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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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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.

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Following up on his previous releases in ISCO Newsletters 952 and 953, Alex Baird has posted a new article “Part 3 - Palau, the Cook Islands and the Swedbank precedent - Frontline explains two-tier tanker market”. You can read this at – <https://www.bairdmaritime.com/security/incidents/piracy/column-taking-on-the-dark-tanker-fleet-part-iii-palau-the-cook-islands-and-the-swedbank-precedent-frontline-explains-two-tier-tanker-market-offshore-accounts>

Comments from readers would be appreciated.

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGH-LEVEL WEEK 2024

Heads of State and Government will gather at UN Headquarters in New York on 22-23 September 2024 to address the critical challenges and gaps in global governance exposed by recent global shocks. In addition, the Secretary-General of the United Nations is convening the Summit of the Future Action Days on 20 and 21 September 2024 to generate additional opportunities for the engagement of all actors. UN.org / [Read more](#)

IPIECA AT SPE IHSES 2024 - 10-12 SEPTEMBER 2024

The SPE International Health, Safety, Environment, and Sustainability (IHSES) Conference and Exhibition 2024 will be held 10-12 September 2024 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The theme of the conference: empowerment through leadership, diversity, and innovation, reflects the current landscape of the evolving industry and future solutions, where the role of new technologies, innovations, and artificial intelligence (AI) implementations will be showcased as valuable tools to enhance HSE performance and prepare our industries for fundamental shifts in the future IPIECA / [Read more](#)

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY SEEKS SOLUTIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS

About 250 environmental scientists [are gathering](#) this week in Nairobi, Kenya to discuss an advanced draft of the latest [Global Environment Outlook](#), a landmark report expected to showcase solutions to some of the planet's most-pressing environmental challenges. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has issued a [call to enlist](#) reviewers from around the world, and ensure the report presents robust science and peer-reviewed evidence and data. UNEP / [Read more](#)

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REGIONAL NEWS

The latest News and Press Releases collated from websites of Regional Organisations on ISCO's checking list. If your website's News releases are not being kept up-to-date, you can send information directly to the Editor.

RED SEA: SIX MONTHS AFTER FIRST HOUTHIS SHIP SINKING, ATTACKS SLICK RED SEA WITH OIL

Exactly six months ago, the Rubymar bulk carrier became the first ship sunk in a series of attacks by the Houthis protesting Israel's actions in Gaza since October 2023. On March 2, the Yemeni civil war opposition group sent the merchant ship and her cargo of oil and fertilizer to the bottom of the Bab el Mandeb Strait in the Red Sea. There it still lurks, continuing to stoke fears of an environmental crisis when it eventually disintegrates.

Meanwhile, the Iran-backed Houthis, also known as Ansar Allah, have struck dozens more vessels, sinking at least one more. The Red Sea is becoming increasingly fraught with abandoned ships and damaged vessels continuing their journey, often trailing oil. Larger oil slicks visible through satellite imagery more than doubled in the region between 2023 and 2024, threatening marine ecosystems and the livelihoods of local people who depend upon them.

The most recent significant Houthi-claimed strike was against the Greek-flagged Sounion oil tanker. Unidentified projectiles hit it on Aug. 21, forcing its Russian and Filipino crew to evacuate. Two days later, the Houthis detonated explosive charges on board the abandoned tanker, leaving almost 1 million barrels of crude oil adrift in a burning ship.

"The increasing number of incidents in the Red Sea is a direct result of the escalating tension gripping our region," Julian Jreissati, program director for Greenpeace Middle East and North Africa, told Mongabay. "As the situation in the Middle East grows increasingly volatile, the humanitarian and environmental crises unfolding in the region will only deepen." Mongabay / [Read more](#)

ISCO NEWS

ISCO Director, Ms Jane Delgado advises – "Now that we have given the LinkedIn Discussion Group more than a month notice that we are closing the Group and to follow the ISCO LinkedIn Company Page, I am deleting the Discussion Group from LinkedIn". If you have not already joined up to our main ISCO LinkedIn site, please do so now.

NEWS FOR ISCO STUDENT MEMBERS

Editor – It's recommended all members of ISCO's Students, Trainees and Apprentices Group should be following our Communications Page (BASECAMP) for the latest news releases from Larissa Montas and Peter Balogun Kayode. Click on the link – https://3.basecamp.com/5471785/buckets/29873844/message_boards/5457948520

In the meantime ...

European Marine Safety Agency (EMSA) – What we offer: Traineeship - what we offer: As a trainee, you will be carrying out your duties in our headquarters in central Lisbon, as a part of our team here at EMSA. Find out more about how and when to apply for an EMSA traineeship. We expect our trainees to show motivation and eagerness to learn, and to have a proactive and enthusiastic attitude. Trainees will work on a full-time basis to contribute to the objectives of our Agency, and should have an interest in EMSA, its mandate and its mission. EMSA / [Read more](#)

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution - Postdoctoral Scholar Program - We invite applications for eighteen-month Postdoctoral Scholarships that are designed to extend the education and training of the applicants and to advance their research careers. WHOI is the largest private, non-profit oceanographic institution in the world. Our mission is to advance understanding of the ocean and its interaction with the Earth system, and to communicate this understanding for the benefit of society. Awards are granted to recent doctorates in oceanography, chemistry, engineering, geology, geophysics, mathematics, meteorology, physics, biology, economics, marine policy, and any field that may contribute to WHOI's core mission. WhoI.edu / [Read more](#)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Availability of news is mostly based on news content and press releases received from websites of national environment agencies. If info is not posted on your monitored website, it can be sent to the editor at info@spillcontol.org

CHILE: DIRECTEMAR CELEBRATED 176 YEARS AT THE SERVICE OF THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF NATIONAL WATERS

August 30 - At the Complex of the Maritime Technical Directorates "Faro Punta Ángeles", in Valparaíso, the internal ceremony was held that recalls that 176 years ago the law that established the Maritime Territory of the Republic was dictated, with 11 Maritime Governorates from Atacama to Magallanes. The event was headed by the Commander in Chief of the Navy, Admiral Juan Andrés De la Maza, and was attended by civil and military authorities, and representatives of organizations linked to the maritime-port field

and special guests. Among them, the Director of Joint Interagency Task Force South - JIATF South, of the United States of America. Directemar / [Read more](#)

CHILE: MARITIME AUTHORITY OVERSAW DEVELOPMENT OF POLLUTION RESPONSE EXERCISES IN PUNTA ARENAS

September 3 - The head of the Department of Maritime Interests of the Captaincy of the Port of Punta Arenas, Coastal Petty Officer Roger Correa, explained that "the pollution combat exercise tested the contingency plans of the Mardones and Arturo Prat Terminal, developed by the company OSR (Oil Spill Response) Marval that deployed containment barriers to face the simulation of a marine diesel spill in a simulated transfer process, demonstrating the capabilities to control this type of incident in the waters of Magallanes." Directemar / [Read more](#)

CHINA: WSH ASIA 2024 AWARDS



September 6 - Photos of winners of the Awards - On the left Professor Ying LI and on the right Pan Qingqing

As advised under "What's New" on the home page of ISCO's website at www.spillcontrol.org The awards ceremony took place online on Thursday 5th September.

The WSHAsia Award featured a live virtual ceremony that was an inspiring celebration of innovation and dedication in the field of workplace safety and health.

The event brought together leading professionals, organizations, and thought leaders from various industries, all united in their commitment to enhancing safety standards. Visit the website: <https://bit.ly/3P4BvkP>

The winners (pictured above) were Prof. Ying LI and Pan Qingqing and you can read their short profiles by clicking on the links. Profile of Prof. Ying LI - <https://spillcontrol.org/2024/09/06/profile-professor-ying-li/> Profile of Pan Qingqing - <https://spillcontrol.org/2024/09/06/profile-pan-qingqing/>

In supporting the WSHAsia Award 2024, ISCO aimed to highlight the importance of safety in the workplace and encourage the adoption of best practices across all sectors. This partnership reflects ISCO's mission to improve safety and preparedness in spill response and control, extending its influence to a broader spectrum of the safety industry.

EGYPT: COUNTERING PLASTIC POLLUTION

September 2 - In continuation of the efforts of the Ministry of Environment to confront plastic pollution and within the framework of a series of meetings of the governmental negotiating committee to develop a binding instrument to confront pollution caused by plastic, including pollution of the marine environment: The CEO of the Environmental Affairs Agency heads the Egyptian delegation to participate in the work of the expert committee of the governmental negotiating committee for plastic pollution in Thailand. EEAA.gov / [Read more](#)

FRANCE: IOPC FUNDS HOSTS MARITIME AFFAIRS CADETS FROM FRANCE

August 30 - On 30 August 2024, the IOPC Funds hosted a group of 12 cadets from École du Service Public de la Mer (ESPMER), a French public institution responsible for maritime training, at its London offices.

The visit offered the cadets, who are studying courses related to maritime affairs, safety, and environmental protection, a valuable opportunity to learn about the international liability and compensation regime for ship-source oil pollution.

IOPC Funds / [Read more](#) [Photo courtesy of IOPC Funds]



INDIA: NEW RULES PROPOSED TO CLEAN UP CONTAMINATED SITES

September 1 - The Indian government has proposed new rules to address land contamination by hazardous substances. These rules, set to take effect in 60 days, aim to fill gaps in existing environmental regulations. The "Remediation of Contaminated Sites Rules, 2024" will cover sites contaminated by hazardous substances, including those mixed with mining, bio-medical, or municipal waste. However, they won't apply to radioactive waste, abandoned mines, or oil spills. IndiaWaterPortal.org / [Read more](#)

IRAQ: IOPC FUNDS - IRAQ TO BECOME THE 122ND MEMBER STATE OF THE 1992 FUND

September 5 - The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has notified the Director of the IOPC Funds, Mr Gaute Sivertsen,

that the Republic of Iraq deposited its instrument of accession to the 1992 Fund Convention on 5 August 2024. The Convention will therefore enter into force for Iraq on 5 August 2025, bringing the total number of 1992 Fund Member States to 122 as of that date. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

IRELAND: MINISTER NOONAN LAUNCHES OVERARCHING NATIONAL PLAN TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND RESTORE FRESHWATER HABITATS

September 5 - The Minister of State with responsibility for Nature, Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan TD, has today launched the 'Water Action Plan 2024: Ireland's third River Basin Management Plan'. This overarching national policy is a key commitment in the Programme for Government and a key step in delivering on Ireland's obligations under the EU Water Framework Directive. Gov.ie / [Read more](#)

MEXICO: MEX30X30 PROJECT LAUNCHES WITH \$18.5 MILLION FOR MEXICO BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

August 28 - The launch of a new \$18.5 million investment from the Global Environment Facility, the MEx30x30: Conserving Mexican Biodiversity Through Communities and Their Protected Areas project, will advance biodiversity conservation across Mexico. MEx30x30 aims to strengthen established protected areas and other conservation lands that are home to Indigenous Peoples and local communities to conserve, restore, and sustainably manage territories. Funded by the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, the project is led by the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP, in Spanish), in partnership with Conservation International and the Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature (FMCN, in Spanish). TheGEF.org / [Read more](#)

NEW ZEALAND: GODLEY HEAD REOPENS AFTER SUCCESSFUL CONTAMINATION CLEANUP

August 30 - The popular Godley Head site near Christchurch has reopened to the public after a successful cleanup to remove contamination. The site, known for its World War II coastal defence heritage, features restored gun emplacements, historic military structures, walking and mountain biking tracks, a campsite, and the Lighthouse Cottage, all now open. ChrisLynchMedia / [Read more](#)

THAILAND STRENGTHENS OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS



September 5 - A national workshop in Bangkok Thailand (3-5 September) is focusing on handling and administering claims arising from oil pollution damages.

Forty-five Thai officials from key government entities, ports, and the oil and gas industry are gaining knowledge on practical aspects of managing such claims. Topics include the international regime governing liabilities and compensation for oil pollution damages.

The event served as a forum for reviewing Thailand's national framework and legislation on oil pollution liabilities and compensation, as the country works to strengthen its expertise in this area. IMO / [Read more](#)

UK: LANDMARK LEGISLATION TO CRACK DOWN ON BOSSES FOR POLLUTING WATER

September 5 - Major legislation to crack down on water bosses polluting Britain's rivers, lakes and seas is being set out today and includes the most significant increase in enforcement powers in a decade. The Water (Special Measures) Bill has been introduced to parliament and will give regulators new powers to take tougher and faster action to crack down on water companies damaging the environment and failing their customers. Gov.UK / [Read more](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

September 3 – Click on the links below to read the latest news

OR&R Promotes Great Lakes Scientific Support at Sea Grant Hazardous Material Transportation Webinar

On August 29, OR&R presented on its oil and chemical spill response expertise and experience in the Great Lakes region and nationwide, as part of the Hazardous Materials Transport Outreach Network ([HazMaTON\(link is external\)](#)) Summer Webinar Series hosted by the National Sea Grant Program (Sea Grant). Lieutenant Commander Chris Duffy, who serves as OR&R's Great Lakes Scientific Support Coordinator, provided the presentation virtually from the NOAA Research Vessel *Oscar Dyson* in the Bering Sea, Alaska

OR&R Engages Marine Debris Monitoring Partners on the Oregon Coast

In August, staff from the NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP), within NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration, visited and

supported Oregon Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment Project (MDMAP) partners in public engagement events.

NO NEWS FROM YOUR PART OF THE WORLD ?

Members and other readers are invited to help rectify the balance of world news reporting. News stories from North America, UK, Australia, much more accessible than reports from other parts of the world and especially from non-English-speaking countries. If you come across a report that you think worth sharing with other members of the response community, why not send it to the [editor info@spillcontrol.org](mailto:editor_info@spillcontrol.org)

NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS

Corporate Members of ISCO can by 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. If you have some news you would like to share with readers of the ISCO Newsletter, send it to John.McMurtrie@spillcontrol.org Members who would like to place a regular advertisement in the ISCO Newsletter can also benefit from preferential discounted rates. For more info please contact Mike Watson at mike@mwadigital.com He will be happy to help you.

OSRL – Upcoming UK located training courses - [Details](#)

UK and Ireland Spill Association will be exhibiting at the Contamination and Land Remediation Expo at NEC, Birmingham on 11-12 September. Do visit our staff on stand CLR-A34 but importantly do attend our presentations on the CLR Keynote stage on 11 September:

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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/>

NEW NANOCATALYST SHOWS PROMISING RESULTS IN REDUCING ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

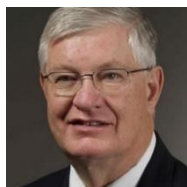
In a recent article published in the journal *Materials*, researchers presented a novel approach to environmental remediation through the development of a TiO₂/Carbon/Ag nanocomposite synthesized using laser ablation techniques. The study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of this nanocomposite in degrading organic pollutants, thereby contributing to advancements in environmental sustainability and pollution management. www.azonano.com/news.aspx?newsID=41035

A NEW TOOLBOX FOR MANAGING SITES IMPACTED BY LIGHT NON-AQUEOUS PHASE LIQUIDS (LNAPLS)

The Concawe LNAPL Toolbox is one of the first completely web-based tools for managing and remediating light non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPL) impacted sites. An off-line downloadable version is also available for users who do not want to access it via the internet. LNAPLs are typically historic hydrocarbons released into soils and groundwater, such as liquid fuels, crude oil, and condensates. Concawe.com / [Read more](#)

RECENT INTERESTING PEER-REVIEWED OIL SPILL PUBLICATIONS

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



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

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/>

INTERESTING ARTICLES

THE BIGGEST OIL SPILL IN US HISTORY: WHAT WE'VE LEARNED SINCE DEEPWATER HORIZON

Fourteen years after the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster, would we fare any better at cleaning up another huge oil spill? Jocelyn Timperley examines the latest science of ocean clean-ups. BBC / [Read more](#)

FROM MICHAEL GREY'S COLUMN IN THE MARITIME ADVOCATE

The spectacular outrage of the firing of the fully laden Sounion might be thought of as something of an own-goal, if all the Houthi-claimed littoral is swamped in crude oil. But even here the High Command of this pirate kingdom has reclaimed the high ground, by generously permitting the salvors to tow away the stricken hulk, thus saving the environment which their own over-enthusiastic unit had first put at such risk. They are giving the impression that the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden are firmly under their control, with scarcely

a day going by without reports of attacks by their missiles, drones, and remote-controlled speedboats. None of which seems to reflect terribly well on the forces of law and order. There are triumphant reports of coalition warships shooting down the odd missile, but nothing appears to be happening to degrade the ability of these bandits to attack merchant shipping at will.

Read more in Michale Grey's column in the Maritime Advocate issue 864 contactus@themaritimeadvocate.com The Maritime Advocate is free to readers (no web link available)

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

AERIAL OBSERVATION OF OIL SPILLS AND DRONE OPERATIONS TRAINING FOR CLEAN GULF ASSOCIATES BY ED LEVINE (SS&C, LLC / ISCO)

To increase knowledge and proficiency Clean Gulf Associates contracted with EMSI to provide Aerial Observation of Oil Spills and Drone Operations training for their staff in Galveston, TX, and Harvey, LA. The training was provided by Ed Levine (Scientific Support & Coordination, LLC), along with Chris Hall and Adam Kayser (Alaska Clean Seas).

The evolution of how this course came about is interesting. Earlier this year, EMSI was contacted by CGA about providing this training. EMSI asked if I was interested in teaching the Aerial Observation of Oil Spills to Clean Gulf Associates. The training also required the use of drones for observations. I surely had an interest as I helped work on the NOAA oil observation job aid and online training course. By happenstance, at the International Oil Spill Conference (IOSC) in May, I sat next to Chris Hall (with Alaska Clean Seas, and a longtime friend). As we chatted Chris (a licensed helicopter pilot) told me he was managing their drone program. One thing led to the next, and we talked with Mark Mathews (CGA) about how we could deliver the training. Over the next few months, we collaborated to provide the needed training to cover both aspects of the identified needs.

This evolution had several professional interwoven connections: Due to the close working relationship between CGA and EMSI they were able to make arrangements for training. Thanks to the IOSC workshop series Chris and I reconnected and were able to catch up on the latest Oil Observation practices. There we hatched our plan to co-teach the CGA class. NOAA and ITOPF provided the instructors for the IOSC workshop and it was spot on. The ITOPF virtual reality flight simulator was amazing and inspirational new technology.

At the IOSC I also attended an associated meeting as a representative of ISCO with SCAA, APICOM, and UK Spills. There the discussion came about how the industry could better help one another – here is a case in point! Additionally, ACS and CGA are each members of the Global Response Network (GRN) of which CGA is the chair, where there has been a concerted effort to exchange ideas and innovations across the member organizations worldwide.

Currently, I am also the Chair of a National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) committee working to design and implement a series of workshops in Anchorage, AK, Thibodaux, LA, and Washington, DC (<https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/gulf-alaska-knowledge-exchange-a-workshop-series>) to help encourage cross-communications between the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska oil spill communities. This course was on target to do that. It truly felt like the stars aligned for this!

This past week the training was provided at the two locations – Galveston, TX and Harvey, LA. The Aerial Observation of Oil Spills and Unmanned Aircraft Training course objectives were to impart the overflight mission spectrum during responses, key products and audiences, why good information matters, field observer roles and responsibilities to ensure accurate depiction of field observations to Situation Unit, introduce unmanned aircraft operations, and discuss the differences, similarities, and considerations of UAS operations. The only disappointment encountered was due to inclement weather we were unable to perform field deployment of drones during the Harvey class.

Attendees of the training classes consisted of boat captains, drone pilots, and other responders from CGA, T & T Marine, and OSRL. The synergy between instructors and students was palpable. While Alaska and TX/LA are geographically far apart and climatically different, the similarities in response mission goals, preparation, and deployments are very similar. Through the exchange of stories and experiences, both organizations were able to learn better ways of operating more effectively and efficiently. The open sharing of innovative ways to solve problems was keen to observe and helpful to all. This is hopefully the beginning of future exchanges of knowledge and experiences.

TRAINING COURSES

WORLD-LEADING TRAINING COURSE PROVIDERS

Click on this link below to get details and links for Training Course Providers – Worldwide and in Europe, Australia, China, France, UK and USA - <https://spillcontrol.org/training-courses/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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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, including a web link, to John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

SEPTEMBER 2024

- USA - WITT O'BRIEN'S - AMBIPAR RESPONSE COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP 2024 - September 10 - 12, 2024, at the DoubleTree Houston Hobby Hotel, 8181 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77061 [More info](#)
- UK – Contamination & Land Remediation Expo – 11-12 September 2024, NEC Birmingham [More info](#)
- UAE - SPE International Health, Safety, Environment, and Sustainability Conference and Exhibition 10–12 September 2024, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates [More info](#)
- INDIA – Oil spill India Conference & Exhibition, New Delhi, September 11-12 [More info](#)
- URUGUAY - XX Jornada SLOM, Sep 11 - 13, Punta del Este [More info](#)
- INDIA: Oil Spill India, 11-12 September, New Delhi, [More info](#)
- URUGUAY - XX Jornada SLOM, Sep 11 - 13, Punta del Este [More info](#)
- ITALY - RemTech Europe, 18-20 September, Ferrara [More info](#)

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2024

- USA – Elastec River Spill Workshop, Carmi, Indiana, 8-10 October 2024 [More info](#)
- USA – National Academies - Gulf-Alaska Knowledge Exchange Workshop, October 8-9 2024, Anchorage, Alaska. [More info](#)
- UK – Water, Waste & Environmental Monitoring – 9-10 October 2024, NEC, Birmingham, UK [More info](#)
- NORWAY – Marine Insurance Nordics – 16th October 2024, Oslo. [Registration](#) [More info](#)
- NEW ZEALAND - Land and Groundwater Conference, Auckland, 22-24 October 2024 AND [More info](#)
- IRELAND – UK & IRELAND Spill Association – Technical Forum 24 October, Killenard, Co. Laois [More info](#)
- ITALY - ECOMONDO Conference and Exhibition, Rimini, 5-8 November 2024 [More info](#)
- CANADA – ECONEXT 2024 Conference - October 30. St Johns, NL [Read more](#)
- CHINA – 8th East Asian Seas Congress, Xiamen, 6-8 November 2024 <https://eascongress2024.pemsea.org/>
- TURKIYE – Regional Workshop – “Oil Spill Preparedness and Response – Commitment and Synergy”, being held in co-operation with ISCO Member, MEKE Marine, in Istanbul from 12-14 November 2024. [More info](#)
- USA - Industry Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) - Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA, 13-15 November 2024 [More info](#)
- USA – Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition – 18-20 November 2024 Houston, TX – [More info](#)
- UK – Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference, London, 11-12 December 2024 [More info](#)

JANUARY 2025 ONWARDS

- UK – Interspill 2025 Conference & Exhibition, London, April 8-10 [More info](#)
- EUROPE/ ONLINE - RemTech Europe, International Conference and Exhibition on land and water remediation markets and technologies, is scheduled for 16-20 September 2024. The first two days of the conference 16-17 September will be fully digital, and broadcasted in streaming. The other three days 18-20 September will be hybrid so in presence but also broadcasted online. [More info](#)

To post an event here send details **with web link** to the editor. John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

SOME OTHER INFORMATION

- Recordings of past ExxonMobil OSR Knowledge Transfer Webinar Recordings – [Access and Download](#)
- 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](#)
- Marine Insurance Events: Issue 18 of *The Marine Insurer*: 'Dali incident: Largest ever marine claim?'. [CLICK HERE](#)
Our next three live events will be: Marine Claims International, 25th-27th September, Malahide, Ireland [Click here](#) to register your interest. Marine Insurance Nordics, 16th October, Oslo, Norway [Click here](#) to register your interest. Energy Insurance Americas, 21st November, Houston, USA [Click here](#) to register your interest.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

- 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
- IOPC Funds Webinar Series – Full programme announced IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)
- Land & Groundwater – “Women in Contaminated Land: Cleaning Up and Climbing Up” - 5th September 2024 [More info](#)
- OSRL Webinar Series 2024 – Immediate Response Activities for Oil Spill Incidents - 12 September 2024 2pm BST – Monitoring Response Effectiveness & Updating Key Stakeholders [More info](#)
- ExxonMobil Oil Spill Response Knowledge Transfer Webinar Series – Webinar 25 - “Learnings from API's Dispersant Workshop” September 25th from 10am to 11:30am Eastern Time. For more details, the agenda and how to join please send an email to – Kelly.m.mcfarlin@exxonmobil.com

Members can post Upcoming Webinars here. Send details [with web link](#) to the editor.

UPCOMING PODCASTS

- Salvage & Wreck Podcast from IGP&I - Welcome to the Group's podcast. In this series, we will be exploring some of the topics discussed at the Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference. Our aim is to make these discussions accessible to everyone, even those unable to attend the event. We've invited some of the Club panellist that participated at the event. Episode 4: In this episode, Ben Harris, Chair of the International Group's Salvage Committee and Head of Claims at Shipowners Club examines the significance of the Lloyd's Open Form, addressing concerns surrounding its potential decline and exploring actionable steps for ensuring a sustainable salvage industry. <https://www.igpandi.org/article/salvage-wreck-podcast/>

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

TECHNICAL ALERT: FAILURES OF OVERFILL PREVENTION AT SUBSTANTIAL HARM OIL FACILITIES

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