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NUMBER OF LARGE SPILLS CONTINUES TO DECLINE, SAYS INTERNATIONAL GROUP'S PAULSON

Statistics continued to point towards a significant decrease in the number of large spills (more than 700 tonnes) over the past few decades, which since 2010 was averaging 1.9 per year, said Tony Paulson, chair of the International Group of P&I Clubs pollutions subcommittee, in the Group's just-published annual report 2019.

He said that the Group continued to work closely with the IMO and the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) to promote this international framework of Conventions and, as part of an ongoing outreach programme to assist States on practical application of the Conventions, claims handling, assessment and admissibility of claims, has engaged in workshops with governments in Australasia, North and South America and the European Union over the course of the past 12 months.

He said that the cooperation in this regard highlighted the importance of sharing expertise and experience between the Group, the IMO and the IOPC Funds. Insurance Marine News / [Read more](#)

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RESPONSE TO INLAND OIL SPILLS

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NEW VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH IMO

A [new IMO video](#) which showcases IMO's new long-term strategy on mobilising resources for technical cooperation activities has been launched. The video which aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlights the value and benefits of working with IMO and encourages active communication with potential donors and recipients.

The video premiered at the first regional Knowledge Partnership Workshop for the Caribbean, held in Kingston, Jamaica (20-24 January). The workshop aimed to demonstrate how the successful implementation of international regulations can be enhanced through effective sharing of knowledge, skills and experience. The workshop brought together national officials responsible for maritime affairs and official development assistance; as well as officials from international multilateral development banks, IGOs and NGOs. The participants increased their awareness of maritime issues, learned how to prioritise them in national development plans and, above all, benefitted from multi-way communication, making new connections with

maritime and development cooperation counterparts from around the region.

REMPEC / [Watch the video](#)

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION - NATIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

The common template for the Manuals on the national mechanisms for the mobilisation of response equipment and experts in case of emergency has been finalised by the West MOPoCo technical team (Cedre, ISPRA, ITOPF Ltd and REMPEC) and is ready to be completed by each Beneficiary country, with support from the project. These manuals will provide a picture of the availability and means of mobilisation of response equipment and experts from the available national capacities and stockpiles, as well as through bilateral or multilateral cooperation agreements, allowing a faster response to marine pollution events.

[Read more in the January 2020 issue of the West MOPoCo Newsletter](#)

BALTIC, NORTH SEA & MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS - WORK ON THE JOINT INTER-REGIONAL HNS MANUAL CONTINUE

The development of the Inter-regional HNS manual continues and the drafting team, CEDRE, ISPRA and ITOPF Ltd will present its first draft to Baltic sea members of the HELCOM Response Working Group during its meeting in Vejle, Denmark, on February 26th – 27th 2020. The document will also be circulated for contributions to OTSOPA Working Group in the Greater North Sea and its approaches (Bonn Agreement) and to REMPEC correspondents in the Mediterranean to ensure the Manual benefits from the experience of practitioners in all three regions. [Read more in the January 2020 issue of the West MOPoCo Newsletter](#)

ADRIATIC REGION – ATRAC OPEN DOOR EVENT

February 5th will mark 5 years since the establishment of ATRAC, which will be celebrated at an Open Day event with our colleagues, associates and friends from Croatia and the Adriatic region, including a few of our international guests and speakers.

Open Day event is recognized as a platform for exchange of knowledge and experience between the representatives of competent institutions, organizations and companies engaged in oil spill preparedness and response systems in the region. It's also an opportunity for ATRAC to present its achievements throughout the last 5 years, as well as the important activities and interesting projects that lie ahead of us in 2020.

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BERMUDA: OIL SPILL RESPONSE EXPERT ED OWENS TO TEACH SKILLS ON OIL SPILL CLEAN-UP

January 28 - Bermuda will host a three-day course about shoreline clean-up in the event of an oil spill.

Oil spill response expert Edward Owens will lead the course and train 17 people from the Bermuda Government in shoreline clean-up and assessment technique. Eight people from Overseas Territories will also receive training throughout this week.

Home affairs minister Walter Roban said: "The focus of this course will be how to address the clean-up of different types of fuel and oils once they have bypassed protection booms and have reached various coastline areas. This includes mangroves, exposed corals and seagrass in addition to sandy beaches and a range of man-made structures including marinas."

The course is funded by the UK Maritime Coastguard Agency. The Royal Gazette / [Read more](#) Related report in [Bernews](#)

FINLAND: MAKAROV UNIVERSITY STARTS REALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL PROJECT ON OIL SPILL RESPONSE SIMULATORS

January 30 - On January 27-28, 2020, in Kotka (Finland), a meeting was held between the participants of the international research project SIMREC on the use of specialized simulators for developing effective methods of oil spill response in harsh conditions, says press center of Admiral Makarov State University of Maritime and Inland Shipping.

At the event, the Gulf of Finland regions with the highest risk of oil spills were observed, oil spill response exercise scenarios in correlation with the detected areas of intensive shipping of the eastern Gulf of Finland were investigated, some technical aspects of pairing marine simulators of the University of Applied Sciences of Southeast Finland and the Makarov Training Centre of Admiral Makarov University of Maritime and Inland Shipping (St. Petersburg, Russia) were discussed, as well as the competencies that specialists will acquire after undergoing simulator training. As a result a common project implementation plan for all the parties has been developed. Port News / [Read more](#)

INDIA: VIZHINJAM PORT PLANS STEPS TO TACKLE OIL SPILL

January 28 - The upcoming International Multi-purpose Deepwater Seaport at Vizhinjam here will be the first port in the State to have Facility Level Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan in line with the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS-DCP).

The preparation of the contingency plan involves detailing the port structures, port vessel types that will operate in the region, the fuel they use, chemicals and fuels they will carry, and assessment of the chances of oil or chemical spill even in remote cases.

The contingency plan will enable the port authorities to utilise resources at hand to deal with any accident or emergency situation. The Hindu / [Read more](#)

INDIA:

The 6th edition of Oil Spill India (OSI 2020), the region's flagship conference & exhibition on the Oil Spill Prevention, Planning, Preparedness, Response & Restoration industry is now scheduled to be held during 23rd & 24th September 2020 at Hotel JW Marriott, Sahar, Mumbai, India. See more under "Messages from Event Organisers" on Page 8.

JAPAN & MALAYSIA - QUICK ACTION FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR JOINT OIL SPILL RESPONSE CO-OPERATION

January 30 — Japan has taken quick action on a request by Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe for joint collaboration between the two countries in oil spill response, especially in the South China Sea.

This manifested in a five-day workshop held in Port Klang last week between the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) and the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) that saw the concurrent deployment for the first time of a JCG patrol vessel and airplane in Malaysian waters. Malay Mail / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: NORWEGIAN ENVOY LAMENTS SLOW PACE OF Ogoni CLEAN-UP EXERCISE

January 28 - The Norwegian Ambassador to Nigeria, Jens-Peter Kjemprud has hinted that the slow pace of work at Ogoni land and other communities impacted by oil in the Niger Delta is generally worrisome, expressing doubt that the clean-up exercise might not be completed as projected.

He stated when he received the executives of Environmental Media Correspondents Association (EMCAN), led by its Chairman, Chuks Oyema in Abuja. Leadership / [Read more](#)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:



In the photo - AMCHAM T&T's CEO Nirad Tewarie speaks at AMCHAM T&T's Water Pollution Rules Breakfast Seminar at the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business on Tuesday January 28, 2020.

January 28 - CEO of AMCHAM T&T Nirad Tewarie said the organisation remains committed to supporting legislation for clean water and preserving the environment.

AMCHAM T&T is in full support of any legislation that would ensure good, clean water and the Polluter Pays Principle. We agree that our environment, and in particular our water resources must be preserved and valued." T&T News / [Read more](#)

USA: ALASKA - IT'S TIME TO STRENGTHEN, NOT WEAKEN, OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE REGULATIONS

January 13 - Rolling back oil spill prevention regulations would put Alaska's ocean and coasts at risk for disaster. We can't afford to take that chance.

Oil spills are still a massive threat to Alaska's marine and coastal ecosystems, including in Arctic Alaska. As Arctic sea ice melts, more ships travel these northern seas, increasing the potential for a devastating oil spill.

We know how harmful oil spills can be to our ocean and those who depend on it. And we know how much more damage could be done if a spill happened in the Arctic, where remoteness and harsh weather could make effective spill response all but impossible. Ocean Conservancy / [Read more](#)

USA: NEW YORK - GOWANUS CANAL CLEANUP TO OFFICIALLY START IN SEPTEMBER

January 29 - The federal agency tasked with cleaning up the Gowanus Canal issued an order on Tuesday legally requiring six companies deemed responsible for the waterway's pollution to start remediation efforts in September.

The Environmental Protection Agency's order requires that the parties begin full scale dredging and capping of the upper portion of the canal from Butler to Third streets, as well as restoration of the former First Street Turning Basin, which will be converted into wetlands. This initial portion of the cleanup is expected to cost \$125 million.

Brooklyn Eagle / [Read more](#)



USA: MASSACHUSETTS - FEDERAL COURT UPHOLDS BUZZARDS BAY OIL SPILL PREVENTION RULES

January 31 - This month, a federal district judge rejected an out-of-state oil shipping industry group's legal challenges to state oil spill protection laws for Buzzards Bay.

The ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Denise Casper represents a complete denial of efforts to invalidate the provision of the Massachusetts Oil Spill Prevention Act, which requires all oil barges to be guided through the Bay by a tugboat escort.

"There is no disagreement here in Massachusetts about what works to prevent oil spills in Buzzards Bay and for more than a decade we've successfully implemented a model program," said Coalition President Mark Rasmussen. Wanderer / [Read more](#)

USA: WISCONSIN - LAWMAKERS INTRODUCE SWEEPING PFAS POLLUTION BILL

January 31 - Two northeastern Wisconsin lawmakers introduced sweeping legislation Thursday designed to curb water and air pollution from man-made chemicals known as PFAS.

Rep. John Nygren, a Marinette Republican, and Sen. Dave Hansen, a Green Bay Democrat, have been working on the package for months in a rare display of bipartisanship on a major issue in Madison's toxic political world.

Each lawmaker's district includes both the Marinette and Peshtigo areas, which have been hard hit with PFAS pollution believed to have originated from firefighting foam. WBay.com / [Read more](#)

THE ISCO SECRETARIAT IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

ISCO's Secretariat (in effect the core working team responsible for the day-to-day running of the organization) is looking for help in coping with its workload. There is a wide variety of tasks where part-time assistance of enthusiastic helpers would be most welcome.

Ideally, volunteers will have some knowledge and experience gained within the spill response community. For example, recently retired individuals who feel they don't want to be on the scrap heap and want to continue to contribute in a positive way to the spill response community.

Candidates may include ISCO members but non-members are equally welcome to offer to help. ISCO is also keen to be able to involve young people who may be interested in helping. With good email communications, volunteers can work from home. If interested, please send an email to info@spillcontrol.org

SOURCING OF NEWS FOR INCLUSION IN THE ISCO NEWSLETTER

Every week your editor scans the websites of numerous international, regional and national organizations for news of interest to our community - but these once very productive sources are becoming less and less useful. The problem is that many organizations are failing to regularly update their websites – some even providing information that has not been updated for one or two years. Perhaps these organizations are now giving out information using facebook, twitter and other social media – but following large numbers of social media sites would be an impossibly time-demanding task. Organizations are requested to circulate press releases likely to be of interest to our community to the editor at john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

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Many ISCO Members are primarily involved in response to inland spills and in the manufacture and distribution of oil and chemical sorbents. It's not surprising that some members are unhappy about the ISCO newsletter's tendency to focus on marine spills. Your Editor is aware of this imbalance. The problem is that most international pollution-related organizations are focused on marine pollution and readily available news reports also tend to focus on the marine environment. Your Editor does look for inland spill response news and articles but they aren't easy to find.

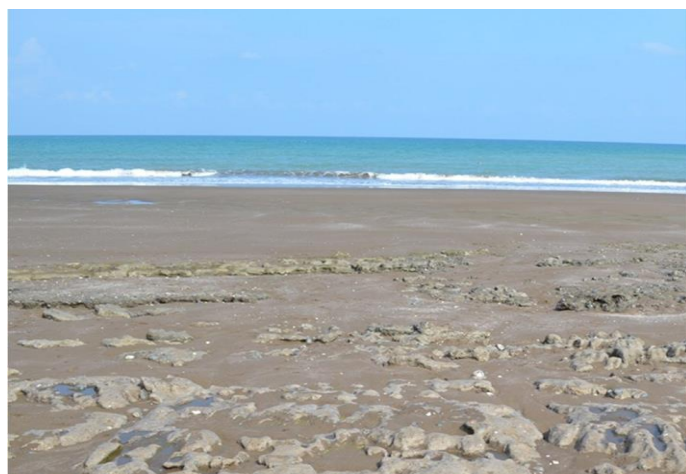
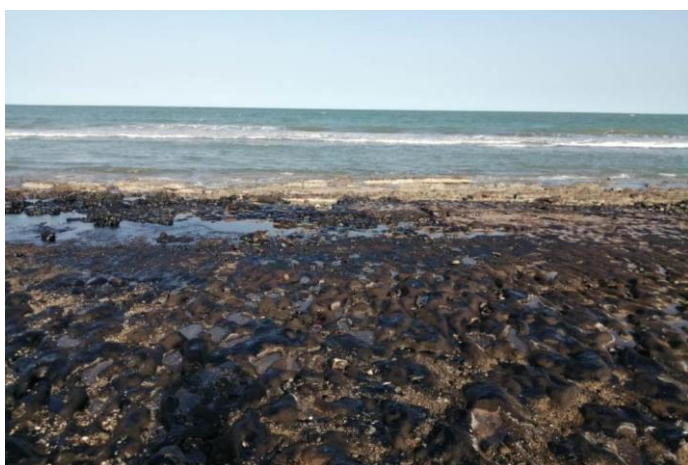
Sorbent products are the unsung heroes of inland spill response but available articles nearly always include sales promotion content designed to sell particular products and publication would conflict with editorial policy. Perhaps readers could help find non-commercial articles that illustrate the range of available sorbents and give helpful information on their correct use, handling and disposal. The same comments are applicable to bioremediation agents and techniques. Case histories are of interest too – for example on response to spills from wind turbines.

Please note that contributions for publication are acknowledged in the newsletter – good PR exposure for you / your company.

Where possible, ISCO does publish news and articles on inland response and some are included amongst the 35 Technical Articles available in the Members' Area of the ISCO Website. A particularly helpful example is one by the late Mark Francis. This can be downloaded and read at http://spillcontrol.org/technical_articles/Response_to_inland_oil_spills.pdf

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

FROM OMAN PESCO - SHINAS SHORELINE CLEAN-UP SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED



Photos above – Section of the oiled shoreline before (left) and after (right) after clean-up operation

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

OMAN PESCO's Sohar Emergency Response Team (ERT) deployed shoreline protection booms following the site surveys, and OP Northern Oman Shoreline Clean-up Team proceeded with site preparations, following site-specific HSE planning and risk assessments.

A clean-up plan was established and submitted to MECA for approval. Upon receiving MECA's approval, OP Northern Oman Shoreline Clean-Up Team commenced clean-up operations.

A total of 200 metric tonnes of Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) were recovered, along with an additional 40 tonnes of oil impregnated waste.

Response operations were inspected by MECA, ITOFF, Insurers and vessel representatives. After a 29-day operation period, the site was inspected and was pronounced clean. [Thanks to Ayman M. Naguib, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Technical Affairs]

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OSRL INTRODUCES NEW WATER COLUMN MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT SWIS MEMBERS

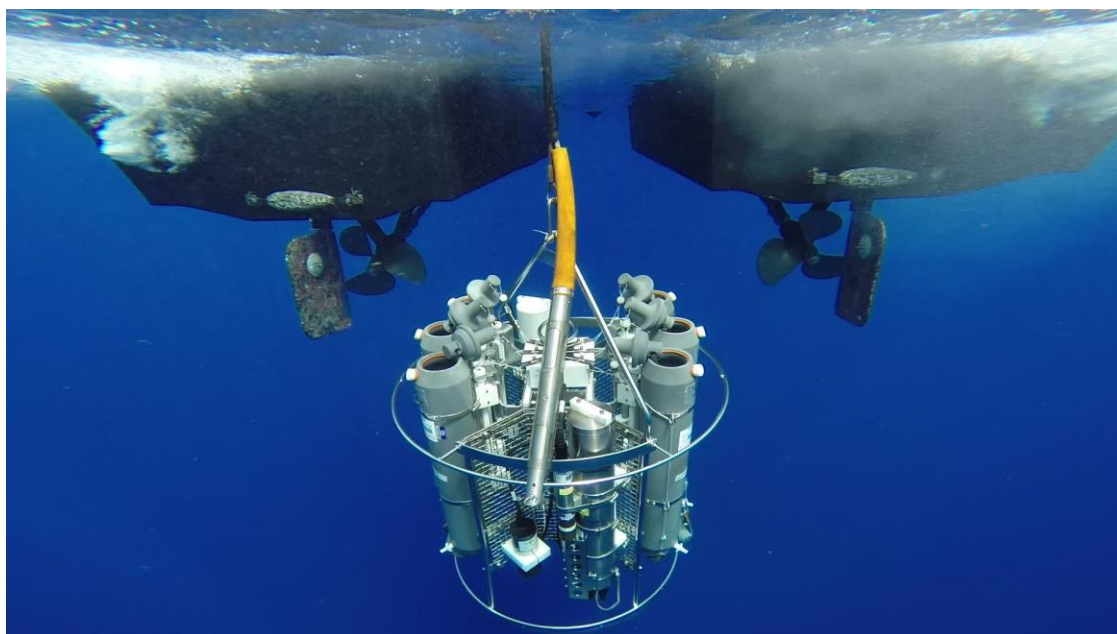


Photo above – The Rosette deployed

Southampton, UK; Wednesday 22nd January 2020: Oil Spill Response Ltd (OSRL) has announced the launch of Water Column Monitoring equipment and services to support its Subsea Well Intervention Service (SWIS) capping members.

The equipment program is offered through the OSRL SWIS capping service to complement existing subsea dispersant injection (SSDI) equipment. This program provides OSRL's SWIS capping members with access to the necessary resources to support Water Column Monitoring for SSDI activities in a response. The water column monitoring program was developed by CSA Ocean Sciences Inc. (CSA) and has been integrated into operational plans and desktop exercises conducted in the U.S. and internationally. OSRL's agreement with CSA also provides access to scientific and operational expertise required to support SSDI plans and procedures, both on the desktop and in the event of an incident. CSA is a marine environmental consulting firm with 50 years of experience serving the environmental needs of the offshore oil and gas industry. Access to water column monitoring equipment and service enables SWIS capping members to promote best-practice subsea well incident planning, preparedness, and response.

OSRL and its members are focused on advancing and promoting industry capabilities for subsea intervention and response. The addition of this turnkey provision enables rapid mobilization of equipment, instruments, and supplies required for deepwater sampling and monitoring in response to an oil spill, as well as the personnel required to operate the equipment and conduct the activities described in this plan. It is specifically designed for monitoring environmental conditions and evaluating SSDI efficacy when subsea dispersant application is considered a potential tool for oil spill response.

The new agreement will also further enhance the policies and procedures previously established through the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers Global Industry Response Group and adopted by the Subsea Well Response Project consortium. It establishes a best-practice approach to managing subsea well control incidents globally and reinforces OSRL as a critical partner for its members in subsea response assurance.

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WORLD CLASS TRAINING & OIL SPILL RESPONSE PARTNERSHIP IN MELANESIA



PacTow Ramp: The SER-PacTow oil spill response partnership delivers an international standard service with in-country infrastructure at a domestic price.



PacTow Pacific Diligence: Training by SPO on vessels such as Anchor Handling Tug Supply (AHTS) vessel Pacific Diligence is conducted to an internationally recognised standard which equips Pac Tow cadets with a technical capacity, safety vigilance and professionalism that is of invaluable benefit to its clients.

World class training on Swire Pacific Offshore vessels is providing Pacific Towing’s Melanesian mariners with professional development opportunities of a lifetime. Moreover, a partnership with Swire Emergency Response is enabling a world class oil spill response service in the region.

Swire Pacific Offshore (SPO) and Pacific Towing (PacTow) are both part of the international and diversified Swire Group. Whereas SPO is a globally recognised shipping brand, ‘little sister’ PacTow has a more modest profile as Melanesia’s marine services market leader. Headquartered in Papua New Guinea (PNG) with additional businesses in Fiji and Solomon Islands, PacTow is steadily increasing its geographic footprint in Oceania and South East Asia. The company’s core services include towage, moorage, salvage, commercial diving, life rafts, customised project solutions, and most recently, in-water hull cleaning.

Training Partnership - SPO commenced training PacTow cadets at the beginning of 2017. The cadets experience four-month intensive training modules on a diversity of SPO vessels such as Anchor Handling Tug Supply (AHTS) vessels and Platform Supply Vessels (PSV) all around the world (e.g., Denmark, Japan, Hong Kong, Scotland, Singapore, Taiwan, and Vietnam). PacTow General Manager Neil Papenfus calls the training both “top end” and “invaluable”.

Papenfus describes SPO as a “highly respected global entity with excellent systems” as evidenced by it winning the ‘Excellence in Offshore Support Award’ at the 2019 Lloyd’s List Asia Pacific Awards held in Singapore. (The award recognises maritime businesses that have demonstrated excellence in supporting the offshore energy industry.)

Without the training provided by SPO, Papenfus concedes that PacTow cadets would be unable to experience working on some of the world’s most sophisticated vessels and in several of its busiest waterways. “SPO’s best practice training on their vessels teaches our cadets how to do things the right way to the highest international standards and they then bring this professionalism back to Melanesia,” explains Papenfus.

Officer of the Watch training for both Deck and Engine cadets is provided by SPO. A considerable training component encompasses safety at sea, including Oil and Gas specific safety training. SPO has established Oil and Gas safety standards, systems and training programs. Oil and gas safety training is critical to PacTow mariners given PNG’s sizeable LNG industry and the company’s plans to further grow its oil and gas market share.

“SPO has considerable experience in training cadets of diverse nationalities and we are pleased to assist in the training of the next generation of Officers for PacTow. We have been in the industry for more than 40 years and are known as a trusted and reliable service provider. As a market leader, we believe in sharing our expertise and knowledge in safety and operational excellence with industry partners and local communities where we operate. Through our training programmes, we hope to do our part to elevate the safety and operational standards of seafarers in the wider maritime industry,” says Peter Langslow, Managing Director, SPO.

SPO invests in statutory and discretionary training for its sea-going employees to ensure that consistently high standards of safety and operational excellence are maintained across its diverse fleet. SPO’s flagship training centre, the Swire Marine Training Centre (SMTTC)

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in Singapore is a Nautical Institute (NI) approved training facility equipped with state-of-the-art training facilities. Structured training programmes are regularly held for seagoing employees. In 2017, SPO made these facilities and courses accessible to industry partners so that they may benefit the larger community of seafarers and collectively raise standards of seafarers in the industry. Oil Spill Response Partnership.

Swire Emergency Response (SER), a wholly owned subsidiary of SPO, has substantial expertise in oil spill response. In 2018 the SPO-PacTow relationship evolved beyond cadet training to include an oil spill response partnership with SER. This partnership involves SER storing its oil spill response equipment (e.g., booms, skimmers, pollutant recovery and storage pods) on PacTow premises in PNG for ease and speed of deployment. Furthermore, SER provides oil spill response training to PacTow mariners so that staff from both companies can provide the service, at times collaboratively, such as the 2019 wreck retrieval of the Southern Phoenix container ship off Fiji.

SER Manager, Simon Valentine, says that “pre-positioning equipment with PacTow and training their personnel in its use and in general oil spill response procedures, substantially increases SER’s capability in the region, allowing us to respond for our joint clients in a timely manner, which is the key to all successful oil spill response incidents.”

Papenfus adds that “the SER-PacTow oil response partnership enables the delivery of an international standard service with in-country infrastructure at a domestic price.” In other words, a world class oil response at an extremely reasonable local rate.

In addition to SER providing oil spill response training to PacTow, the company also trains PacTow clients such as Puma. PacTow and SER work together to regularly conduct training drills and exercises for Puma personnel throughout the year. Oil spill prevention services and equipment are provided to Puma whenever one of its vessels discharges in Port Moresby’s Fairfax Harbour.

Future Partnership

SPO, SER and PacTow are exploring other ways in which they may work together. Currently there are plans on the table to introduce an Emergency Management training program to PNG’s maritime sector. Such a program would utilise SPO and SER world class systems and training protocols with PacTow playing a support role. Valentine acknowledges that a benefit of “additional training courses, such as the Emergency management training course, will be a raised SER profile for existing and new clients in the region.”

There are other future shared service provision options for the companies to explore. Given the extensive oil and gas capabilities and experience of SPO and SER, PacTow’s desire to increase its oil and gas market share, and a history of working together with energy clients (e.g., oil spill response services for Puma, as well as PacTow having supported SPO move rigs in PNG waters) it is likely that PNG’s burgeoning oil and gas sector will be a foreseeable target for expanding their partnership.

To learn more about Pacific Towing: www.pacifictowingmarineservices.com

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MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR CLEAN GULF 2020!

Registration is officially open for the [CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition](#), and we’re very excited to be celebrating our 30th anniversary back where it all started – the great state of Texas! To kick-off the celebration, we’re opening registration early and offering heavily discounted passes to anyone who [registers](#) before February 29th.

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technology majors, research organisations & equipment suppliers, OSI 2020 will continue to provide stakeholders opportunities for regional & global collaboration whilst deliberating the best of practices, technologies & experiences on oil, chemical or HNS spill management in Indian subcontinent.

The conference will carry forward its topical theme “COMMITMENT, SYNERGY, EXCELLENCE” for the 2020 edition, underlining the importance of industry’s quest for excellence in disaster mitigation. The Preliminary Conference Programme for 2020 will focus on pertinent topics in the backdrop of the global industry moving into more stringent environment regulations and the increasing public sensitivities to oil spill disasters. Showcasing industry case studies from across the world, the summit agenda would also stimulate learning through panel debates, technical presentations and keynote sessions that ensure that attendee’s leave with the skills and knowledge required in overcoming the challenges & risks faced by operators & stakeholders.

A link of the 2020 **Conference Announcement Brochure** is <http://oilspillindia.org/pdf/2020/OSI2020-Brochure.pdf> herewith for your ready reference.

MARINE INSURANCE LONDON – PANEL DISCUSSION

International conflict, violence and war are key international drivers of geopolitical risk, but closer to home these interlinked risks often emanate from a combination of trade and economic policy change, climate and new regulations, to name but a few. Geopolitical risk impacts all parts of all organisations. This session, at [Marine Insurance London](#), will look at how to get to grips with this increasingly tough challenge.

EMD 2020 (CORK, IRELAND, 14 &15 MAY)

Interested stakeholders have the possibility to rent an exhibition stand during the two-day conference to showcase innovative ideas, products and services related to the themes of the conference. Space is limited, so if required, exhibitors will be selected on the basis of criteria such as thematic relevance and sustainability of their activities. [More info](#)

USA: 2020 ELASTEC SPRING OIL SPILL WORKSHOP

Seats are available for the 2020 Elastec Spring Oil Spill Workshop which will be held June 2-4. The instructor for the Elastec Spring Workshop will be Trever Miller of SWAT Consulting. Trever will be covering topics including defining a reportable emergency, assessing a release situation, identifying the correct emergency response plan to use, isolating the scene, and deploying the correct emergency response equipment. The price for the workshop is \$1,250.00. For more information and to register with payment visit <http://bit.ly/2uUA9m4>

UPCOMING EVENTS

COUNTRY	2019	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
For more information click on Title of Event			
COUNTRY	2020	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
CROATIA	February 5	Open Day Event	Rijeka
UAE	February 13-14	ICOSM 2020: Intl. Conf. on Oil Spill Management	Dubai
JAPAN	February 14	PAJ Oil Spill Workshop	Tokyo
UK	February 17-21	IMO MEPC Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 7)	London
DENMARK	February 26-28	HELCOM Response Working Group Meeting	Vejle
UK	March 11-13	Meeting of IOPC Funds’ governing bodies	London
UK	March 20	Marine Insurance London Conference	London
USA	March 24-25	SCAA Annual Meeting & Conference	Arlington, VA
TOGO	March 25-27	Workshop on oil spill liability and compensation	Lome
UK	Mar. 30 – Apr.3	IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee	London
TUNISIA	April 1-2	Regional Workshop on Oil Spill Waste Management	Tunis
USA	April 7-9	Clean Waterways Conference	Indianapolis, IN
USA	April 20-24	Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council	Minneapolis, MN
USA	April 28 – May 1	Oil Spill Response Strategies & Tactics Training	Leonardo, NJ
USA	May 10	APICOM GM Meeting	New Orleans, LA
USA	May 11-14	International Oil Spill Conference & Exhibition	New Orleans, LA
IRELAND	May 14-15	European Maritime Day Forum Event	Cork
CANADA	June 2-4	43rd AMOP Technical Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response.	Edmonton, Alberta

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

USA	June 2-4	Elastec's Spring 2020 River Workshop	Carni, IL
UK	June 8-12	2020 IOPC Funds' Short Course	London
USA	June 9-11	Clean Pacific Conference & Exhibition	Seattle, WA
NETHERLANDS	June 24-25	European Environmental Ports Conference 2020	Rotterdam
USA	Sept. 8-11	HazMat Emergency Response Workshop	Scaramento, CA
INDIA	Sept. 22-24	Oil Spill India Conference & Exhibition	Mumbai
UK	October 19-23	IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee	London
USA	October 20-22	Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition	San Antonio, TX
COUNTRY	2021	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
NETHERLANDS	March 22-26	Interspill Conference & Exhibition	Amsterdam
To request posting of an event of interest to the Spill Response Community please send details to the Editor			

LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING & READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Alga Chronicle	News from Australia on Contaminated Land Remediation	October 2019
AMSA Update	Latest news from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority	Current issue
ATRAC Newsletter	News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre	June 2019
AUSMEPA Bulletin	News from the Australian Marine Environment Protection Assoc'n	Summer 2020
BIMCO Bulletin	Marine and shipping-related news from BIMCO	December 2019
Newsletter from George Holliday	News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday	On request email
Cedre Newsletter	News from Cedre in Brittany, France	November 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	Current issue
GEF Newsletter	Monthly Newsletter from the Global Environment Facility	December 2019
GESAMP	Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection	Latest news
GISEA Quarterly Newsletter	News from Global Initiative for South-East Asia	Q4 2019
IMO News Magazine	News from the International Maritime Organization	Winter 2019
IMO Publishing Newsletter	New and forthcoming IMO publications	January 2020
ITOPF Ocean Orbit	News from the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation	October 2019
JOIFF "The Catalyst"	Int'l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management	Q1 2020 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	January 2020
Nautical Institute News	News from the Nautical Institute	October, 2019
Navigate Response	Global crisis communications network for shipping & marine	October 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	December 2019
OHMSETT Gazette	Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly	Summer 2019
OSPAR Newsletter	Protecting & Conserving the N.E. Atlantic and its resources	End of year 2019
PEMSEA Newsletter	Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas	September, 2019
Pollution Online Newsletter	News for pollution prevention & control professionals	Current issue
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
Technology Innovation News Survey	News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination	Dec. 1-15, 2019
USA EPA Tech Direct	Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater	February 1, 2020
WestMOPoCo	Western Mediterranean Region Marine Oil & HNS Pollution Cooperation	January 2020

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INCIDENT REPORTS (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

YEMEN'S HOUTHIS SAY THEY FIRED AT ARAMCO, OTHER SAUDI TARGETS

January 30 - Yemen's Houthi movement said on Wednesday it had fired rocket and drone strikes at Saudi targets including Aramco oil facilities, the group's first claim of such attacks since it offered to halt them four months ago. Few details were given of the precise nature and timing of the attacks, and there was no immediate confirmation from the Saudi authorities of any strikes.

The United Nations has been trying to re-launch political negotiations to end the war and, separately, Riyadh has been holding informal talks with the Houthis since late September about de-escalation. The Iran Project / [Read more](#)

SAUDI AIR DEFENCE INTERCEPTS MISSILES TARGETING SAUDI ARAMCO PLANTS

January 30 - Saudi Arabia's air defence forces last week shot down Houthi-launched rockets aimed at oil facilities that belong to Saudi Aramco petroleum company, the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reported on Wednesday, citing Saudi officials.

MidEastDiscourse / [Read more](#)

INCIDENT REPORTS FROM NORTH AMERICA STILL BEING BLOCKED

The UK has ceased to be a member of the EU but news sources in North America are still blocking access citing compliance with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) regulations. Hopefully these restrictions will soon disappear.

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