

About this event

ITAC offers a forum for knowledge sharing and information exchange to support outreach and communication for industry to reach a broad community of stakeholders.

ITAC seeks to “bridge science and response” and share the industry’s perspectives on oil spill science, technology, and operational knowledge with responders, regulatory agencies, academia, and other key stakeholders.

About the venue



Cedre is an internationally recognised centre specialised in accidental water pollution, with nearly 40 years of experience in response support, contingency planning, training, analysis and research. Its multidisciplinary team provides advice and technical expertise to authorities and industry worldwide. With unique facilities including testing laboratories and outdoor tanks, Cedre combines innovation and practical solutions to protect the environment while supporting effective spill preparedness and response.



ITAC 2025 AGENDA

Bridging Science to Response

October 28-30, 2025

CEDRE

Brest, France



Monday 27th October

18:00 Welcome drinks at Brest City Hall

Tuesday 28th October

08:15 Shuttle departs from hotel L'Amiraute

09:00 Registration

09:30 Welcome session, *Rob Holland (OSRL) and Stephane Le Floch (CEDRE)*

09:50 Introduction to CEDRE, *Nicolas Tamic (CEDRE)*

ALTERNATIVE FUELS RESPONSE RESEARCH

10:10 LSFO updates including IMAROS 2, *Fanny Chever (CEDRE)*

10:25 ARISE / MANIFESTS, *Thomas Le Bihan (CEDRE)*

10:55 Coffee break

ALTERNATIVE FUELS RESPONSE RESEARCH

11:25 Ipieca Marine Spill Group Alternative Fuels Task Force, *Maria Hartley (Chevron & Ipieca Marine Spill Group Chair)*

11:40 UK Spill Alternative Marine Fuel Prep Group, *Mark Orr (UK Spill)*

11:55 Retention of distillate VLSFO in shoreline sediments, *Lee Britton (Memorial University)*

RESPONDER RETENTION AND WELLBEING

12:10 Continuity and retention of response knowledge, Industry SME initiative, *Andrew Tucker (bp)*

12:25 IOSC mental health survey, *Victoria Broje*

12:45 Networking lunch

13:45 CEDRE TOURS

16:00 Shuttle departs from CEDRE

19:00 ITAC Dinner (Maison de l'Océan)

Wednesday 29th October

08:15 Shuttle depart from hotel L'Amiraute

09:00 Registration and recap session, *Rob Holland (OSRL)*

SHIPPING RISKS

09:20 Project Tangaroa - legacy sunken vessels, *Polly Hill (Ipieca) and Simon Burnay (Waves Group)*

09:35 UK spill risk study, *Jack Shears-Burge (MCA)*

09:50 MV Delphine case study, *Jan Polderman (BlueTack)*

10:20 BDN / Ship Fuel Viscosity *Peter Taylor (Ipieca)*

10:35 Coffee break

DISPERSANT USE AND RESPONSE

11:05 API Dispersant updates, *Maria Hartley (Ipieca Marine Spill Group)*

11:20 TROPICS 40 updates, *Paul Schuler (Clean Caribbean Associates) and Abigail Renegar (Nova Southeastern University)*

11:35 OSRL fluorometry project, *Felix Sheppard (OSRL)*

11:50 Subsea mechanical dispersion, *Per Johan Brandvik (SINTEF)*

12:05 Dispersant exercise learnings, *Mike Drieu (Oxy)*

12:25 Networking lunch

PLASTICS RESPONSE

13:25 OSRL field guide, *Bronwyn Lee (OSRL)*

13:40 CEDRE field guide, *Kevin Tallec (CEDRE)*

13:55 Post spill impacts, *Briony Silburn (CEFAS)*

14:10 Modelling limitations, *Michael Hernandez (OSRL)*

14:25 Case study: MSC Elisa III & ITOPF Nurdle pellet guide, *Sam Durrance (ITOPF)*

14:45 Coffee break

STAKEHOLDER UPDATES

15:10 EMSA, *Lech Auriga (EMSA)*

15:25 Exercise MASEPOLREX and future East Africa projects, *Romain Chancerel (RLC)*

15:40 NOFO, *Ingrid Christina Taban & John Inge Karoliussen (NOFO)*

15:55 NASEM Gulf-Alaska workshop, *Ed Levine (SS&C, LLC)*

16:10 JNCC projects, *Daisy Leadbeater (JNCC)*

16:25 Maritime New Zealand, *Scott Read (MNZ)*

16:40 MPRI & IOSSC 2026, *Ken Lee (MPRI)*

17:00 Feedback and closing session, *Rob Holland (OSRL) and Stephane Le Floch (CEDRE)*

17:15 Shuttle departs from CEDRE

Thursday 30th October

FRENCH NAVY BASE TOUR

08:00 Shuttle depart hotel L'Amiraute

08:30 Registration at the Navy base

09:00 Safety briefing, *French Navy and CEDRE*

09:00 French Navy base tour *French Navy and CEDRE*

11:15 Shuttle departs Navy base

