave their support to the work of the Conference and participated in its programme as speakers / exhibitors.

The AdriaSpillCon conference highlights Croatia's key role in protecting the Adriatic sea from accidental marine pollution, not only in the Adriatic, but also in the international framework. Protecting the Adriatic marine environment, through prevention, preparedness and response to oil spills, is crucial for the Republic of Croatia, and therefore this Conference is a highly important event on a national and regional level. ATRAC / [Read more](#)

GLOBAL GOALS, OCEAN OPPORTUNITIES – REFLECTIONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OCEAN GOVERNANCE

June 8 – Editor: *The UN Ocean Opportunities Report was released this week at the Nor-Shipping Conference in Oslo. This interesting and thoughtful article from GARD comments on the role of Marine Insurance in the support of international conventions. As an example of the interaction between public and private governance and the role insurance plays in support of international conventions, the authors recall the part played by the Torrey Canyon spill in 1967 as a catalyst that led to the creation of two international liability and compensation treaties: The International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1969 (CLC 69) and the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage 1971 (1971 FUND).*

"While researching the intersection between insurance and public governance, we realized that there was much more to the private governance story following the Torrey Canyon spill. The beginnings of strict liability and reliable insurance for tanker spills was voluntary action by industry. Shortly after the Torrey Canyon disaster, seven major oil companies, who owned a high proportion of seaborne oil cargoes and operated a significant part of the world's tanker fleet, agreed upon the idea of an industry initiative in which tanker owners voluntarily accepted strict liability to pay compensation for oil pollution damage up to an amount limited by the tonnage of the tanker from which the spill originated.

The initiative was formalized in an agreement known as TOVALOP (the Tanker Owners Voluntary Agreement Concerning Liability for Oil Pollution). The International Group P&I Clubs agreed to extend cover for pollution liability under the agreement even though it was voluntary and not imposed by law.

The TOVALOP Agreement became fully effective in October 1969, when it had secured 50 per cent of the world's tanker tonnage as Members. Just six months later, this had risen to 80 per cent. A supplementary agreement called CRISTAL evolved from this initial voluntary agreement to provide a second layer of compensation payable by cargo owners.

These two voluntary schemes provided the basis for the development of the CLC and Fund Conventions and operated as an interim measure pending the widespread ratification of the Conventions. TOVALOP and CRISTAL have been retired and replaced by the CLC and Fund Conventions but the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF) which was originally set up to administer the schemes continues to provide expert support in promoting effective spill response. <https://www.itopf.org>

The United Nations Global Compact is a call to action to address today's critical challenges to ocean health and requires companies to step up as stewards of sustainable ocean practices.

The public and private cooperation in dramatically reducing ship source oil pollution from the high point in the 1970s can inspire us to take concerted action today against plastic pollution, over-fishing and green-house gas emissions that have been identified in the Ocean Opportunities Report as some of the principle threats to ocean health and human well-being".

You can read the complete text of this article at <http://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/27768522/global-goals-ocean-opportunities-reflections-on-public-and-private-ocean-governance>

MEETING OF THE CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENT ACTION PLAN AND CARTAGENA CONVENTION



In the photo: Habib El Habr (UNEP Nairobi – Environmental Programme); Christopher Corbin (UNEP – Cartagena Convention Secretariat - Coordinator); Ileana López (UNEP – CEP Secretariat SPAW Coordinator) - Marnie Portillo (MiAmbiente – Honduras SPAW Focal Point); Sara Zelaya (Chairman of the XVIII IGM and XV COP – Chief of the Environmental Department of the DGMM – Honduras); Carlos Thompson (CESCCO Directeur and Honduras LBS Focal Point); Fabian Hinds (Barbados Representant and Rapporteur XVIII IGM and XV COP); Pierre – Christian Soccoja (France Ambassador in Honduras); Emmanuelle Thiesse and Benoît Rodriguez (Ministère Transition Ecologique – France); Gisette Seferina and Carla Bikker (Chairman and Executive Directeur of RAC – REMPEITC – Caribe in Curacao); Carlos Sagrera (Environmental and Maritime Advisor Environmental Department of the DGMM – Honduras).

June 8 – Report just received from Carlos Sagrera, MSc. MISCO, HSE & Oil Spill Control Advisor, Member of the ISCO Council for Panama

“We just finished the XVIII Intergovernmental (IGM) Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP) and XV Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention).

It was held in the beautiful Caribbean island of Roatan - Honduras and organized by the Regional Caribbean UNEP and the support of the Honduras Government (MiAmbiente and Dirección General Marina Mercante) between the 5-7 June 2019 and it was preceded by the IV Meeting of the COP to the Protocol concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (LBS) in the Wider Caribbean Region on 4 June 2019 and the X Meeting of the COP to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) in the Wider Caribbean Region on 3 June 2019.

It discussed the implementation of the work programme for the biennium 2017 – 2018 and a lot of issues concerning the Protocols SPAW, LBS and Pollution, specially the GEF Projects and a growing number of partnerships with governmental institutions, NGOs, the academic, scientific and research communities, and civil society including the private sector. Honduras ratified the Cartagena Convention and the three Protocols on October 13th 2018.

There were presentations about some of the Projects and national environmental situations (The Ocean Foundation, Dominican Republic, Honduras, etc.). You can find all the documentation and presentations on the UNEP website: www.unenvironment.org/cep Events - Meeting page – Documents”.

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (COUNTRIES LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

BAHAMAS: FEARS OF OIL SPILL AT ARAWAK CAY

June 4 - Acting Port Controller Dr Raymond King called on the maritime industry to immediately advise the Port Department of any oil spills after officials were unable to recover any of the spilled oil found at Arawak Cay yesterday. “We were advised this morning [Monday] via social media of the oil spill. A team was dispatched from the Port Department along with a representative from the Department Environmental Health Services and we found no oil residue in that area. The Bahamas should implement sustainable development methods and procedures consistent with international laws.

The oil has completely disappeared and there is no trace of it”. Tribune / [Read more](#)

CANADA: SUPPORT FOR OIL TANKER MORATORIUM ACT HAS HISTORY ON ITS SIDE

June 4 - B Efforts to protect BC's northern coast go back half a century and are not to be taken lightly as the Senate considers killing Bill C-48. Bill C-48, the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act, would protect a remote and unique region in northern British Columbia from the risk of catastrophic spills by prohibiting tankers carrying more than 12,500 tonnes of crude oil or certain other types of oil from docking, loading or unloading in Hecate Strait, Queen Charlotte Sound and Dixon Entrance. It's no fluke that crude oil tankers have never plied these waters. Bill C-48 would formalize a long-standing de facto moratorium as law, heeding the call of supporters such as the BC government, the Coastal First Nations alliance, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, the Union of BC Municipalities, the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union-UNIFOR and over 30 community and environmental groups in northern BC and throughout Canada. Policy Options / [Read more](#)

June 7 - Tanker ban bill: What it means, who is for and against it, and what's next

The so-called tanker ban bill – officially called Bill C-48 or the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act – is one step closer to becoming law after the Senate rejected a recommendation to dismiss the bill. But the Senate transport committee voted in May 2019 to recommend the bill not move forward and presented a report to the Senate as a whole that asked them to endorse the recommendation that the bill be defeated. The full Senate faced a choice: either accept the report, which would have immediately killed the bill, or reject the report and allow the bill to move forward to face talk of potential amendments. The Bill will now go for third reading in the Senate. The Senate can make amendments to the bill, which would require the House to vote again on it.

Global News / [Read more and watch videos of the debate](#)

CANADA: THE NEXT HEADACHE FOR CANADA'S OIL PATCH

June 4 - Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline is facing the prospect of more delays as it was hit with a [legal setback](#) in a Minnesota court. On Monday, a court ruled that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's decision to approve the Line 3 replacement, based on an environmental impact statement, was not supported with "substantial evidence" that it would not harm the environment. Specifically, the court cited the inadequate assessment of how an oil spill would affect Lake Superior and its watershed. The case was brought by a coalition of environmental groups and native communities.

While this may seem like a problem only for Enbridge, it is yet another in a long line of headaches for Canada's oil industry. The graveyard of major cross-continental oil pipelines from Alberta grows with each passing year. Northern Gateway, Energy East, Trans Mountain Expansion, Keystone XL – each of these pipelines has been vociferously opposed by ranchers, local communities, environmental groups and First Nations. Oil Price / [Read more](#)

GREECE: HELMEPA IS 37 YEARS OLD!

June 4 - Today, Tuesday 4 June 2019, is a very special day for HELMEPA, who is celebrating 37 years of operations and offering!

HELMEPA is the Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association; the pioneering voluntary commitment of Greek seafarers and ship owners to safeguard the seas from ship-generated pollution, undertaken in Piraeus, on June 4, 1982. Under the motto "To Save the Seas", they have consistently supported their initiative to date. <http://helimpa.gr/en/>

INDIA: 'DEATH OF DOLPHINS ON CITY BEACHES CLEAR INDICATION OF POLLUTION'



An interview with Senthil Vel. A., Dean of College of Fisheries, speaking to The Hindu, in Mangaluru on Thursday. | Photo Credit: H.S. MANJUNATH

June 7 – "Pollution, particularly aquatic pollution. The death of two dolphins, a protected species under the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, on the city coast last week clearly indicates that the marine water is polluted. Tar balls were found on the beaches. Pollution and fisheries are closely related. If fish are there, it means that the water is clean. The moment the fish sense some pollutant, they move to cleaner waters. Fish are seen as the ultimate chain in the cleanliness of water. It is the hallmark of any waterbody. Marine fish catch is depleting these days". The Hindu / [Read more](#)

IRELAND: WHISTLEBLOWER REVEALS MASSIVE OIL LEAKS FROM ESB CABLES

June 5 - Up to one million litres of oil has been leaked from ESB underground cables over the past 20 years, according to confidential ESB records obtained by RTÉ Investigates.

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said it has begun an investigation into the leaks after being contacted by RTÉ. The information, which came to light after ESB whistleblower Seamus O'Loughlin, who worked for the company for more than 25 years, made a number of Protected Disclosures to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

RTÉ Investigates has revealed that the leaks occurred mainly in the Dublin area, including along cable lines close to the Grand and Royal Canals.

Many of the cables concerned were installed in the 1950s and are believed to have reached their expected end of life. A spokesperson said 90% of the cables contain a mixture of mineral oil from the 1970s and a more modern oil called linear alkyl benzene. RTE / [Read more](#)



KENYA: OIL MARKETERS SUFFER LOSSES AMID ROW OVER LEAKAGE DETECTION SYSTEM



Photo: A team led by Petroleum and Mining CS John Munyes during a visit to the Kiboko oil spill site in Makueni County on June 3. FILE PHOTO | NMG

June 9 - A tender row on a system to detect leakages on the new oil pipeline has occasioned heavy losses to oil marketing firms amid uncertainty over the exact quantity of fuel lost.

Kenya Pipeline Company managing director Hudson Andambi says cancellation of an original tender did them in.

Daily Nation / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: Ogoni Clean Up: FG Commences Remediation in 16 Sites

June 4 - The federal government has commenced remediation exercise in 16 sites impacted by oil pollution, across the four local government areas in Ogoniland. The immediate past minister of environment, Suleiman Hassan Zarma, disclosed this in Abuja during his valedictory press briefing and presentation. Zarma said that federal government started sensitisation and engagement of communities and stakeholders in all the local government areas since 2016, adding that over 21,000 patients were treated through community health outreaches. Leadership / [Read more](#)

NORWAY UPDATES OCEAN STRATEGY

June 4 - The Norwegian Government has released an updated Ocean Strategy, noting that the nation's blue economy has been important for centuries. The Norwegian ocean areas contain rich oil and gas resources, which have played a key role in the development of the nation's welfare state. At the same time, Norway's ocean is the basis for one of the world's largest and most sustainable seafood industries, as well as a large maritime industry.

The strategy is available [here](#). The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

UAE: UAE TO PRESENT TANKER ATTACK REPORT TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS –DIPLOMATS

June 6 - The United Arab Emirates will present to U.N. Security Council members on Thursday the results of an investigation into attacks targeting four oil tanker vessels off the UAE coast last month, two diplomats said. The diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the briefing was expected to take place at the UAE Mission to the United Nations at 3:30 p.m. EDT (1930 GMT). One diplomat said Saudi Arabia and Norway were also expected to take part in the briefing. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

USA: LATEST ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

June 3 – Please click on the links below to read the latest News Reports from NOAA OR&R

[U.S. and Argentina Oil Spill Response and Offshore Environmental Regulation Knowledge Exchange](#)

The U.S. Department of the Interior's International Technical Assistance Program (ITAP) together with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) played host to the government of Argentina in New Orleans, Louisiana,

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

on May 22-24 as part of its continued engagement on sustainable oil and gas sector development, as supported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Energy Resources (DOS/ENR).

[OR&R Meets with American Salvage Association](#)



OR&R's Emergency Response Division Chief, Scott Lundgren, met with the leadership of the American Salvage Association (ASA) on May 23. American Salvage Association leaders meet with Coast Guard and NOAA representatives. Image credit: American Salvage Association. Ed Levine, OR&R's East and Gulf Region Response Operations Supervisor also participated. This semi-annual information exchange allows agencies and this association representing the American marine salvage industry to share information on each other's activities to enhance environmental protection and response. The U.S. Coast Guard, Navy Supervisor of Salvage, and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement also attended.

[NOAA Marine Debris Program Holds Workshop to Develop the Florida Marine Debris Reduction Plan](#)

On May 21 and 22, the Marine Debris Program (MDP) hosted more than 65 partners for the Florida Marine Debris Reduction Workshop at the Nova Southeastern University Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center in Hollywood, Florida.

[Southeast and Caribbean NOAA Disaster Resilience Workshop](#)

The Southeast and Caribbean NOAA Disaster Resilience Workshop was held May 14-16 at the Office for Coastal Management-Charleston.

[OR&R Scientist Takes Fourth Graders on an Exploration of Salmon, Dams, Orcas, and Pollution](#)

The next generation of environmental scientists learned about current aquatic issues in the news with the help of Troy Baker, an environmental scientist in OR&R's Assessment and Restoration Division.

[NOS Operational Roles Detailed at FEMA Region 3 Regional Interagency Steering Committee](#)

On May 24, Kate Wheelock, Chief of the Disaster Preparedness Program, presented on the full breadth NOS operational response capabilities at the FEMA Region 3 (Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia) bi-annual Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) Meeting.

[Trustee Council Approves Framework for Terrestrial Restoration Planning](#)

Last week marks a major accomplishment for restoration at the [Hanford Nuclear Site](#) in eastern Washington State. The Natural Resource Trustee Council has voted on and approved a framework for developing plans to restore terrestrial habitat along the Columbia River, which has a long history of pollution.

[NOAA's Deputy Under Secretary for Operations Visits OR&R in Seattle](#)

On Thursday May 23, OR&R staff gave brief presentations on their work to Benjamin Friedman, NOAA's Deputy Under Secretary for Operations, who serves as the agency's chief operating officer and is responsible for the day-to-day management of NOAA's national and international operations for oceanic and atmospheric services, research and coastal and marine stewardship.

[Marine Debris Team Presents at Stormwater and Litter Workshop in Virginia](#)

On May 28, Marine Debris Program (MDP) staff participated in the Virginia Stormwater and Litter workshop held in Woodbridge, Virginia.

USA: MN COURT SAYS PUC DIDN'T WEIGH OIL SPILL IMPACT IN LINE 3 PIPELINE DECISION

June 3 - In a victory for Line 3 oil pipeline opponents, the Minnesota Court of Appeals on Monday reversed the state Public Utilities Commission's approval of the Line 3 replacement project's environmental review, saying it didn't adequately address the potential impact of a spill in the Lake Superior watershed. MPR News / [Read more](#)

June 6 – 2 more tar sands oil pipelines run into trouble in the mid-west. The fate of two major tar sands crude oil pipelines has been called into question over environmental concerns as judges in Minnesota overturned a key approval for a proposed pipeline and Michigan's attorney general threatened to shut down an aging pipeline under the Great Lakes. Inside Climate News / [Read more](#)

USA: NTSB REPORTS ON PIPELINE DAMAGE AND OIL SPILL INCIDENT

June 4 - The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has released its report into the anchor contact of the articulated tug and barge Clyde S VanEnkevort / Erie Trader with underwater cables and pipelines finding several contributing factors. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

USA: PROTECTING CALIFORNIA WATERS FROM OIL: AB 936 ADVANCES

June 4 - In February, California Assembly Member Robert Rivas introduced Assembly Bill 936 (AB 936) as a proactive measure to protect California's critical marine and freshwater resources from harms caused by a spill of non floating oil. In May, the California State Assembly threw its support behind the bill, which now heads to the California Senate. NRDC / [Read more](#)

USA: EXXON MOBIL TO PAY \$1M TO SETTLE OIL SPILL IN MONTANA RIVER

June 4 - A judge has approved an agreement for Exxon Mobil Corp. to pay \$1.05 million to settle federal pollution violations over a 2011 pipeline break that sent oil into Montana's Yellowstone River. U.S. District Judge Susan Watters accepted the deal Monday. It resolves the last outstanding federal enforcement case against Exxon after 63,000 gallons (238,474 liters) of crude oil spilled into the river downstream from Yellowstone National Park. ABC News / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Marc K. Shaye, Member of ISCO Executive Committee]

USA: CARNIVAL CRUISE LINES HIT WITH \$20 MILLION PENALTY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

June 4 - The cruise line giant Carnival Corporation and its Princess subsidiary have agreed to pay a criminal penalty of \$20 million for environmental violations such as dumping plastic waste into the ocean. Princess Cruise Lines has already paid \$40 million over other deliberate acts of pollution. U.S. District Judge Patricia Seitz approved the terms of the deal during a hearing Monday in Miami. She had appeared to grow increasingly frustrated as the company continued to flout environmental laws during the course of the years-long case. NPR / [Read more](#)

USA: MASSACHUSETTS - STATE AG OPPOSES BID TO EASE ESCORT RULES FOR OIL BARGES

June 5 - Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey is pushing back against the latest challenge to the state's requirement that tugboats escort oil barges through Buzzards Bay.

The Cape Cod Times reports Healey's office is asking a federal court for permission to intervene in a lawsuit filed by the industry group American Waterways Operators. The tugboat rule was part of a state law put in place after a major oil spill in Buzzards Bay in 2003. News Observer / [Read more](#)

USA: WASHINGTON - CHANGES PROPOSED TO STRENGTHEN RAILROADS' OIL SPILL RESPONSE EFFORTS

June 6 - Railroad lines stretch across thousands of miles in Washington, often along pristine rivers and shorelines of the state. An oil spill from a train could pose a significant threat not only to the environment but to people and local economies. That's why in 2015, Washington began requiring railroad companies to have oil spill contingency plans to ensure they are adequately prepared in case of a spill.

After several years of implementing the initial regulation, the Department of Ecology is proposing updates, based on direction from the Washington Legislature, to streamline requirements and strengthen response to potential railroad spills. Ecology WA / [Read more](#)

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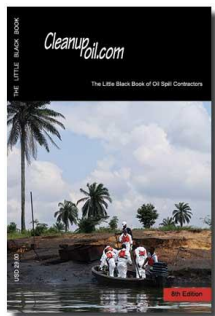
YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT ISCO AT CLEAN PACIFIC – BOOTH 104

ISCO President David Usher, Secretary Matthew Sommerville and Membership Director Mary Ann Dalgleish are looking forward to seeing you at Booth 104 in the Exhibition Hall. They will be able to update you on the latest ISCO initiatives and membership benefits including progress being made in the worldwide adoption of the freely available RESPONSECON contracts developed by ISCO in partnership with BIMCO, designed to speed response to marine and inland oil and HNS spill events. The downloadable contracts provide significant benefits for response contractors, government authorities, oil companies, vessel owners, pipeline operators, railroads and other parties. The Clean Pacific Conference & Exhibition takes place in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on 18-20 June 2019. <http://2019.cleanpacific.org/>

Corporate Members of ISCO exhibiting at Clean Pacific include Can-Ross Environmental, Clean Harbors, Foru-Solution, Harbo Technologies, National Response Corporation, and Rutter Inc. Also attending the event are representatives of the following ISCO members – Alaska Maritime Prevention & Response Network, CTEH-RM, Lamor, Marine Pollution Control, NRC, OSRL, OHMSETT, Polaris Applied Sciences, Resolve Marine Group and SCAA – and no doubt many individual ISCO members will also be there.

ISCO is a long term supporter of Clean Pacific and recommends that you attend this very worthwhile event.

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The book spans 118 pages, and lists the contact details of over 1,200 oil spill clean up contractors in 50 countries including North America and Canada.

Visit Booth 104 (International Oil Spill Control Association) at [Clean Pacific](#) for your free copy of the 8th Edition of the Little Black Book of Oil Spill Contractors (while supplies last). The show is being held from June 18-20, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver, British Columbia.

If you can't make it to the show you can also [buy a copy](#) on-line at a new reduced price of \$19 plus shipping. This is made possible due to the generous support of the oil spill community.

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

AQUA-GUARD AND CANADYNE TECH WILL BE HOSTING A JOINT OPEN HOUSE DURING CLEAN PACIFIC JUNE 19TH

Aqua-Guard Spill Response Inc. & Canadyne Technologies Inc. are pleased to invite you to our joint open house during the 2019 Clean Pacific conference in Vancouver, B.C. - Wednesday, June 19, 2019 between 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Aqua-Guard Spill Response Inc., #100-1055 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC, V7P 3P2

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MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

Clean Gulf - The preliminary conference agenda with speakers is now available to view online for the CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition! We're excited about the program that has been planned by a committee made up of 80+ operators, state and federal regulators, consultants, service companies and OSROs. The sessions programmed cover topics that were identified as the most pressing issues unique to oil and hazardous materials spill prevention, preparedness and response in inland, offshore and marine environments, with sessions led by experts in their field. [View the Preliminary Conference Agenda](#)

RESPONSE EVENTS DURING JUNE 2019 (UPDATED)

CHINA: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE POLLUTION AND ECOTOXICOLOGY

Hong Kong, June 10-14. The ICMPE-9 Conference aims to provide a forum for experts all over the world to meet and discuss their frontier research, and the latest scientific and technological advancements in relation to marine pollution and ecotoxicology.

[More info](#)

UK: PORTS AND TERMINALS INSURANCE SEMINAR

London, June 11-12. Understand liability in the ports and terminals sector including: liabilities for equipment and vessels whilst in port, fines for regulatory breaches including pollution, safety, and cyber security challenges [More info](#)

CÔTE D'IVOIRE: NATIONAL EXERCISE TO TEST THE NOSCP

San Pédro, June 11-12. The main objective is to test the operability of the NOSCP (POLLUMAR plan) and to strengthen the competences of the stakeholders in order to enable Côte d'Ivoire to respond effectively in the event of oil spills. [More info](#)

MALTA: REMPEC FOCAL POINTS MEETING

Valetta, June 11-13. Thirteenth Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) [More info](#)

BELGIUM: EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PORTS CONFERENCE 2019

Antwerp, June 12-13. Given the increasing focus on environmental regulations from the IMO and policy makers in the maritime sector, there is a growing responsibility and requirement of ports to reduce their environmental impact; now is a crucial time to share best practices and explore new technologies and methodologies in order to advance daily operations of a port with minimal ecological consequences. [More info](#)

USA: IAFC HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONFERENCE

Baltimore, MD, June 12-16. The training offered at the Hazmat Conference provides immediate, practical and valuable information designed to ensure you successfully meet the demands of hazmat response in today's challenging environment. [More info](#)

CANADA: APICOM GENERAL MANAGERS MEETING

Vancouver, BC, June 17. The Association meets for the mutual benefits of the member to exchange information and best practice as it relates to global oil spill response and includes support through mutual aid agreements (people and equipment). APICOM is also a member of the Partnership Action Team which is made up of APICOM, SCAA (Spill Control Association of America) and the U.S. Coast Guard. [More info](#)

UK: IOPC FUNDS' SHORT COURSE

London, June 17-21. The course programme will cover all aspects of the work of the IOPC Funds and the international liability and compensation regime in general and will include practical exercises which allow participants to study a theoretical incident and the subsequent claims submission process. [More info](#)

CANADA: CLEAN PACIFIC CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

Vancouver, BC, June 18-20. CLEAN PACIFIC brings together the tight-knit response community in the Western United States and Canada to address spill prevention and response matters pertinent to that region's environmental sensitivities. [More info](#)

LEBANON: EAST MED MARITIME CONFERENCE

Beirut, June 19-20. East Med Maritime Conference EMMC, is the perfect platform that will discuss the latest developments in the shipping, maritime, and offshore industries, and provide a premier interdisciplinary forum to the maritime training professionals and community to present the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns, present/future challenges and recommended solutions. [More info](#)

TOGO: WORKSHOP ON OIL SPILL LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION

Lomé, June 24-27. The objective is to present and provide training to relevant national authorities on the scope and implementation of IMO Conventions related to liability and compensation in case of an oil spill through case studies and table-top exercises (cost evaluation and compensation procedures). [More info](#)

UK: UK SPILL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Moreton-in-Marsh, June 25-26. For more information please contact Roger Mabbott at info@ukspill.org

UPCOMING EVENTS – JULY 2019 ONWARDS (UPDATED)

COUNTRY	2019	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
For more information click on Title of Event			
CAMBODIA	July 15-19	National Train-Implement Course	Phnom Penh
CONGO	July 22-26	Workshop on contingency planning and on the update of the NOSCP	Kinshasa
NAMIBIA	August 5-8	Transboundary oil spill response exercise between Angola and Namibia	Jamestown
NEW ZEALAND	Sept. 3-5	Ecoforum Conference 2019	Auckland
UK	Sept. 3-6	SPE Offshore Europe Conference & Exhibition	Aberdeen
NIGERIA	Sept. 9-11	National workshop on liability and compensation in case of oil spill	Lagos
UK	Sept. 11-12	Maritime Salvage & Casualty Response Conference	London
UK	Sept. 11-12	The Spill Response Expo	Birmingham

UPCOMING EVENTS – JULY 2019 ONWARDS (CONTINUED)

UK & IRELAND	Sept. 25-26	ISAA Training Days at Castle Archdale	Enniskillen
CROATIA	October 2-5	Pollution Response Challenges in the Mediterranean Conference	Split
USA	October 7-10	Elastec's Fall 2019 River Spill Workshop	Carmi, IL
NORWAY	October 14-18	NOSCA Seminar 2019	Frøya
SINGAPORE	October 21-24	International Chemical and Oil Pollution Conference and Exhibition	Singapore
UK	Oct. 28 – Nov. 1	Meetings of the IOPC Funds Governing Bodies	London
USA	October 28-31	Clean Gulf Conference and Exhibition	New Orleans, LA
TUNISIA	Nov. 13-14	Incident Management System Training Workshop	Tunis
UAE	Dec. 8-10	Middle East HSE and Sustainability Week	Dubai
COUNTRY	2020	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
USA	May 11-14	International Oil Spill Conference & Exhibition	New Orleans, LA
CANADA	June 2-4	43rd AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response.	Edmonton, Alberta
To request posting of an event of interest to the Spill Response Community please send details to the Editor			

Note: Where a dedicated event URL is not available an email address for requesting more info is given

LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING & READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Alga Chronicle	News from Australia on Contaminated Land Remediation	June 2019
AMSA Aboard	News from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	December 2017
ATRAC Newsletter	News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre	April 2019
AUSMEPA Bulletin	News from the Australian Marine Environment Protection Assoc'n	Summer 2019
BIMCO Bulletin	Marine and shipping-related news from BIMCO	February 2019
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 2019
Clean Nigeria Associates Newsletter	News from CNA about Oil Spill Response in Nigeria	December 2018
EMSA Newsletter	News from the European Maritime Safety Agency	May 2019
GISEA Quarterly Newsletter	News from Global Initiative for South-East Asia	April 2019
IMO News Magazine	News from the International Maritime Organization	Spring 2019
IMO Publishing News	New and forthcoming IMO publications	April-May 2019
JOIFF "The Catalyst"	Int'l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management	April 2019 issue
Maritime Executive Magazine	Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community	Jan.-Feb. 2019
MOIG Newsletter	News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group	April 2019 issue
Nautical Institute News	News from the Nautical Institute	March, 2019
Navigate Response	Global crisis communications network for shipping & marine	March 2019
NOAA OR&R	Weekly round-up of news from NOAA's Office of Response & Restoration	Latest issue
Oceanbuzz	Newsletter giving news on the Ocean Technology Industry	Current issue
OCIMF Newsletter	News from the Oil Companies International Marine Forum	May 2019
OHMSETT Gazette	Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly	Fall 2018
OSPAR Newsletter	Protecting & Conserving the N.E. Atlantic and its resources	Spring 2019
PEMSEA Newsletter	Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas	January, 2019
Pollution Online Newsletter	News for pollution prevention & control professionals	April 3, 2019
Safe Seas, Clean Seas	Quarterly Newsletter from Maritime New Zealand	July 2018 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	Current issue
Spill Alert	Newsletter from the UK Spill Association	December 2017
Technology Innovation News Survey	News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination	April 16-30, 2019
USA EPA Tech Direct	Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater	June 1, 2019

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INCIDENT REPORTS (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

THAILAND: KOREAN CONTAINERSHIP HIT BY FIRE IN THAI PORT

May 28 - A fire broke out in a load of cargo on container ship KMTC Hongkong (IMO 9157753) on Saturday May 25th in Thailand's eastern Laem Chabang port. The cargo was said to include chemicals, which forced officials to evacuate workers and temporarily close three piers. More than 130 people were reported as being taken to hospital, some complaining of irritation to the eyes and throat, while others reported a burning sensation on the skin. There were no major injuries reported. Booms have been placed around the area to prevent further chemical contamination in the sea. Insurance Marine News / [Read more](#)

CANADA: CLEANUP UNDERWAY AFTER 400,000-LITRE PRODUCED WATER LEAK AT OBSIDIAN ENERGY WELL NEAR DRAYTON VALLEY

May 31 - The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) says cleanup efforts are underway after 400,000 litres of produced water leaked from an Obsidian Energy well near Drayton Valley this week. In its statement, Obsidian Energy said it “discovered a sweet produced water spill at an operating site outside of Drayton Valley” on Wednesday afternoon”.

“Obsidian Energy takes responsibility for this event and is committed to minimizing our impact to the environment in all areas in which we operate,” the company said. “The spill was isolated at the source of the release. “It was immediately contained and cleanup is underway. There has been no impact to residents or wildlife in the area”. Global News / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Dr Merv Fingas, Hon. FISCO, Member of ISCO Council for Canada]

USA: NOAA OR&R INCIDENT RESPONSES FOR MAY 2019

Every month NOAA OR&R Emergency Response Division provides scientific expertise and services to the U.S. Coast Guard on everything from running oil spill trajectories to model where the spill may spread, to possible effects on wildlife and fisheries and estimates on how long the oil may stay in the environment.

During May 2019 OR&R responded to 15 incidents. Click on the links for details.

- [FV Ann Kathleen](#)
- [ITV Cindy R](#)
- [FV Masonic Grounding](#)
- [Gray whale carcass](#)
- [Sunken Crane Barge - Offshore Freeport](#)
- [Smith Island Grounding, near Smith Island, WA](#)
- [Bayport Channel Collision, Houston Ship Canal near Bayport, TX](#)
- [Gray whale carcass](#)
- [Sulfur dioxide release](#)
- [Chlorine Plant Fire, Kearny, NJ](#)
- [JOSEPH M. CUDAHY \(RULET\)](#)
- [Diammonium Phosphate Barges](#)
- [Bowley Cap Crude Oil Spill](#)
- [Ellwood Beach spill](#)

NOAA OR&R / [Read more](#)

INDONESIA: CARGO SHIP SANK OFF SULAWESI

June 5 - Cargo ship identified as KM LINTAS TIMUR sank in Banggai Laut Regency waters, eastern central Sulawesi, Indonesia, Molucca sea, in the afternoon Jun 4. 20 people reportedly were on board, 1 rescued, 19 are missing, SAR under way.

Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Voytenko Mikhail, vmd@odin.tc]

TAIWAN, CHINA - NITRIC ACID MIXED WITH BALLAST WATER, GAS RELEASE IN KAOHSIUNG PORT

June 5 - Yellow smoke began billowing from chemical tanker DAE WON, berthed at Kaohsiung, Taiwan, in the morning LT Jun 5. Port Authorities said in a statement, that the gas was a chemical reaction of mixing nitric acid with ballast sea water. Tanker has a cargo of nitric acid, ruptured bulkhead between cargo and ballast tanks lead to acid and water mix. There was no leak, emitted gas concentration didn't pollute air to threatening level. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Voytenko Mikhail, vmd@odin.tc]

KOREA: OIL SPILL IN KOREAN PORT, MAJOR CONTAINER OPERATOR INVOLVED

June 9 - Fuel leaked during bunkering operation at Busan New Port Container Terminal, in the morning Jun 8. At least several hundred kilo of fuel leaked overboard, when bunker tanker DONG BANG NO.7 was transferring fuel to berthed container ship. Tanker and container ship were fenced off by booms, leak was collected with the help of absorbents, by 1500 LT cleansing operation was over.

Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Voytenko Mikhail, vmd@odin.tc]

NIGERIA: HUGE LOSSES, AS OJUMOLE OIL WELL FIRE ENTERS DAY 54



June 9 - Fifty-one days after a fire outbreak at the Ojumole Oil Well 1 in Ugbo Kingdom, Ilaje Local Council of Ondo State, the operating company, Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) is still making efforts to extinguish the inferno, which has now spread to some communities along the Ondo coastline. According to findings, the Ojumole Oil Well had been abandoned by Chevron since 1998 due to the historical internecine war between the Ilaje people and their Ijaw/Arogbos neighbours. It was said to have been dormant for up to 19 years before the return of the current democratic dispensation.

The oil company said it was working with emergency response contractors to safely put out the fire as quickly as possible, attributing the delay in doing so to

the peculiar terrain of the location of the well. “There is the need to create an access path on the slot leading to the well head. This will enable the heavy equipment and men required to safely put out the fire. Chevron is currently dredging a channel to the slot leading to the well head to enable the heavy equipment and men required to safely put out the fire, gain access to the well location,” Brikinn said. The Guardian NG / [Read more](#)

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND OTHER READERS

INCIDENT REPORTS: ROAD TANKER ROLLOVERS, FUEL STATIONS, STATIC TANKS, ETC.

Note from editor – ISCO tends to focus on marine, river lake, rail and pipeline spills and doesn't report on road tanker, fuel station and static tank spills. Two reasons for this (1) There are just too many and (2) Don Johnston of ISCO's Industry Partner, the DG & Hazmat Group, reports very comprehensively every week on these kinds of spills in his publication “Newsy Stuff”. It would be superfluous for ISCO to duplicate the work done by Don. In “Newsy Stuff” he also reports on incidents involving Chemicals, CO and Gas Leaks, Confined Space, Contamination, Ethanol/Biodiesels, Fireworks/Armaments Explosions, Gas stations, Grain/Silos, LNG/LPG/CNG/Propane, PFOS/PFOA, Pipeline, Radioactivity, Rail, Refinery/Terminals, Road Tankers/Transport, Storage Tanks, and Wells. “Newsy Stuff” is a free publication but you do need to be a member of the DG and Hazmat Group. To Join the Group send an email to hazmat+subscribe@groups.io

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7. Links for downloading additional information or viewing video material can be included
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ISCO is grateful that most members pay their annual dues on time but unfortunately there are exceptions.

All members are reminded that membership fees should be paid annually in advance on the date of the anniversary of the date on which you first joined the organization.

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