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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Decision 14 of the Twelfth Meeting of the ROPME Council (CM 12/14 (iv) – September 2003), a Training Workshop on Shoreline Cleanup Oil Spill Response Technician was convened in Bahrain during 11th – 13th October 2003.

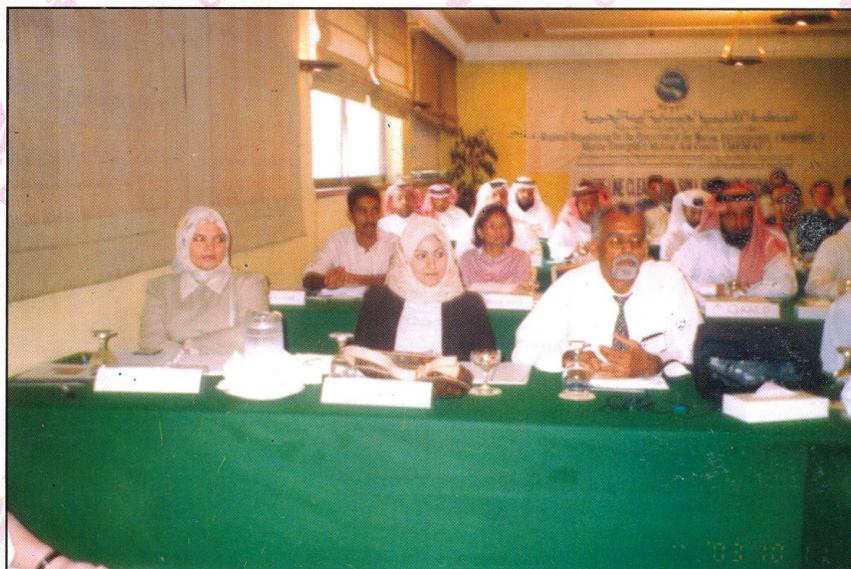


OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the Training Workshop were to provide knowledge on the source of oil in the marine environment, their causes, size, properties and effects on the environment, and then to describe and update the participants with the various techniques that are available for the cleanup of oil spills on different coast types with their advantages and disadvantages.

ATTENDANCE

The Workshop was attended by delegates from the ROPME Member States, namely Kingdom of Bahrain, Islamic Republic of Iran, State of Kuwait, Sultanate of Oman, State of Qatar and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well as representatives from oil companies and the private sector. The Workshop was delivered by Senior International Experts Mr. Robin Perry and Captain John Dipple from O'Brien group and MEMAC professional staff.



OPENING OF THE COURSE

The Workshop was opened at 09:00 a.m. on Saturday 11th October 2003 where on behalf of H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, Executive Secretary of ROPME, Captain A. M. Al-Janahi, MEMAC Director, welcomed the participants to this course. He stated that this important course came upon the request of some Member States and the approval of the 12th Council Meeting. In general, he stated that the ROPME coastline forms a total of about 6827 kms varying in its type from rocky to white sand and reach with its environment and installations, which need different techniques for cleaning up. Further, he stated that the ROPME Sea Area and its coast is facing a tremendous environmental threat by human activities. And unfortunately several oil slicks have reached the coast causing huge environmental and economical damages. At the end, he wished all the participants a successful and informative workshop.

CONTENTS OF THE WORKSHOP

The Workshop contents were covered theoretically and practically by Senior Experts and MEMAC Professional Staff using MEMAC equipment as well as equipment donated by Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO).



The Workshop targeted the Supervisor Level where the following subjects were introduced theoretically and practically:

- Properties and Fate of Oil
- Environmental Considerations
- Oil Spill Surveillance
- Cleanup Strategies
- Shoreline Cleanup Techniques for different types of shoreline
- Oil Spill Management
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Beachmaster



The practical side of the workshop was covered by a live exercise which was carried out in two selective rocky and sandy coasts where all participants were involved.



CLOSURE OF THE COURSE

On behalf of H.E. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, Executive Secretary of ROPME, Captain A. M. Al-Janahi, MEMAC Director, presented the course certificates to the participants.

He wished the participants all the success in their future work and expressed his appreciation to the lecturers for their hard work in leading the course to successful conclusions.

The course was declared closed at 17:00 hours on Monday, 13th October 2003.



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