

## ISCO & THE ISCO NEWSLETTER

The International Spill Control Organisation, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to raising worldwide preparedness & co-operation in response to oil and chemical spills, marine & freshwater pollution by plastics, promoting technical development and professional competency, & to providing a focus for making the knowledge and experience of spill control professionals available to Intergovernmental, Governmental, NGO's and interested groups and individuals. ISCO holds consultative status at the International Maritime Organisation & Observer Status at the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds

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NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES - ISCO is currently in discussion with its National Representatives and some changes and additions will soon be advised.

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**Incident Reports** – Because these may be received close to time of sending out the newsletter, they are entered at the latest possible time on the last page/s.

## IMO: PUSHING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES LIABILITY TREATY

May 9 - The final piece of the puzzle in the liability and compensation treaty regime for shipping will fall into place when the [2010 Convention on Liability for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea \(HNS\)](#) enters into force. A workshop (1-2 May) jointly hosted by the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) focused on the practical elements of implementation, specifically on HNS cargo reporting. It was attended by representatives from 57 States and a wide range of participants from industry and interested organizations. IMO / [Read more](#)

## U.S., JAPAN, KOREA COAST GUARDS SIGN TRILATERAL AGREEMENT TO INCREASE MARITIME COOPERATION

May 12 - U.S. Coast Guard, Japan Coast Guard and Korea Coast Guard representatives displayed continued commitment to enhance maritime expertise and promote regional cooperation by signing a trilateral letter of intent, Thursday.

This agreement aligns trilateral cooperation between Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States to include capacity-building efforts to Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Pacific Island countries. USCG / [Read more](#)

## NEW TOOL STRENGTHENS MARINE ASSESSMENTS IN ARCTIC, BALTIC AND NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC REGIONS

May 16 - The new, openly available Harmonised Regional Seas Assessment Tool (HARSAT) has been presented this week to the HELCOM working group (WG) Source to Sea\*, as it is an essential part in HELCOM indicator evaluations for hazardous substances. HELCOM / [Read more](#)

## ISCO NEWS

### ISCO ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ISCO has announced that two directors have been elected to join its board of directors. The new directors are Dr Larissa Montas (USA) and Mr Wu Yue (China). It has also been confirmed that Dr Montas will serve as Vice-Chairman. The Board is currently made up of four Directors; Rupert Bravery, Matthew Sommerville, Larissa Montas, and Wu Yue. The Board is responsible for ensuring that ISCO as a company meets its legal requirements and for corporate governance.

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## ISCO NEWS (CONTINUED)

### ISCO AT INTERNATIONAL OIL SPILL CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS, USA

ISCO attended this event which concluded on 16<sup>th</sup> May. We had an information booth in the Exhibition Hall and several of our members gave presentations during the Conference. A full report will be given in next week's newsletter.



Photo Above: The ISCO stand at IOISC 2024 with ISCO Council Member Jane Delgado ready to welcome visitors.

Photo on right - On the left is Nigel Bennett of Aqua Guard, M. Kerem Kemerli of MEKE, and myself of MPC at IOISC 2024



This photo just received from Charles Usher who wrote "It was great to re-connect with two old friends and ISCO members".

## LATE ADDITION TO ISCO NEWS - CONTINUE READING ON PAGE 10

### REGIONAL NEWS

The latest News and Press Releases collated from websites of Regional Organisations on ISCO's checking list. To add a website to this list please send the link to [john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org](mailto:john.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org)

### EUROPE: EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY, SVENDBORG 30-31 MAY 2024

The 2024 edition of the European Maritime Day will take place in Svendborg, Denmark, on 30-31 May as a physical event, at the SIMAC Academy- Svendborg International Maritime Academy maritime-day / [Read more](#)

### MEDITERRANEAN: MOIG – INNOMAKER PARTNERS MEETING

09 May 2024, a meeting was held by video conference between the MOIG Director and Mrs. Kamilla Strausz and Dorottya Jancsó from Innomaker Partners. InnoMaker Partners in an organisation based in Budapest-Hungary which provides a professional help for innovative enterprises. They aspire to teach, build, and develop. During each research project, their goal is to master the methodologies that they use, to understand the operating mechanisms, and thereby to understand the own market and customers. InnoMaker Partners guides through this rugged path with the right tools. Their creed also leads them to actively participate in building the innovation ecosystem and nurturing the next generation. Medoilgroup / [Read more](#)

World News is collated from websites located at <https://spillcontrol.org/national-organizations/> On request we can add websites to our checking list but we are also planning to remove sites that fail to provide interesting up-to-date news and press releases appropriate for inclusion in your weekly newsletter.

### **AUSTRALIA: FIRE AND RESCUE ‘HAZMAT’ CREWS COMPLETE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE EXERCISE ON BULK TANKER - PORT BOTANY**

May 15 - Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) hazardous materials (HAZMAT) experts and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority have successfully conducted a specialist training exercise on board a bulk container ship at Port Botany in Sydney. The firefighters, from FRNSW’s HAZMAT-qualified station at Alexandria, have spent three years training in ship-boarding by boat, helicopter winching and insertions at sea techniques, to prepare for operations such as Exercise Noxium, with AMSA, NSW Ports and the Port Authority of NSW. [Fire.nsw / Read more](#)

### **BELGIUM: BELGIAN VILLAGE EXPLORING HEMP TO OVERCOME POLLUTION OF LAND FROM ‘FOREVER CHEMICALS’**

May 14 - University researchers and a village in Belgium are testing the potential of hemp growing for remediation of soil contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) – “forever chemicals” that have long been used in a wide range of industrial and consumer products. [Hemp Today / Read more](#)

### **FRANCE: APRIL REPORT FOR CEDRE’S DUTY TEAM**

- Discussions with CEPOL following a diesel leak in the port of Guilvinec;
- Request from OFB following a leak of heat-transfer fluid in Calvados;
- Discussions with the Côtes-d’Armor fire brigade after an agricultural sprayer containing plant protection products overturned;
- Telephone assistance provided to the Finistère fire brigade following inland water pollution due to a spill of fertiliser into a watercourse;
- Analysis of tarballs found in Brest-Métropole, due to a past spill;
- Request from the Port of Menton following a spill of a cleaning product;
- Request from AEM Cherbourg in relation to tarballs washed up on Urville-Nacqueville beach (Manche);
- Remote participation in the POLMAR-Terre 17 crisis management exercise;
- Participation in a spill response exercise for a drinking water production plant;
- Provision of the results of the analysis of oil samples taken during a spill in Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône to Marseille's Navy Firefighters Battalion (BMPM);
- Assistance to MRCCs for the analysis of aerial and coastal photographs: Corsen MRCC (planktonic bloom and oil slick at sea) and Corsica’s sub-MRCC (natural phenomenon);
- Assistance to Corsen, Jobourg and Réunion MRCCs for drift forecasts based on satellite observation via EMSA's CleanSeaNet service.

#### **UPCOMING TRAINING**

- IMO level 2 bespoke training course - Response at sea and on the shoreline: 21-24 May, for the Taiwan Ocean Conservation Administration, at Cedre
- Bespoke HNS training course: 27-29 May, for the Taiwan Ocean Conservation Administration, at Cedre
- Training course on oil spill response in inland waters: 27-31 May, at Cedre

The replay of the first Cedre 2024 webinar is [available!](#) Impact of a spill of pollutant on fish.  
[Read more in the April 2024 Cedre Newsletter](#)

### **GAMBIA: GMA CONDUCTS SYNERGY ON NATIONAL OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN**

May 10 - The Gambia Maritime Administration (GMA) recently concluded a five-day synergy on the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP) which was aimed to review the information and procedures of the final draft of the document. GMA as the coordinating body for the development of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan sought technical assistance from the International Maritime Organization and the Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI-WACAF) towards the programme. [The Point / Read more](#)

### **INDIA: COAST GUARD EXERCISE OVER POLLUTION RESPONSE OFF CHENNAI COAST**

May 15 - As part of the Indian Coast Guard’s three-day ‘Regional Level Pollution Response Exercise-2024’ between May 13 and 15, ships and aircraft engaged in the exercise off the Chennai coast. The exercise was held as part of annual training programme with

participation from the Coast Guard, ports, oil handling agencies, State Disaster Management Authority, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and Greater Chennai Corporation, an official release said. The Hindu / [Read more](#)

## **ITALY: ECOMONDO - THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY EXPO**

Ecomondo, the ecological transition ecosystem, is the place for industry, stakeholders, policy makers, opinion leaders and local authorities to meet and talk.

It brings together and systemises the key elements that define the development strategies of the European Union's environmental policy.

It is the reference international event in Europe and the Mediterranean basin for technologies, services and industrial solutions in the green and circular economy sectors. Ecomondo / [Read more](#)

## **KENYA: TURKANA RESIDENTS THREATEN TO SCUTTLE KENYA OIL PLAN**

May 14 - Residents of Turkana South have threatened to block the planned transportation of crude oil to Mombasa if their grievances are not addressed. Transportation of the oil from the Turkana fields is expected to start early next month.

The residents said they would block the trucks until negotiations on revenue sharing, job allocation and infrastructure deal are finalised. The Standard / [Read more](#)

## **MALTA: VISIT TO REMPEC BY UNIVERSITY OF MALTA BSC STUDENTS**

April 24 - The Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), welcomed BSc (Biology) students from the University of Malta to share with them the work done by the Centre with the objective to contribute to preventing and reducing pollution from ships and combating pollution in case of emergency in the Mediterranean Sea.

Rempec / [Read more](#)

## **NIGERIA: OSONI YOUTHS GIVE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT SEVEN DAYS TO REVOKE N80 BILLION FAILED CONTRACTS FOR CLEAN-UP OF COMMUNITIES, RECOVER 30% MOBILISATION PAYMENTS**

May 13 - NYCOP stated that over 25 Contractors who were awarded the contracts and paid 30 percent mobilisation of the contract sum for the clean-up, remediation and restoration of Ogoni Communities project that has timeline, had all absconded with the Ogoni money. Sahara Reporters / [Read more](#)

## **TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: GOVT 'SUSPICIOUS' AS NIGERIAN LAWYER FOR 'OWNERS' OF OIL SPILL VESSEL STEP FORWARD**

May 13 - While the owners of the barge and tug that caused the oil spill in Tobago haven't been located just yet, Government has been contacted by a Nigerian lawyer representing the purported owners.

This was revealed by Minister of Energy Stuart Young in the Lower House yesterday. However, the minister said there is "reasonable suspicion" related to this particular claim. He said there are also plans ahead to remove the barge from its location on a reef.

Guardian.tt / [Read more](#)

## **USA: NEW EPA SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS TO PROTECT WATERBODIES IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

May 14 - Yesterday, May 13, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency transmitted a report to Congress outlining clean water infrastructure investments—including wastewater and stormwater system upgrades—that are needed over the next 20 years.

The 2022 survey represents the most recent comprehensive and robust report on wastewater, stormwater, and other clean water infrastructure needs in the U.S., and shows that at least \$630B will be needed over the next 20 years to protect our nation's waterbodies. Water-on-line / [Read more](#)

### USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

May 20 – Please click on the links below to read the latest news

#### [OR&R Participates in Expert Working Group Determining Social Costs of Plastic](#)



*Photo: Members of the NCEAS Working Group on the Social Cost of Plastic Pollution held their first meeting May 13 - 16 at the NCEAS facility in Santa Barbra, CA. Image credit: NCEAS.*

The NOAA Marine Debris Program Chief Scientist, Amy V. Uhrin, attended the first meeting of the Social Cost of Plastic Pollution Working Group of the [National Center for Environmental Analysis and Synthesis \(NCEAS\)](#) (link is external).

#### [Coastal Response Research Center Celebrates 20 Years of Research and Response Partnership with OR&R](#)

In 2024, the Coastal Response Research Center (CRRC) celebrates its 20th year in partnership with OR&R and the University of New Hampshire (UNH).

#### [OR&R Promotes Marine Debris and Emergency Response Awareness for New England Partners and Stakeholders](#)

On April 30, several members from the [NOAA Marine Debris Program](#) within the Office of Response and Restoration joined OR&R's Scientific Support and Regional Preparedness Coordinator William Whitmore to host a Marine Debris 101 workshop for partners and stakeholders in the New England region. Roughly three dozen participants attended the 90-minute virtual workshop.

#### [OR&R Continues to Support Coast Guard Response to Diesel Spill in U.S. Virgin Islands](#)

On October 25, 2023, a local power and water utility experienced a release of diesel fuel from a tank at a plant in Havensight, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. The spill of No. 2 diesel was discharged outside the tank's secondary containment.

Original spill estimates of 33,600 gallons of diesel have since been updated and calculated to be over 50,000 gallons.

#### [NOAA Advances Science, Tools and Coordination for Marine Pollution and Coastal Emergencies at Annual National Response Team Meeting](#)

From April 23-25, OR&R staff participated in the annual meeting of the National Response Team (NRT) held in St. Louis, Missouri.

The NRT provides technical assistance, resources and coordination on preparedness, planning, response and recovery activities for emergencies involving hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants, oil, and weapons of mass destruction in natural and technological disasters and other environmental incidents of national significance.

### VIETNAM: INDIAN NAVY'S CORVETTE VISITS KHANH HOA

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The visit aims to strengthen cooperation and mutual understanding and trust between the two countries' armies in general and the navies in particular.

The Indian Navy ship is scheduled to coordinate with the Vietnamese Navy in organising a joint exercise at sea after leaving the port.

## LAMOR CONDUCTING OIL SPILL RESPONSE EXERCISE AT SANTOS MARDONES, PUNTA ARENAS



Lamor Chile recently demonstrated its strong commitment to emergency oil spill response procedures during a drill supervised by the Maritime Authority. Conducted at the Santos Mardones Pier in Punta Arenas, the simulation focused on fuel spill scenarios, highlighting Lamor Chile's commitment to preparedness and safety in safeguarding the marine environment. Lamor / [Read more](#)



## SURECLEAN – N.E. SCOTLAND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNISED AS FUTURE LEADER AT IOSC

*Photo: On left, Mark Shepherd, Sureclean Environmental Response Director with on right Robbie Smith-Sinclair, Sureclean Sales & Marketing Co-ordinator, at this week's International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC) in New Orleans*

Robbie is currently undertaking a Business Sustainability Management course at the University of Cambridge. With the goal of understanding global economic, social, and environmental pressures on businesses, the course will provide valuable insights to enhance Sureclean's environmental sustainability targets across its operations.

Oldmeldrum-based Sureclean, previously NRC UK, was bought over from American-based US Ecology with new owner, Simon Gibb, rebranding the firm back to its original name, Sureclean. With the largest fleet of industrial equipment in the UK and multi-skilled engineers to support its operations, the company provides technical industrial cleaning services to the local and global energy sector.

Simon Gibb, Sureclean CEO, said Robbie had established himself as a key team member since coming on board as a trainee two years ago, "Robbie is a highly motivated employee and takes a 'can-do'

approach to every challenge. We have been impressed with his confidence, professionalism, and his natural ability to create robust and positive business relationships, which has been remarkable. AberdeenBusinessNews / [Read the whole of this report](#)

## RECENT INTERESTING PEER-REVIEWED OIL SPILL PUBLICATIONS

### A COLUMN CREATED BY DR. MERV FINGAS, Hon.FISCO, MEMBER OF ISCO COUNCIL



*This is part of a weekly column which provides the references and abstracts of new peer-reviewed scientific publications on oil spills.*

Dr Fingas' column has moved to the ISCO website. To read Dr Merv Fingas' weekly column, please click on –

<https://spillcontrol.org/interesting-peer-reviewed-oil-spill-publications-collated-by-dr-merv-fingas-member-of-isco-council-for-canada/>

## ANNOUNCEMENT – NOSCA SEMINAR

The 26th NOSCA seminar will take place September 2-6, 2024 in Hammerfest, Norway. This year's event will focus on experiences and challenges with new energy carriers. On Thursday Sep 5, we will observe a large scale exercise, carried out by Norwegian Coastal Administration. Registration can be made here: <https://www.cleanoceans.no/nosca24/>

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (

*If you are interested in new technology you will find it useful to visit Technology Innovation News Survey at <https://clu-in.org/products/tins/> and Tech Direct at <https://clu-in.org/techdirect/archive/>*

### MILLIONS IN COSTS DUE TO DISCHARGE OF SCRUBBER WATER INTO THE BALTIC SEA

Discharge from ships with so-called scrubbers cause great damage to the Baltic Sea. A new study shows that these emissions caused pollution corresponding to socio-economic costs of more than EUR 680 million between 2014 and 2022. At the same time, the researchers note that the shipping companies' investments in the much-discussed technology, where exhaust gases are 'washed' and discharged into the sea, have already been recouped for most of the ships. Science Daily / [Read more](#)

### MICROBIAL REMEDIATION OF PETROLEUM-CONTAMINATED SOIL FOCUSED ON THE MECHANISM AND MICROBIAL RESPONSE: A REVIEW

Microbial remediation methods, such as bioaugmentation, biostimulation, and bioventilation, are summarized in this review. Aerobic and anaerobic degradation mechanisms were reviewed to elucidate the metabolic pathways involved. The impacts of petroleum hydrocarbons on microorganisms and the environment were also revealed. ResearchGate / [Read more](#)

### NANOTECHNOLOGY IN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Nanotechnology is reshaping biodiversity conservation, offering innovative tools and methods to monitor and protect ecosystems. The small size and high efficiency of nanoparticles allow for more sustainable conservation practices, reducing the environmental footprint of monitoring and remediation. This technology uses fewer resources, potentially lowering energy consumption and waste production. AzoNano / [Read more](#)

## TRAINING COURSES

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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To see ALL of the posted events you will need to click on “LOAD MORE” at the foot of each opened “upcoming events” page. Event organisers are requested to notify ISCO immediately if a listed event is cancelled or postponed. Your Editor does his best to keep the 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. Please advise the Editor if any of the 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](mailto:John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org) The listings below give only very basic details – To get access to all information visit <https://spillcontrol.org/upcoming-events/>

#### MAY 2024

- UK – HAZMAT 2024 Forum for Hazmat Professionals, 22nd May 2024, Stratford-upon-Avon

## UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

- WEBINAR – from Exxon Oil Spill Response Knowledge Transfer – “Inland Spill Response: Coordination Challenges and Lessons Learned”, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 10am Eastern Time

### JUNE 2024 Onwards

- UK – UK & Ireland Spill Association – Marine Spill & Plastic Conference, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Southampton
- USA – AHMP – EHS HAZMAT SUMMIT, 14-17 July, 2024, Kansas City, Missouri
- CANADA – International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation, Montreal, 5-6 August 2024
- GERMANY – “14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation”, Berlin, August 25-27, 2024
- SPAIN & ONLINE – “14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation, Barcelona, August 25-27. 2024
- CHINA / ONLINE – WSH Asia Awards 2024, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- UAE - SPE International Health, Safety, Environment, and Sustainability Conference and Exhibition 10–12 September 2024, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- USA – Elastec River Spill Workshop, Carmi, Indiana, 8-10 October 2024
- UK – Water, Waste & Environmental Monitoring – 9-10 October 2024, NEC, Birmingham, UK
- CHINA – 8<sup>th</sup> East Asian Seas Congress, Xiamen, 6-8 November 2024
- UK – Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference, London, 11-12 December 2024

### SOME OTHER INFORMATION

- IOPC Funds has released a calendar of its upcoming events – to view, click on <https://iopcfunds.org/news-events/events/>
- Econext has released a programme of upcoming courses and webinars. This can be viewed at [https://econext.myvirtualcampus.co/product-category/webinars/?orderby=date&mc\\_cid=9c2c758fcd&mc\\_eid=6a430f153](https://econext.myvirtualcampus.co/product-category/webinars/?orderby=date&mc_cid=9c2c758fcd&mc_eid=6a430f153)
- Recordings of past ExxonMobil OSR Knowledge Transfer Webinar Recordings – [Access and Download](#)
- UK & Ireland Spill Association Alternative Marine Fuels and their Implications For Spill Response Webinar is [available to watch on YouTube](#). All six of UK & Ireland Spill Association’s Webinar Series on the Wakashio Spill are also available to watch. [More info](#)
- Gulf-Alaska Knowledge Exchange – A Workshop Series chaired by Ed Levine, Hon.FISCO – [More information](#)
- IG P&I Podcast - Exploring some of the topics discussed at the Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference - [Listen](#)

## UPDATES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

### USA: CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2024

**November 18-20, 2024 George R. Brown Convention Center | Houston, TX**

The 2024 [CLEAN GULF Conference & Exhibition](#) is 6 months away but only 45 exhibit spaces remain! Book your space today and secure access to 1,500+ potential buyers from oil & gas, maritime, rail, environmental companies, and regulatory agencies. These buyers will be walking the exhibit hall, actively looking for practical solutions, emerging technologies, and services to help them better prepare, respond, or recover from, an environmental emergency.

Click on the links for updated information - [REGISTRATION](#) [SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS](#) [INTRODUCING THE PLANNING COMMITTEE](#) [LIST OF EXHIBITING COMPANIES](#) [SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES](#) [SPONSORS & PARTNERS](#)

Contact Renie Mayfield - 720-289-7008 or [rmayfield@accessintel.com](mailto:rmayfield@accessintel.com) - to discuss the exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities available for this year’s event!

### INDIA: OIL SPILL INDIA CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION, NEW DELHI, 11-12 SEPTEMBER 2024

In the backdrop of the recent oil spill incident, caused during cyclone Michaung in Chennai's Ennore Creek, it is with a sense of urgency and shared responsibility that we announce that the 7th edition of Oil Spill India (OSI 2024), the region’s flagship conference & exhibition on the Oil Spill Prevention, Planning, Preparedness, Response & Restoration industry, will be organised during 11th & 12th September 2024 at Hotel JW Marriott, Aerocity, New Delhi, India. [View the OSI 2024 website](#)

### EUROPE – INTERSPILL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION – 8-10 APRIL 2025 – ExCeL, LONDON

This internationally respected triennial event (which connects global stakeholders involved in marine oil spill research, prevention, preparedness, response and restoration) will return on 8-10 April 2025 at ExCeL London. <https://www.interspill.org/2025>

For information updates, click on the links - [PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME AND CALL FOR PAPERS](#) [PARTICIPATION UPDATE](#)

The Interspill conference is recognised for its excellence, focus on emerging research and depth of scientific content. It is organised by the Conference Committee that has new chairs Rob Holland and Richard Johnson, who were appointed at the Conference Committee Meeting held in London on 20 February 2024.

## CONTRACTS, TENDERS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

### INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTIFICATIONS

This is a subscription service. <https://www.tender247.com/keyword/oil+spill+tenders+global>

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: USA & EUROPE

US Government solicitations are frequently posted in Technology Innovation News Survey <https://clu-in.org/products/tins/US> Federal

Contract Opportunities are posted at <https://clu-in.org/Federal-Contract-Opportunities> European Maritime Safety Agency invitations to tender are often posted in The EMSA Newsletter at - <https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/newsletters.html> ISCO Members can post requests for submission of invitations to tender for supplies / services in this section.

### USCG - BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT FRESHWATER OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND SCIENCE RESEARCH PART III [More info](#)

## LINKS FOR OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### UK AND IRELAND SPILL ALERT MAGAZINE – MAY 2024 ISSUE

Featured in the latest issue – Trinidad & Tobago Spill + Carbon Footprint of Spill Response + Case Study: Collaboration in Spill Response + EVs vs Hydrocarbon Vehicles + Lots more Industry News [https://issuu.com/ukeirespill/docs/spill\\_alert\\_26](https://issuu.com/ukeirespill/docs/spill_alert_26)

### CEDRE NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2024

In April, the first seminar was held between CEPPOL, the French Navy LASEM laboratories and Cedre. This past month also saw various meetings and visits, such as a visit by a delegation from Natural Resources Canada and a presentation of the Interreg Free-LitterAT project together with the project partners. Finally, four training courses were run on: the risks associated with offshore wind farms, oil spill response at sea, and various spill scenarios. <https://mailchi.mp/3fa264c33244/la-lettre-du-cedre-17784964?e=388f6944fd>

**EMSA NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2024**

In this month's edition of the EMSA newsletter, we have all the latest on the EMSA-led Multipurpose Maritime Operation that has just gotten underway in La Manche and the southern North Sea. There's also an update on the latest RPAS deployments, as well as updates on two common core curricula developed by the EMSA Academy, news on the recent Consultative Network on Technical Assistance meeting at EMSA, and the latest IMS Users course. <https://emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/newsletters/item/5214-newsletter-may-2024.html>

**LATE ADDITION – IOSC REPORT - BRIEF TEXT AND PHOTOS RECEIVED YESTERDAY**

**With thanks to Carlos Sagrera, Hon. FISCO, ISCO Representative in Latin America**



*Above left – ISCO Corporate Member OceanPact (Eric Cunha, Adriano Raineri, Marcelo Cortes) at the stand of ISCO (Ed Levine and Jane Delgado). Above right – ISCO Corporate Member Varichem (Colombia) at the stand of ISCO.*

As planned, the IOSC 2024 took place in New Orleans from May 13-16. It was again a successful face-to-face event (the previous one had been in Long Beach in 2017) due to the quality of the participants and the level of the lectures given by the best specialists in oil spill and HNS incident control and management.



*Photo on left: ISCO Members Carlos Sagrera, Larissa Montas & Edward Peters (Mexico)*

The oil industry did not set up stands but its representatives were very active in the organization and chaired multiple technical sessions. Specialized international organizations such as IMO (Patricia Charlebois), IPIECA, ITOPF (Richard Johnson), and CEDRE (Arnaud Guena) were present with their main technicians and excellent stands, as well as the local API, NOAA, EPA, BSEE, Dept. of Transport with the Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Adm. & US Coast Guard and other regional referents from USA with some of the principal OSROs like OSRL and MSRC.

Latin America had an outstanding presence with the main support of ARPEL (Miguel Moyano) to the event in the technical topics and the main sponsorship of the event by OceanPact from

Brazil (ISCO Corporate Member with Erik Cunha, Marcelo Cortés, Adriano Raineri and his EnvironPact team) and a very good stand (Anna Gomide & Bernardo Assis); as well as the presence for the first time with a stand of Varichem from Colombia (Jaime Herrera, Oscar Villadiego, Sair Sierra & Marcela Galvis), as well as the presence of AMBIPAR with a Stand. Peru with the presence of the Maritime Authority (Capt. Pedro Alarcón), Argentina (Naval Prefectura), Chile (Directemar - Lt. Diego Pérez), Honduras (ISCO Member and Former Maritime Authority Juan Carlos Rivera), México (ISCO Member and Executive Director of CIGoM Edward Peters) and Colombia (DIMAR) were representing the authorities of some of the Latin American countries.

*Photo on right: Latin American ISCO Meeting Dinner in New Orleans*



The event had opening and closing conferences on topics related to Leadership and Crisis Management, with recognized leaders from the Academy and Authorities of the UK and US. A well-deserved tribute to Paul Schuler took place at the inaugural event for his career of more than 30 years in the sector (and especially in Latin America). ISCO had activity with its Stand led by Jane Delgado and with the support of Ed Levine and Larissa Montas.



*Above: Good picture of the Oil in the Sea IV Session at IOSC 2024 with all the team that made this great book.*

## INCIDENT REPORTS

### **USA: MARYLAND - VIDEO: LAST BALTIMORE BRIDGE SECTION REMOVED WITH EXPLOSIVES**

May 13 - The kinetic operation unfolded almost exactly as predicted by USACE in an earlier explanation of the plan: the charges cut the bridge into multiple pieces, and the structure fell away from the ship and into the water. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

### **USA: WASHINGTON - COAST GUARD, OTHER AGENCIES RESPOND TO SUNKEN VESSEL IN SEATTLE**

May 14 - The Coast Guard, Washington Department of Ecology and other agencies are responding to a vessel that sank at a pier in Seattle, Tuesday. Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound received a report at approximately 7:30 a.m. that the 91-foot crabbing vessel North American had sunk at a pier east of the Ballard Bridge on the south side of the Lake Washington Ship Canal. Seattle Fire arrived on scene and deployed containment boom around the vessel. The vessel has a reported maximum capacity of 32,500 gallons of diesel. The Coast Guard opened the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and contracted Global Dive and Salvage, an oil spill response organization, to conduct clean-up and response operations. USCG / [Read more](#)

### **USA: TEXAS - BRIDGE BETWEEN GALVESTON AND PELICAN ISLAND REMAINS CLOSED AFTER BARGE CRASH, OIL SPILL**

May 16 - The accident happened Wednesday morning when a tugboat pushing two fuel barges lost control of them and one hit the structure, said David Flores, a bridge superintendent with the Galveston County Navigation District. The bridge provided the only road access between Galveston and the small island.

Oil leaking from the barge led to the closure of about 6.5 miles of the waterway. The barge, owned by Martin Petroleum, has a 30,000-gallon capacity, but officials have not said how much leaked into the bay. The accident happened Wednesday morning when a tugboat pushing two fuel barges lost control of them and one hit the structure, said David Flores, a bridge superintendent with the Galveston County Navigation District. The bridge provided the only road access between Galveston and the small island. Weather.com / [Read more](#)

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