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REGIONAL GOV'TS REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING THE CARIBBEAN SEA



July 23 - Governments of the Wider Caribbean will next week reaffirm their commitment to the protection and sustainable use of the marine and coastal resources of the Caribbean Sea. This takes place within the framework of the Conferences of Parties to the Cartagena Convention, the only regional legally binding agreement for the protection and development of the Caribbean Sea. [UNEP / Read more](#)

[Editor: This article was not received in time for inclusion in last week's ISCO Newsletter – A report on this event will appear in a later issue]

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MORE INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

SIX MONTHS INTO THE EUROWA-2 PROJECT – WHAT'S NEW?

July 22 - The first half of the year has seen Sea Alarm and EUROWA-2 project partners make a start on a wide range of activities which will result in big strides forward in European oiled wildlife preparedness.

EUROWA-2 is funded by European Union Civil Protection and is based on two key areas: strengthening mutual assistance for wildlife emergencies and improving the capabilities of a network of internationally qualified EUROWA experts.

Technical activities in the first part of this year have focused on developing educational tools for authorities, including an interactive tabletop exercise package, a study of existing wildlife preparedness arrangements in Europe, guidance documents on wildlife response planning, and a guideline for organising wildlife response exercises.

These tools are designed to bring European authorities forward in their efforts to develop integrated plans for wildlife emergencies, where all concerned authorities (including those responsible for at-sea and shoreline response), collaborate on the oiled wildlife issue during peace time. Sea Alarm / [Read more](#)

EFFORTS UNDERWAY IN EUROPE TO BAN PFAS COMPOUNDS

July 23 - Five European nations will formally propose to bar the production, trade and use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances by July 2022

There is significant movement afoot to ban per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) in Europe – a class of persistent, highly mobile and potentially toxic compounds. The governments of Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Norway have announced that they will formally propose to the European Chemicals Agency (Echa) that these chemicals be restricted under Reach (registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals) legislation by July 2022. Chemistry World / [Read more](#)

UN REMAINS DISAPPOINTED TWO YEARS AFTER WARNING OF YEMEN FSO DANGER

July 26 - Days after the sinking of a small tanker off Yemen renewed the focus on the dangers of an environmental disaster in the war-torn region, United Nations officials again expressed their ongoing disappointment that an agreement can not be finalized with the rebel forces to inspect a floating storage tanker anchored off the port of Ras Issa.

July marks two years since the UN published a report on the dangers of the FSO Safe and the potential for an oil leak or explosion on the aging vessel, which only has a skeleton maintenance crew with little resources. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

THE FIRST EVER OIL SPILL RESPONSE EXERCISE HELD IN IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

July 30 - On 30 June and 1 July 2021, the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) organized in Neum (Bosnia and Herzegovina) a National Tabletop Oil Spill Response Exercise "ExNeum 2021" within Bosnia and Herzegovina NCP development project, funded by the Mediterranean Trust Fund. 22 senior official from state, federal, cantonal and local authorities involved in the development of the NCP, actively participated in the exercise.



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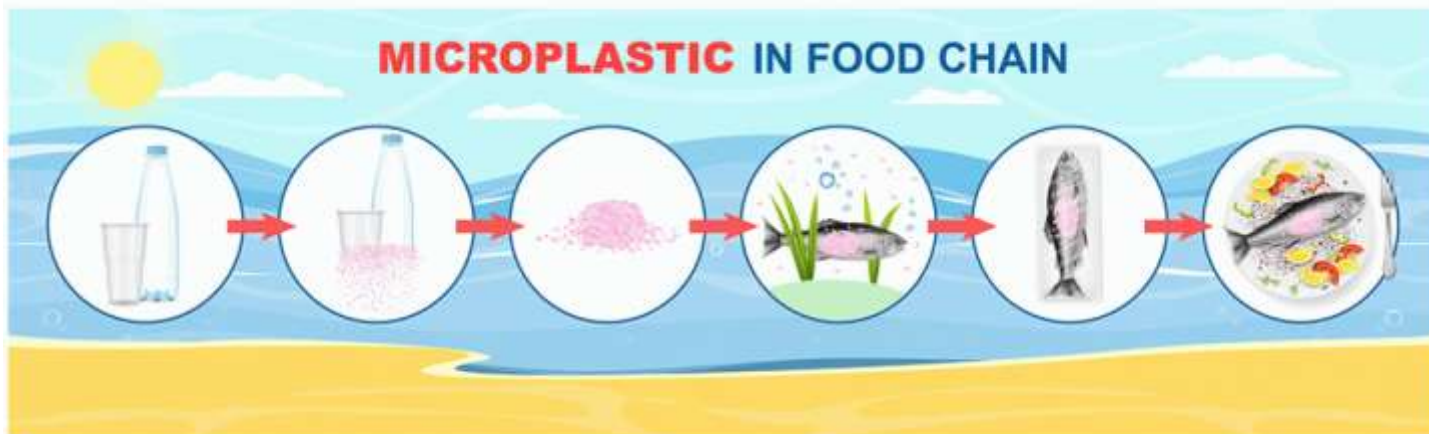
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Participants implemented the knowledge acquired during a [Workshop](#) organised with the project (27-28 April 2021) and tested the communication and operational procedures defined in the draft NCP as a result of the First Meeting of the competent authorities in charge of the National Contingency Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina (29 April 2021). The lessons learnt from "ExNeum 2021" were discussed by the second Meeting of the competent authorities in charge of the National Contingency Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2 July 2021), the outcome of which will be integrated in a final draft NCP. REMPEC / [Read more](#)

AUSTRALIA: ECOFORUM 2021 – ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN

July 27 – The ecoforum 2021 committee has worked together to form an amazing array of innovative and varied themes and topics to ensure that this event, retains its leadership as the (now) annual, flagship Australian contaminated land and groundwater conference. We look forward to receiving your submissions and getting you involved in driving a variety of exciting industry conversations with insights and of course, having you creating the space in those conversations, to explore and demonstrate how your work can positively enhance moving the land and groundwater industry forward. Abstracts should be submitted no later than Monday 23rd August 2021. ALGA / [More info](#)

AUSTRALIA: AMSA – MICROPLASTICS



July 29 - Microplastics are one of the most serious ocean pollutants. When a plastic bottle enters the ocean it slowly breaks down into small pieces over hundreds of years. Not only do these tiny particles contaminate the water, they can be mistaken for food by marine life. Ingested plastics can build up in an animal's stomach and absorbed into their bodies.

This means that plastic contaminants can land back on our tables when we drink water and eat fish and seafood. The highest source of plastic ingestion comes from water, regardless of whether you prefer to drink bottled or tap. A study conducted by the University of Newcastle in 2019 suggests the average person could be consuming the equivalent of a credit card in plastic each week!

In Australia alone approximately 130,000 tonnes of plastic makes its way into the marine environment each year¹. We can lower this number by making a conscious effort to reduce, reuse or refuse single use plastics. Sourced from Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment [National Plastics Plan 2021](#) AMSA / [Read more](#)

CANADA: GOVERNMENT PARTNERING WITH INDIGENOUS COASTAL COMMUNITIES TO ENHANCE MARINE SAFETY ACROSS INUIT NUNANGAT

July 21 - Through the Oceans Protection Plan, the Government of Canada is working in partnership with Indigenous coastal communities to improve marine safety. As part of this plan, in 2017 the Canadian Coast Guard launched the Indigenous Community Boat Volunteer Pilot Program. This program provides Indigenous communities with funding to purchase boats and equipment to build up their on-water search and rescue capacity. These investments allow Indigenous communities to take concrete steps to strengthen their capacity as part of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. Canadian Coast Guard / [Read more](#)

INDONESIA: COMMEMORATING WORLD MANGROVE DAY, TANGERANG REGENCY GOVERNMENT PRESERVES MANGROVE ECOSYSTEM



July 28 - Every year the 26th of July is commemorated as World Mangrove Day. To mark the day, the members of the Tangerang Regency Government Fisheries Service, Tangerang Regency Bappeda, and coastal volunteers were taught to plant mangrove trees at Ketapang Urban Aquaculture, Mauk District, on Saturday, 24 July 2021.

Fisheries Department staff Hari Mahardika said the activity was carried out by the Tangerang Regency Integrated Coastal Management Project Management Office (PMO), together with volunteers from Pesisir Mengajar. "A total of 2,000 mangrove trees were planted in commemoration of World Mangrove Day. There are 4 types of mangrove species planted, namely *Rhizophora stilossa*, *R. apiculata*, *Bruguiera cylindrica* and *Avicenna marina*." PEMSEA / [Read more](#)

IRELAND: EPA ANNOUNCES DRAFT NATIONAL HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021-2027 IS NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

July 16 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today published the draft National Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2001-2007 and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment. These documents are open for public consultation until 17 September 2021.

The objectives of the draft National Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2021 - 2027 are to:

- Support and drive prevention of hazardous waste.
- Improve the collection infrastructure for hazardous waste.
- Endorse the proximity principle so that hazardous wastes are treated as close to the point of production as possible – including within Ireland.
- Support effective regulation of the movement and disposal of hazardous wastes in line with national policy priorities.
- Promote safe reuse and recycling pathways in support of the circular economy. EPA / [Read more](#)

ISRAEL: OIL TRANSPORT DEAL BETWEEN ISRAEL, UAE ON HOLD DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

July 25 - The Israeli Ministry of Environmental Protection has stated that it would postpone executing a [proposed oil transportation agreement](#) with the United Arab Emirates, putting a stop to a project that has enraged environmentalists.

Following the establishment of diplomatic links between the UAE and Israel last year, Gulf oil would be transported by tanker to the Red Sea port of Eilat, then transported by pipeline across continental Israel to the Mediterranean port of Ashkelon, from whence it would be exported to Europe. Nature World News / [Read more](#)

SRI LANKA: DEAD TURTLES AND WAVES OF PLASTIC SHOW SRI LANKAN SHIP DISASTER'S DEEP RAMIFICATIONS



July 26 - The fire released 72 tonnes of plastic pellets - raw materials used to make plastic products - into the ocean, blanketing beaches along Sri Lanka's western coast. The environmental impact was immediately clear.

Plastic pellets became lodged in fish's gills and mouths. And dozens of rare sea turtles washed up on Sri Lanka's beaches, some with what appeared to be scorch marks on their shells. Fish, dolphins and even a whale were found dead. As of late June, about 200 carcasses had been counted.

Two months on, billions of plastic particles have washed up on nearly every shore of the island and are expected to disperse throughout the Indian Ocean. Fishing communities have been heavily impacted, and locals fear it will take years for the island to recover from what environmentalists have called the worst disaster in Sri Lanka's history. 9 News / [Read more](#)

SRI LANKA: ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS CLAIM OIL SPILLED FROM XPRESS PEARL

July 29 - Environmental groups in Sri Lanka are calling for the nation's president to personally intervene to secure a rapid cleanup of the wreck of the container feeder XPress Pearl, which burned and sank off Colombo in early June. A recent video of the vessel appears to show an oily sheen on the surface, and the activists have expressed concern that the ship could be spilling fuel oil into the water.

According to the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the Pearl carried a far larger quantity of a different kind of raw plastic - nearly 10,000 tonnes of liquid epoxy resin. The amount still contained within the hull and its current state are not known; if any were released, its impact on marine ecosystems is uncertain. Other cargoes on board included methanol, gear oil, brake fluid, urea, lead, copper and lithium batteries, according to UNEP.

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

UNEP is calling for XPress Feeders and the Sri Lankan government to reach agreement on a wreck removal plan so that they can proceed with the work as soon as weather conditions allow. The agency plans to release its own recommendations for the removal and cleanup this week. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

UK: MCA - MSN 1906 THE CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND MARINE POLLUTANTS: AMENDMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

July 26 - This MSN relates to the carriage of dangerous goods and marine pollutants in packaged form and the transport of bulk chemicals and gas by sea in ships within UK waters and on UK ships wherever they may be. MCA / [Read more](#)

UK: MCA - MARINE POLLUTION (MARPOL) ANNEX II SURVEYORS

July 29 - Guidance concerning the international convention for the prevention of pollution from ships (MARPOL) surveyors MCA / [Read more](#)

UK: CONTINGENCY PLANNING: MARINE POLLUTION PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

July 29 - MCA guidelines for ports to ensure a co-ordinated local and national response to an oil spill.

These guidelines are for those involved in the creation of oil spill response contingency plans. They promote a coherent national approach to the successful management of oil pollution incidents. They're designed to ensure that the national contingency plan (NCP) and local plans, including those of harbour authorities, work together to respond effectively. MCA / [Read more](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

July 23 – Please click on the links below to read the latest News Reports from NOAA OR&R

[OR&R Representatives Meet with University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez and Mauritius Interns](#)

During June and July 2021, the joint OR&R and University of New Hampshire Coastal Response Research Center (CRRCC) and UNH School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering hosted undergraduate interns from the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez and a student from Mauritius studying at Gustavo Adolphus College to work on a variety of research projects, several conducted by the center for OR&R. The research topics include oil thickness, marine oil snow, oil and ice modeling, and microplastics research.

[\\$2.1 Million Proposed for Restoration at the Bayport Channel Oil Spill Site in Texas](#)

On July 19, the [Department of Justice announced filing for public comment of a consent decree\(link is external\)](#) proposing a \$2.1 million settlement value to restore for natural resource damages for the [Bayport Channel oil spill](#) in Texas.

[Natural Resource Trustees Request Public Comments on Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Shell Green Canyon 248 Oil Spill](#)

On May 11, 2016, on Green Canyon Block 248, 97 miles off the coast of Louisiana, a crude oil spill from a well-head flow line resulted in the discharge of 80,892 gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

[Marine Debris Program Presents at the Virginia Association for Environmental Education Mini-Conference Series: Summer on the Shore](#)

On July 17, the Marine Debris Program Education Specialist Alexandria Brake and Mid-Atlantic Regional Coordinator Christy Kehoe presented at a virtual [Virginia Association for Environmental Education \(VAEE\) Mini-Conference Series: Summer on the Shore\(link is external\)](#).

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

ITALY: PREFECT STEFANO LAPORTA CONFIRMED AS THE PRESIDENCY OF ISPRA



July 28 - The Environment Committees of the Chamber and the Senate have today expressed a favorable opinion on the nomination proposal no. 97 of the Prefect Stefano Laporta as president of the Higher Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA). Stefano Laporta, born in Lecce, lawyer and Prefect, president of ISPRA and SNPA since 2017, has been first sub-commissioner since 2008, then general manager of ISPRA. In 2016 he was appointed coordinator of the Advisory Committee of the National Inspectorate for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection (ISIN). [Source Document](#)

MINUTES OF ISCO ZOOM MEETING ON 22nd JULY 2021

ATTENDEES

John Wardrop
John McMurtrie
Bill Boyle
Neil Marson
Dan Sheehan

Helena Rowland
Merv Fingas
Dan Sobieski
Jane Delgado
Marc Shaye

Mike Watson
Larissa Montas
Peter Balogun
Mary Ann Dalgleish

- Clean Pacific – ISCO will have a virtual booth. Mike Watson will set it up and Marc Shaye, Mary Ann Dalgleish and Neil Marson will man the booth.
- Podcasts – Marc Shaye and DC Sekhar are working on the first podcast concerning plastic in waters. Mike Watson will research applications to use.
- Rowing across the Atlantic – Neil Watson has reached to PR company. He will follow up with them.
- Mike Watson – have received appx. 14 replies for information to be included in Directory. Mary Ann Dalgleish will send out a new email to all corporate members asking for information to be returned.
- Advertising in Newsletter and Website – John will insert information in Newsletter. Jane Delgado will insert in LinkedIn.
- Student Members – Peter Balogun will work with Mary Ann Dalgleish to reach out to all student members. Peter will head the group. ISCO will feature one student per week in the newsletter.
- Awards – Marc Shaye has suggested an ISCO Environmental Excellence Award format. He and Dan Sheehan will put together a process. This will be the only award program sponsored by ISCO. It has been decided not to make awards for work done in the field by companies as it could become too political. Motion was made and accepted and approved to begin this process by Marc & Dan.
- Press Releases – Will reach out to David and Charlie Usher regarding this process.

Thanks to Mary Ann Dalgleish, VP (Membership)

IOPC FUNDS – MEETINGS OF GOVERNING BODIES

Matthew Sommerville, Member of the Executive Committee and ISCO Ambassador for London represented ISCO at the July 2021 Meetings of the Governing Bodies.

ADVERTISING IN THE ISCO NEWSLETTER

ISCO has introduced new advertising opportunities which are available on the ISCO website and our weekly email newsletter.

The ISCO website at www.spillcontrol.org enjoys high traffic figures and is the primary port of call for visitors seeking information about oil and chemical spill response. The free weekly ISCO Newsletter circulates to an estimated 5,000 + readers in over 55 countries. For advertisers with an interest in marketing to the pollution response industry ISCO provides a unique and very highly targeted way of reaching out to your potential customers all over the world.

We have created a media pack which highlights the opportunities and the costs. If you would like a copy of the media pack please contact Mike Watson on spillcontrol@mwadigital.com and he will send it to you.

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

Corporate Members of ISCO can benefit from submitting news about new products and services in the “News from ISCO Members” section of the ISCO Newsletter. This is a free facility for Members. Given that the ISCO Newsletter has a large and highly targeted readership in over 50 countries, it’s a cost-effective way to promote your company. If you have some news you would like to share with readers of the ISCO Newsletter, send it to John.McMurtrie@spillcontrol.org

MPC COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PREVENTION AND DECONTAMINATION PROGRAM

Marine Pollution Control is performing SARS-CoV-2 decontamination services following guidance published by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

We have implemented best industry practices in responding to this unprecedented global pandemic. Our SARS-CoV-2 facility decontamination program is based around a customizable project template with written Standard Operating Guide and Health and Safety Protocol. Scalable from single vehicle projects to industrial facilities. All workers are OSHA 1910.120 HAZWOPER-trained, OSHA General Industry - Bloodborne Pathogen Standard 1910.1030 and Infectious Disease-Trained. [More info](#)

BRIGGS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LTD. – NEW RESPONSE BASE & OFFICES



ISCO Member, Briggs Environmental Services Ltd. has announced the completion of the relocation of its Aberdeen Response Base and offices. The new facility boasts a dedicated training area and warehouse, and is ideally situated to support the expansion of its environmental response, staff training and consulting services. 15 full-time staff are looking forward to working in this exciting new facility.

The new address is - Briggs Environmental Services, Minto Drive, Altens Industrial Estate, Aberdeen, AB12 3LW
Telephone 01224 898 666
Emergency Response number 0800 374 348

<https://www.briggsmarine.com/services/environmental-services/>

ISCO STUDENTS, TRAINEES & APPRENTICES CORRESPONDENCE PAGE

ISCO OFFERS A FREE ONE YEAR TRIAL MEMBERSHIP FOR STUDENTS, TRAINEES AND APPRENTICES WHO ARE MAKING A CAREER IN OUR INDUSTRY.

Our recently joined Student Members have been invited to share news of their activities with the aim of creating opportunities for sharing information and possibilities for ideas-exchange and co-operation. Please note that the ISCO discussion group on Linked-in also provides a good platform for correspondence and ideas-sharing.

At ISCO's Zoom Meeting on July 22 Kayode Peter Balogun of Nigeria was nominated as Leader of ISCO's Student Group.

This week ISCO welcomed Commandant Shailindraa Kumar Singh of India as a new Student Member.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

EIGHT PHASE APPROACH TO HNS INCIDENT SCENE MANAGEMENT – A STRUCTURED APPROACH TO SAFELY RESOLVING HAZMAT INCIDENTS

Tuesday, August 3 Time: 10:00 AM (BST) Format: free webinar

Phase 2 looks at the considerations upon mobilisation to a hazmat incident and how to make a safe approach. During this webinar, our panel will discuss key topics such as safe approach routes, early identification of the substance involved, cordons, incident location, and early information gathering. This webinar will conclude with a discussion around making the final approach to a hazmat incident and how control room employees play a vital part during this phase. [More info](#)

INTEGRATING ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION REFORM INTO LAND USE PLANNING

Thursday, August 5, 2021, 2:00pm - 1:00pm - Australian Land & Groundwater Association – [More info](#)

UPDATED INFO: OIL SPILL RESPONSE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER WEBINAR SERIES

August 10 from 9 – 10 am Houston time Guest Speaker – Mr Alan A. Allen will share OSR experience gained over 50 years

You are invited to ExxonMobil Oil Spill Response Knowledge Transfer Webinar 1. This is a monthly webinar to allow highly experienced OSR experts to transfer their knowledge to attendees. The webinar series will provide a platform to communicate, transfer, and preserve OSR knowledge, and to share insights and perspectives from industry, academia, oil spill responders, and

UPCOMING WEBINARS (CONTINUED)

other oil spill response experts. The webinars will start on Tuesday, August 10 from 9 - 10 am Houston time and continue every first Tuesday of the following months. We intend to continue the webinars indefinitely depending on response and our ability to schedule appropriate speakers.

For full details and joining info please look at post in ISCO Newsletter 797 or send an email to lin.zhao@exxonmobil.com.

SECONDARY CONTAINMENT – MIDEL AND VIPOR SOLUTIONS

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 Time: 11:00 a.m. EDT to Noon

MIDEL is a new oil type that is gaining popularity for electrical transformer cooling oil. In this webinar, we will discuss the challenges associated with secondary containment systems for MIDEL oil filled equipment, testing of approved BCI MIDEL Oil Stop Valves and VIPOR solutions for dewatering secondary containment systems with MIDEL oil. [Registration](#)

The above is one of a series of webinars with a focus on secondary containment. More info can be found in issue 791 of the ISCO Newsletter or visit <https://www.basicconcepts.com/upcoming-events/>

“FRONTLINE STORIES” -TRUE STORIES ABOUT THE WAYS EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES HELP USERS THROUGHOUT THE CHEMICAL SUPPLY CHAIN

Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 12:00 p.m. ET (GMT -5, New York) When we have a chemical incident, like a spill or accidental exposure, our safety depends on the fast availability of emergency response information. What we don't always think about is that this information depends on the actions of users throughout the chemical supply chain. [More info and registration](#)

UNDERSTANDING THE CONTENT OF SDSS/ESDSS

1, 2, 8, 9 September. From Chemical Watch - Provides in-depth training on how to produce high quality SDSs and guides you through their application to mixtures, exposure reduction, and the interpretation of supplier exposure scenarios. [More info](#)

PFAS, GEOSYNTHETICS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW SO FAR?

Thursday, September 2, 2021, 12:00pm - 1:00pm From ALGA, This webinar will provide an overview of the current state of the practice on geosynthetic liners- poly and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) interaction. [More info](#)

WEBINAR ON TIERED PREPAREDNESS FOR WILDLIFE RESPONSE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Tuesday; 21 September 2021; at 10:00 am (CET) - Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL), Sea Alarm and the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) are very pleased to invite you to the webinar on Tiered Preparedness for Wildlife Response in the Mediterranean Region

For full information and details of how to join please look at post in ISCO Newsletter 797 or email houcine.mejri@moig.org.tn

ONLINE AND OTHER TRAINING COURSES

SOME USEFUL LINKS

- AUSTRALIA – AMOSC - <https://amosc.com.au/training/>
- AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND – ALGA - <https://landandgroundwater.com/event/pfas-101>
- FRANCE - CEDRE - Click on these links [training catalogue](#) and [2021 calendar](#). We also invite you to visit our new online training space and the training courses offered: <https://elearning.cedre.fr/>
- UK & WORLDWIDE – OIL SPILL RESPONSE LTD. - <https://www.oilspillresponse.com/training/courses/>
- UK & WORLDWIDE – BRIGGS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LTD. - <https://www.briggsmarine.com/services/training/>
- UK – NCEC HAZMAT ACADEMY – [More info](#)
- USA – TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – NATIONAL SPILL CONTROL SCHOOL - <http://nscs.tamucc.edu/schedule-2020-2021.html>
- USA – MPC, DETROIT - <https://marinepollutioncontrol.com/services/training-and-compliance>

If you would like to be listed here, please contact your editor – john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

DIPLOMA IN MARITIME SAFETY POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

From Lloyds Maritime Academy – Starts 6th September 2021 – [More info](#)

PORTUGAL: INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM TRAINING COURSE

Join us in Portugal from September 8th to 10th, 2021, to learn how to manage an expanding incident using the Incident Command System and also get to network with our speakers, Richard Sims and Maria Mayrinck, and other stakeholders. Register here: <https://lnkd.in/d9a4CEW> #incidentmanagementsystem #Portugal #discountoffer #Portugal

CONTRACTS, TENDERS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTIFICATION SERVICE

This is a subscription service. [Have a look to see examples of open tenders.](#)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: USA & EUROPE

US Government solicitations are frequently posted in Technology Innovation News Survey, US EPA Tech Direct and USA Federal Contracts Update. European Maritime Safety Agency invitations to tender are often posted in The EMSA Newsletter. See “Links for other publications” for links to download current issues of these publications.

NIGERIA: PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

Contractors are invited to pre-qualify for simple and complex hydrocarbon impacted sites in Ogoniland, Nigeria, and expression of interest in design of centre of excellence for environmental restoration along with an integrated contaminated soil management centre [download the tender invitation document](#)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

WHY OIL-SPILL TECH IS SO PRIMITIVE AND HOW ONE MAN IS TRYING TO FIX IT

[Editor: In this interesting and very critical article by Larry Herbst at IEEE, he speaks about a technology that appears to represent a radical improvement in oil spill skimming technology and gives his views on why it doesn't appear to have been widely adopted by the oil spill response industry].



“The seas had turned rough as a sudden squall whipped up the winds enough to howl through the rigging. And with those winds came a powerful smell of oil. Soon I could see the characteristic rainbow sheen from my position on the rail of this fishing trawler. It was May of 2016, and we were in the Gulf of Mexico, about 16 kilometers off the southeast coast of Louisiana.

“Skimmer in the water,” bellowed Kevin Kennedy, an Alaskan fisherman turned oil-spill remediation entrepreneur. Ropes groaned as the boat’s winches lowered his prototype oil-recovery system into the heaving seas. As the trawler bobbed up and down, Kennedy’s contraption rode the waves, its open mouth facing into the slick, gulping down a mix of seawater and crude oil”

The stomach of Kennedy’s device, to continue the analogy, was a novel separator, which digested the mixture of seawater and oil. By virtue of its clever engineering, it excreted essentially nothing but water. At the top of the separator’s twin tanks, the collected oil began to swell. When enough had accumulated, the oil was sucked safely into a storage tank. Then the cycle would begin again.

This former fisherman has spent a small fortune to prove he has created an effective system for cleaning up oil spilled on the water, one that works well in real-world conditions. But for all he can tell so far, it’s a system that nobody wants. ... [Continue reading](#)

Some key points –

- Sea Otter Skimmer - Here’s how it works.
- Kennedy’s system demonstrated the best efficiency at the XPrize competition
- Clean up a spill twice as quickly, and you’ll make only half as much money.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event organisers are requested to notify ISCO immediately if a listed event is cancelled or postponed

Your Editor is doing his best to keep this listing up-to-date but it should not be assumed that listed events have not been cancelled or postponed. It is recommended that you check with event organisers before finalising your attendance plans. If an event title is not printed in blue ink it is not hyperlinked to the event website. This may be because the website is not yet available or because the link for the website has not yet been given. If you want to request the addition of an event please contact the Editor.

For more information click on Title of Event			
COUNTRY	2021	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
USA & VIRTUAL	August 9	OR&R Science of Chemical Releases (SOCR) Class	Online
USA & VIRTUAL	August 17-18	Clean Pacific Exhibition & Conference	Renton, WA
VIRTUAL EVENT	TBA	Hazmat Emergency Response Workshop	Online
NETHERLANDS	September 9-10	Envirotech for Shipping Forum	Rotterdam
USA & VIRTUAL	Sept. 13-15	Clean Waterways Conference & Exhibition	Louisville, KY
USA	October 5-7	Elastec's fall oil spill workshop	Carmi, IL
AUSTRALIA	October 18-21	Ecoforum 2021 Conference	Sydney
GERMANY	October 20	HELCOM Ministerial Meeting	Lübeck
UK	Sept. 15-16	ChemUK 2021 Expo	Birmingham
UK	Sept. 20-21	Emergency Planning Society Conference & AGM	Easingwold
UK	Sept 29 – Oct 1	Marine Claims Conference	Edinburgh
USA	Nov. 16-18	Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition	San Antonio, TX
VIRTUAL EVENT	Nov. 17-18	Emergency Responders Drone Conference 2021	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	Nov. 22-26	IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee	Online
BAHREIN	Nov. 28-30	International Conference & Exhibition on Spills, Clean Seas & Environment	Bahrain
UK	December 1-2	Salvage and Wreck Removal Conference	London
CAMBODIA	December 1-4	East Asian Seas Congress	Sihanoukville
COUNTRY	2022	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
UK	March 15-17	Oceanology International	London
NETHERLANDS	June 21-23	Interspill Conference and Exhibition	Amsterdam
CROATIA	October 25-27	Regional Workshop – Enhancing Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic & Mediterranean Regions	Opatija

Please advise the Editor if any of the above entries require correction or updating. If you are holding an event you would like to be featured here, please send details to John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

USA: CLEAN PACIFIC – AGENDA & CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The [2021 CLEAN PACIFIC Conference](#) will take place next month at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, on August 17-18, with a virtual component for those still facing travel restrictions.

We're excited to serve as a platform to reunite the spill prevention & response community in the Western United States and Canada and deliver top-notch presentations focused on the region-specific issues that matter most to this group.

The sessions and networking opportunities we have planned will bring together a mix of attendees from maritime, facilities, rail, pipeline and governmental agencies. [View agenda and confirmed speakers](#)

Conference sessions taking place live at CLEAN PACIFIC:

- Virtual Command Posts for Response and Exercises: What will we take into the Future?
- Wildlife Issues and Regulations in the Northwest Region
- Emerging Technologies
- Transboundary and Stakeholder Issues
- Inland Prevention and Response
- Evolving Response Issues – A Mixture of Challenging Topics and Practical Applications

Bonus sessions to be released at the conclusion of the live event:

- Capacity Building in Tribal and First Nation Communities
- Indigenous Advisory Monitoring Committee (IAMC) and Emergency Management
- Response Case Studies

MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS (CONTINUED)

USA: 2021 CLEAN WATERWAYS CONFERENCE BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE

A full, printable program is now available for this [year's CLEAN WATERWAYS Conference](#), taking place September 14-15 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY. Check out all that we have planned for CLEAN WATERWAYS. [Download the brochure](#)

USA: CLEAN GULF - 2021 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The 2021 CLEAN GULF The [preliminary conference agenda](#), with speakers, is now available! Check out the program and commit to joining your peers in spill prevention and response this November. [Registration](#) [View the full program online](#)

Early bird registration discounts run through August 27th. Save up to \$200 on regular registration rates if you register by 8/27.

EUROPE – INTERSPILL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2022

Interspill Limited is delighted to announce that it has partnered with iCONEX Global to organise Interspill 2022 at RAI Amsterdam on 21-23 June 2022.

The official event website is currently being updated, however, until then all the latest news and information about Interspill can be viewed at <https://www.interspill.org/>

USA: REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR ELASTEC'S FALL WORKSHOP 2021

Our intensive, hands-on FALL OIL SPILL WORKSHOP is designed for spill responders who desire hands-on oil spill response training. The three day workshop begins with a full day of classroom orientation at Elastec in Carmi, Illinois followed by two rigorous booming and skimmer deployment days on the Wabash River in New Harmony, Indiana. This workshop also qualifies as an 8-hour HAZWOPER refresher course. [More info](#)

UK: ENERGY INSURANCE LONDON

8th October 2021 - The agenda includes a session "Oil Spill & Pollution Mitigation - How does incident management work and what technology is available to enable the validation and containment of costs and managing third party claims in response to environmental and oil spill incidents? An informative session from the people on the ground. [More info](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS INTERSPILL 2022

The Interspill Committee announces the preliminary programme together with the Call for Papers for Interspill 2022 and invites authors to submit abstracts for consideration by 30 September 2022. [More info](#)

LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING AND READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[AMSA Update](#)
[ATRAC Newsletter](#)
[BIMCO Bulletin](#)
[Newsletter from George Holliday](#)
[Cedre Newsletter](#)
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[GDACS Newsletter](#)
[GEF Newsletter](#)
[GESAMP](#)
[GISEA Quarterly Newsletter](#)
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[Navigate Response](#)
[NOAA OR&R](#)
[Oceanbuzz](#)
[OCIMF Newsletter](#)
[OHMSETT Gazette](#)
[Oiled Wildlife Log](#)
[PEMSEA Newsletter](#)
[Pollution Online Newsletter](#)

Latest News from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority
News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre
Marine and shipping-related news from BIMCO
News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday
News from Cedre in Brittany, France
News from the European Maritime Safety Agency
Environmental News from Environmental Expert
Daily alerts for natural disasters – earthquakes, floods, typhoons, etc.
Monthly Newsletter from the Global Environment Facility
Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection
News from Global Initiative for South-East Asia
News from the International Maritime Organization
New and forthcoming IMO publications
News magazine from ITOPF with interesting spill response articles
Int'l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management
Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community
UNEP / MAP Barcelona Convention News
News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group
News from the National Chemical Emergency Centre
Global crisis communications network for shipping & marine
Weekly round-up of news from NOAA's Office of Response & Restoration
Newsletter giving news on the Ocean Technology Industry
News from the Oil Companies International Marine Forum
Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly
Bi-annual Newsletter from Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research
Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas
News for pollution prevention & control professionals

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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
Society of Maritime Industries	News from the UK's maritime engineering and business services sector.	April 1, 2021
Spill Alert	Quarterly Newsletter from UK & Ireland Spill Association	July 2021
Technology Innovation News Survey	News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination	June 1-15, 2021
The Marine Insurer	Includes latest news on pollution insurance matters	June 2021
The Maritime Advocate	Maritime News from Sandra Speares	Current issue
UNEP News	Latest News from United Nations Environmental Programme	Latest News
USA EPA Tech Direct	Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater	July 1, 2021
USA Federal Contract Opportunities	The authoritative source for federal contract opportunities	Current issue
Water Pollution & Flood News	Monthly round-ups of UK & Worldwide Spill and Flood News	Free on request

Your editor depends on regular receipt of updated URL links for listed publications. If these are not received, relevant entries will be discontinued. Publishers are kindly requested to advise the editor john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org if any links are not up-to-date.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

UK: NEW ISSUE OF SPILLALERT MAGAZINE PUBLISHED BY THE UK AND IRELAND SPILL ASSOCIATION

The latest issue of SpillAlert has just been published and can be downloaded at https://issuu.com/ukeirespill/docs/spill_alert_-_issue_21

ITOPF PUBLISHES NEW TIP ON SHIP GROUNDINGS ON CORAL REEFS

July 25 - ITOFF has just published a new Technical Information Paper (TIP) on ship groundings on coral reefs.

This is the 18th paper in ITOFF's TIP series and was produced in conjunction with Seaground. It describes the effects of groundings on coral reefs and provides guidance on response strategies, survey techniques and restoration measures.

The paper is freely available to download from our [website](#).

HEALTH & SAFETY

CSB RELEASES NEW SAFETY VIDEO ON AGHORN OPERATING INVESTIGATION ENTITLED "SILENT KILLER: HYDROGEN SULFIDE RELEASE IN ODESSA, TEXAS"

July 29- Today the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) released its safety video into the October 26, 2019, hydrogen sulfide release at the Aghorn Operating waterflood station in Odessa, Texas. The release fatally injured an Aghorn employee who was working at the facility that evening, as well as his spouse who attempted to locate him at the facility after he did not return home.

The CSB's safety video includes a new animation of the events leading up to the incident, and interviews with both the CSB's Chairperson and the Supervisory Investigator for this investigation.

The full video can be found [HERE](#).

In the video CSB Chairperson and CEO, Dr. Katherine Lemos says, "We urge companies operating oil and gas facilities to understand the findings from this investigation and implement appropriate safeguards and training. We need to work together to ensure that our workers and community members return home safely each and every day." [More info](#) <https://www.csb.gov/>

JOB VACANCIES

GI WACAF IS HIRING A NEW PROJECT MANAGER

Are you interested in marine environment protection, oil spill preparedness and response, and technical cooperation in Africa? Are you fluent in French? GI WACAF is hiring a new Project Manager! Please see the full offer [here](#).

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICER AT REMPEC, EXTENDED TO END AUGUST 2021

July 5 - The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has announced a position for Junior Professional Officer at the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) in Malta, through IMO Circular Letter No. 4353 dated 17 February 2021. [More info](#)

JOB SEEKERS

OIL SPILL RESPONSE/REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL

I'm an HSES Professional with a bias on oil spill response and remediation. I have professional certificates in HSE and Oil Spill Response from Southampton UK, B.A Public Admin/Psy; Diploma Industrial Psy/Accident Prevention and MSc Petroleum Economics; Major (corporate social responsibility). I'm available. For further details please contact me by email. Kehinde David Adjaye - kehinde.adjaye@gmail.com

INCIDENT REPORTS

SOUTH AFRICA: DURBAN CHEMICAL FIREBALL PUTS COMMUNITY HEALTH RISKS AND HAZARD PLANNING IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Smoke and fumes pouring from the gutted remnants of the UPL pesticide warehouse in Cornubia, Durban. (Photo: Tony Carnie)

July 25 - Notwithstanding evidence that the new United Phosphorus Limited (UPL) pesticide and agrochemical products warehouse in Cornubia appears to have been torched deliberately at the height of the violence and looting spree in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng, tough questions will no doubt be posed shortly to the Mumbai-based agrochemical giant; the property managers and landlords who leased the warehouse to them, as well as the regulatory authorities who approved the storage, pollution control and emergency plans.

Questions include whether the new warehouse was ever classified as a Major Hazard Installation and about the apparent absence or failure of measures to prevent large volumes of contaminated water pouring out into the surrounding environment and the sea. Daily Maverick / [Read more](#)

July 26 - eThekweni, DFFE helping UPL with Cornubia chemical clean-up efforts

The eThekweni municipality, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) and specialists from the municipality, the department and the private sector are advising and helping chemical company UPL to clean up the spill that happened in Cornubia, Durban, following the recent unrest in KwaZulu-Natal.

UPL has contracted waste management and remediation service providers and is paying all costs for the clean-up, while the environmental specialists, with help from the South African Weather Services, will conduct air dispersion modelling, as well as air quality and community exposure impact assessments to determine the impact on human health, eThekweni environmental management director Siphumelele Nowele said on July 23. Engineering News / [Read more](#)

Other Press Reports

July 25 <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-07-25-kwazulu-natal-community-left-reeling-with-health-fears-after-toxic-chemical-warehouse-fire/>

July 25 <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-07-25-united-phosphorus-limited-toxic-warehouse-in-durban-part-of-special-fast-track-state-investment-scheme-firm-fined-millions-in-india/>

USA: NORTH CAROLINA - WATER CONTAMINANT LEVELS STILL DECREASING SINCE GREENSBORO SPILL

July 25 - Two weeks of samples taken from Pittsboro's water intake show decreasing concentrations of 1,4-Dioxane in the town's drinking supply since a yet unknown Greensboro source discharged at least two "slugs" of the dangerous chemical into the Haw last month. Chapelboro.com / [Read more](#)

ARGENTINA: LAGOON TURNING PINK AFTER AN APPARENT CHEMICAL LEAK



Aerial view of a lagoon that turned pink near Trelew, in the Patagonian province of Chubut, Argentina.

DANIEL FELDMAN/AFP via Getty Images

July 26 - Experts and activists said the colour change in the lagoon in the Chubut region was due to sodium sulfite, an anti-bacterial product used in fish factories, Agence France-Presse reported
Business Insider / [Read more](#)

FRENCH POLYNESIA: CHINESE LONGLINER RUNS AGROUND

July 27 - The 40-metre-long Ping Tai Rong 49 hit the uninhabited atoll 720 kilometres south-east of Tahiti on Friday night while travelling from the Cook Islands to waters near Pitcairn.

The Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Tahiti first sent a helicopter to rescue the 15-strong crew and flew them to nearby Nukutepitepi, also in the Duke of Gloucester Islands. The navy also brought 300 metres of spill containment barriers to the area. RNZ / [Read more](#)



OMAN: TWO KILLED DURING ATTACK ON ISRAELI-MANAGED PRODUCT TANKER

July 30 - Two seafarers were reported killed in the latest attack on an Israeli-managed vessel operating in the Middle East region. The incident, which was confirmed by UK officials, is the latest in a series of attacks on vessels in the region in a rumored shadow war between Iran and Israel, but the first to result in casualties.

UK-based Zodiac Maritime issued a brief statement initially saying, "We can confirm that there has been a suspected piracy incident onboard the product tanker M/T Mercer Street," but did not elaborate on details. The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) also issued alerts on the attack, but said that it did not believe it was piracy. They said assistance was being provided to the product tanker and that the investigation was ongoing. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#) Related article in [Jerusalem Post](#)

YEMEN: WAR DESTRUCTIVE FOR REGIONAL ECOSYSTEM

August 1 - Substantial oil pollution in the Arabian Sea coast was caused by a sunk oil tanker owned by an official of the government of the resigned President Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi, reported Yemeni sources in Aden port city.

The sources further said that the vessel sank in Alburuqa coasts in western Aden as its "useful life had ended and it was unqualified for transportation." The private oil tanker Dia began to sink on July 18 off the southern coast of Yemen near the Port of Aden, leaving an oil slick of more than 20 km along the shore and causing damage to the Al-Huswah natural reserve, the only nature reserve in the city, local sources said. ABNA 24 / [Read more](#)

HISTORY

USA: SHIP INVOLVED IN MAJOR OIL SPILL LEAVES SAN FRANCISCO BAY FOREVER

July 15 - With no fanfare and few people realizing, an infamous chapter in Bay Area environmental history has closed. Or rather, sailed away.

The Cape Mohican, an 873-foot-long military cargo ship that was involved in one of the biggest oil spills in San Francisco Bay in the past half century, was towed from its longtime berth at the Port of Oakland and under the Golden Gate Bridge this past Friday.

By Wednesday, it had reached Mexico, attached to a tug boat with a steel cable as thick around as a beer bottle and chugging along at 7 mph en route to the Panama Canal, then Beaumont, Texas, by Aug. 1, and probably not long after, to a final date with the shipyard in Brownsville to be broken down and recycled.

The hulking 50-year-old vessel, a gray barge carrier that stretches as long as the Transamerica Building laid on its side, saw service in the Persian Gulf War.

But its claim to fame — or infamy — occurred on Oct. 28, 1996, when a worker at a dry dock in San Francisco near Pier 70, just south of the present-day Giants' ballpark, mistakenly opened a valve on the ship thinking he was releasing water. Instead, 96,000 gallons of heavy black bunker oil poured out. About 40,000 gallons of oil flowed into San Francisco Bay.

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF ISCO

ABOUT THE ISCO COUNCIL

According to the ISCO Constitution "The ISCO Council is composed of the appointed National Representatives of each country in which there are Members of ISCO. The ISCO Council acts as an advisory and consultative body, assisting the Executive Committee on policy, new initiatives and other matters. Each Member of Council is the primary point of contact between the Membership in the country (or region) represented and the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee also looks to Members of Council for support in facilitating communications between ISCO and government ministries or agencies, and other national authorities, institutions or bodies in the countries (or regions) represented. Members of Council are expected to promote ISCO's objectives and to encourage growth of ISCO Membership in their countries".

Most Members of ISCO Council have full time occupations and are able to give only a very restricted amount of their time in support of the organisation. Because of this, Council Members are limited in what they can do to help but ISCO owes a big debt of gratitude to its Members of Council for their continuing support.

With ISCO's dependence on membership fees for its funding, recruitment of members is particularly important. Members of the ISCO Committee, ISCO Council and other ISCO Members have all helped in this effort. Over the years individual Members of ISCO Council have helped the organisation in many ways –

- Making recommendations to the Executive Committee on policy and other matters
- Giving practical support to ISCO initiatives that are of benefit to our community
- Acting as a point of contact between ISCO and national authorities
- Organising "in-country" meetings of members
- Helping to grow the organisation by recruiting new members
- Publicising the aims and work of ISCO at national conferences
- Providing member benefits such as discounts on training courses, conference fees, etc.
- Supporting ISCO representation at in-country exhibitions, conferences and forums.
- Representing the organisation at international conferences, IMO and other meetings.
- Contributing to working groups (ISCO, IMO, and others) on projects for improving spill response
- Providing technical articles, case histories, etc. for publication in the ISCO Newsletter
- Sending interesting news reports for inclusion in the ISCO Newsletter

Members of ISCO Council can be found at <http://spillcontrol.org/members/members-of-the-isco-council>

ISCO has members in more than 50 countries but there are still many countries where there is currently no Member of Council. Also, as time passes, we lose Council Members as individuals retire or move on. It would be of great benefit for the organisation to increase the number of Council Members. If you would like to become a Member of ISCO Council here please note that -

- Any member* of ISCO can volunteer to become a Member of ISCO Council
- You can recommend someone else as a new Member of ISCO Council

There are a few rules –

- Under most circumstances only one Member of Council can be appointed for each country
- Appointment of a new Council Member should be approved by a majority of the in-country members and the ISCO Executive Committee
- If more than one individual wishes to represent a particular country, an election will be held amongst the in-country members to decide on the appointment.
- A Member of ISCO Council must maintain his/her status as a paid-up member* of ISCO
- The re-appointment of all Members of the ISCO Council is normally confirmed at the Annual General Meeting unless an objection is raised or a Council Member intimates a wish to stand down

*In this context “member” can mean –

- an Individual Member
- or a Professional Member
- or an employee of a Corporate Member
- or an employee of an Industry Partner.

If you would like to propose yourself or someone else as a new Member of ISCO Council please contact the Secretariat at info@spillcontrol.org

ANNOUNCING NEW PRODUCTS & SERVICES

Disseminating news about new technical developments is of value to our community. Corporate Members are invited to contribute articles.

Corporate Members of ISCO can benefit from submitting news about new products and services in the “News from ISCO Members” section of the ISCO Newsletter. This is a free facility for Members. Given that the ISCO Newsletter has a large and highly targeted readership in over 60 countries, it’s a cost-effective way to promote your company.

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2. The Editor reserves the right to edit press releases
3. Information in press releases must be factual and free from sales hype and exaggerated claims
4. Subject matter of press releases must be relevant to the interests of the spill response community
5. Space availability for printing press releases is limited and they should be kept short
6. If a press release is too long only part of it will be printed but a link can be included for downloading its entirety
7. Links for downloading additional information or viewing video material can be included
8. Depending on space availability press releases may be included in the next newsletter or held over for inclusion in a later issue.

THE EDUCATIONAL ROLE OF THE ISCO NEWSLETTER

The ISCO Newsletter has in the past published excellent stand-alone or 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

Disseminating news about new technical developments is of value to our community. Corporate Members and others are invited to contribute articles. Your editor is also interested to receive interesting case histories for publication. Dealing with spill events often requires an innovative approach and you are invited to share your experiences

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