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**MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN**

**SUB-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE  
ON MARINE EMERGENCIES**

**Slovenia, 11-13 November 2008**

**REPORT**



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## INTRODUCTION

The Sub-Regional Training Course on Marine Emergencies (hereinafter referred to as “the Course”) was held at the Izola Marina Conference Room in Izola, Slovenia, between the 11 and 13 November 2008. The Course was organised by the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) in co-operation with the Slovenian Maritime Administration and the Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief of Slovenia. It formed part of REMPEC’s programme of activities 2008/2009 approved by the 15<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention and it followed a specific proposal made by Slovenia during the last Meeting of REMPEC Focal Points held in Malta in May 2007.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE COURSE

The organization, the preparation and the delivery of the Course was entirely the responsibility of REMPEC, supported by the Slovenian Maritime Administration and the Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief of Slovenia. The latter provided all on site logistical support both prior and during the training course.

The role of REMPEC included:

- preparation of the programme of the training course;
- identification, selection and invitation of lecturers;
- course co-ordination;
- making necessary arrangements for the travel and accommodation of the foreign participants and lecturers;
- covering the costs of travel and daily subsistence allowance of the foreign participants and lecturers;
- covering the cost of fees for the lecturers, when applicable;
- covering the cost of the conference room facilities, coffee breaks and lunches of all participants and lecturers;
- providing participants with all Course material in both paper and electronic format; and
- preparing and disseminating the Course CD Rom containing all course related material including the present Report of the Course.

The role of the Slovenian Authorities included:

- identification of a hotel to accommodate the foreign participants, lecturers and Course Co-ordinator;
- identification of the venue of the training course including all audio visual equipment;
- local transport arrangements including airport/hotel/airport transfers for the Course Co-ordinator, lecturers and foreign participants; and
- organising and covering the costs of a dinner for all participants, lecturers and Course Co-ordinator.

Mr. Jonathan Pace, REMPEC’s Senior Programme Officer, acted as the Course Co-ordinator and ensured the smooth running of the Course, which was conducted in the English language.

The Course commenced on Tuesday 11 November 2008 at 1000 hrs following the registration of the participants. Mr. Jonathan Pace, Senior Programme Officer at REMPEC and Course Co-ordinator welcomed the participants on behalf of the Director of REMPEC, whilst Mr. Bruno Potakar, Director of the Slovenian Maritime Administration, delivered the opening remarks. It was concluded on Thursday 13 November 2008 with a short closing session during which Mr. Pace thanked the lecturers for their presentations and input during the course, as well as the participants for their interest and active participation. He informed the participants that, in due course, REMPEC will be forwarding them a certificate of attendance (c.f. **Annex V**) as well as the Course CD Rom containing all course related material. The CD Rom will also be disseminated to the lecturers. Mr. Potakar expressed his appreciation to REMPEC for organising the Course and to the lecturers for their input.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVE, PROGRAMME AND PARTICIPATION**

The objective of the Course was to focus on various aspects related to emergencies at sea (with particular reference to the ship casualty side) including *inter alia* the legal background, the public authorities involvement in marine emergencies (including decision making process and impediments), the ship's interests, and the handling of the media. The programme of the Course, which is given in **Annex I**, focused on the following four main elements:

- Background information on marine emergencies, maritime accidents and casualties;
- Legal background related to marine emergencies;
- Emergency response; and
- Emergency response and contingency planning.

The Course programme included two case study presentations on the shipping casualties involving the MSC Napoli and the MV Und Adriatic. At the end of the Course, participants also had the opportunity to take part in a table top exercise related to the topic of the training course entitled "Responding to a Marine Emergency".

The Course was aimed at Maritime Administration officials, harbour masters, and other persons involved in immediate intervention after a maritime casualty such as civil protection and coast guard officers. A total of thirty-one participants attended the Course including two participants from Bosnia Herzegovina, Greece, Italy, and Montenegro respectively, three participants from Croatia, and twenty participants/observers from Slovenia. A number of experienced professionals, including Sir Robin Middleton, the former UK Secretary of State Representative (SOSREP), lectured during the Course. The list of participants is given in **Annex II**.

## **EVALUATION OF THE COURSE**

At the end of the Course, the participants were requested to complete an Evaluation Form prepared by REMPEC in order to have their feedback on and assessment of the Course, and also to enable them to make recommendations regarding future training activities of the Centre. The Evaluation Form, reproduced at **Annex III**, did not include the name of the participants in order to obtain an objective assessment. Unfortunately, only eleven participants returned duly completed evaluation forms. This notwithstanding, a summary of the results of the replies is given in **Annex IV**.

Participants were satisfied with the Course and indicated that it generally met their expectations. Likewise, a large number of participants judged the content and quality of the lectures/presentations as either "very good" or "good". All participants found the table top exercise useful. Finally, participants generally felt that the knowledge acquired during the training course will help them in their current work and indicated that they acquired new knowledge.

## **CONCLUSION**

The participation and feedback of the participants and the lecturers indicated that the objective of the Course was achieved and that the Course was considered a success. This was also confirmed by the responses obtained from the Evaluation Form. It is to be noted that the majority of participants were of a very good level and that this was due to the fact that many of them were involved in work related to preparedness for and response to marine emergencies. Overall, participants obtained an in-depth knowledge on the various aspects related to marine emergencies and the Course no doubt helped to raise awareness amongst them of the specificities in this domain.

Annex I**SUB-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE  
ON MARINE EMERGENCIES**

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**Revised Final Programme**

<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>Tuesday 11 November 2008</b>	
09.30 – 10.00	Registration of participants	
10.00 – 10.10	Opening	Jonathan Pace REMPEC
10.10 – 10.20	Welcome Address	Bruno Potokar Director, Slovenian Maritime Administration
10.20 – 10.30	Introduction to workshop/objectives/logistics	Jonathan Pace Course Co-ordinator
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00 – 11.30	Marine Emergencies	Detlef Nielsen
11.30 – 11.45	Questions	
11.45 – 12.25	Maritime Accidents and Casualties	Toby Stephens
12.25 – 12.30	Questions	
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00 – 14.50	<i>Legal Background:</i> Maritime Conventions and the Coastal State	Mike Lacey
14.50 – 15.00	Questions	
15.00 – 15.50	<i>Legal Background:</i> IMO Guidelines on Places of Refuge and on Maritime Assistance Services and related Guidelines on the control of ships in an Emergency	Jonathan Pace REMPEC
15.50 – 16.00	Questions	
16.00 – 16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.30 – 17.00	<i>Legal Background:</i> Salvage Agreements	Mike Lacey
17.00 – 17.15	Questions and discussion	

<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>Wednesday 12 November 2008</b>	
09.30 – 10.15	<i>Emergency Response: Salvage Work: The role of the Salvor and the Salvage Master and co-operation with the authorities</i>	Bert Kleijwegt
10.15 – 10.30	Questions	
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Emergency Response: The role of the ship's interests</i>	Toby Stephens Stuart Edmonston
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.30 – 12.15	<i>Emergency Response: The role of the competent national authorities: UK Response System</i>	Robin Middleton
12.15 – 12.30	Questions & discussion	
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00 – 14.30	<i>Emergency Response: The challenge of the media</i>	Mark Clark
14.30 – 14.45	Questions	
14.45 – 15.30	<i>Emergency Response: MV Und Adriatic – A Case Study</i>	Christian Grce
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00 – 16.45	<i>Emergency Response: MSC Napoli – A Case Study</i>	Robin Middleton
16.45 – 17.15	Questions and discussion	
19.00	<i>Dinner offered by the Slovenian Authorities</i>	

<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>Thursday 13 November 2008</b>	
09.30 – 10.00	<i>Emergency Response and Contingency Planning: Places of Refuge for Ships in Need of Assistance – Regional Guidelines and Procedures applicable in the Mediterranean</i>	Detlef Nielsen
10.00 – 10.15	Questions	
10.15 – 10.45	<i>Emergency Response and Contingency Planning: Places of Refuge in the UK and proposed Guidelines to facilitate Emergency Towing Arrangements in the Mediterranean</i>	Robin Middleton
10.45 – 11.00	Questions and discussion	
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.30 – 12.00	Table Top Exercise: Responding to a marine emergency	Bert Kleijwegt Robin Middleton
12.00 – 12.30	Overview of the Table Top Exercise, Questions and discussion	
12.30 – 12.35	Closing Remarks	
12.35 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	



Annex II

**SUB-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE  
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Annex III

SUB-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON MARINE EMERGENCIES  
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**EVALUATION FORM**

1. Did the course meet your expectations?

Beyond your expectations

More or less on par with your expectations

Below your expectations

2. Generally speaking, how do you judge the content and quality of the lectures/presentations?

Very good  Quite good

Good  Not good enough

3. Did you acquire new knowledge during this course?

Very much

Some

Not enough

4. Will the knowledge acquired during this course help you in your current work?

Very much

Enough

No

5. Do you think that the duration of the lectures/presentations was adequate?

About right

Too long

Not long enough

6. Did you have enough time for questions?

Yes

No

7. In your opinion, are there any other issues or topics which the course should have covered?

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8. Do you think that it was useful to meet other persons from the sub-region?

Yes

No

9. Which lectures/presentations did you find most interesting?

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10. Which lectures/presentations did you find least interesting?

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11. Did you find the table top exercise useful?

Yes

No

12. Generally speaking, are you satisfied with the course?

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Unsatisfied

13. Other comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Annex IV

### SUB-REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON MARINE EMERGENCIES Izola, Slovenia, 11 - 13 November 2008

#### **EVALUATION RESULTS**

1. Did the course meet your expectations?

Beyond your expectations	63.6 %
More or less on par with your expectations	36.4 %
Below your expectations	-
  
2. Generally speaking, how do you judge the content and quality of the lectures/presentations?

Very good	54.5 %	Quite good	9.1 %
Good	36.4 %	Not good enough	-
  
3. Did you acquire new knowledge during this course?

Very much	50 %
Some	50 %
Not enough	-
  
4. Will the knowledge acquired during this course help you in your current work?

Very much	54.5 %
Enough	45.5 %
No	-
  
5. Do you think that the duration of the lectures/presentations was adequate?

About right	81.8 %
Too long	9.1 %
Not long enough	9.1 %
  
6. Did you have enough time for questions?

Yes	100 %
No	-

7. In your opinion, are there any other issues or topics which the course should have covered?

Fire Emergency Procedures on board ships

Use of simulators in real situations

Work of outside/external experts

8. Do you think that it was useful to meet other persons from the sub-region?

Yes 100 %

No -

9. Which lectures/presentations did you find most interesting?

6 participants replied that all lectures/presentations were interesting

4 participants indicated Sir Middleton's and Captain Kleijwegt's presentations as the most interesting

10. Which lectures/presentations did you find least interesting?

3 participants replied that there were no presentations which were not interesting

2 participants replied that the Legal Background lectures were the least interesting

1 participant replied that the Emergency Response lectures were the least interesting

11. Did you find the table top exercise useful?

Yes 100 %

No -

12. Generally speaking, are you satisfied with the course?

Very satisfied 63.6 %

Satisfied 36.4 %

Unsatisfied -

13. Other comments?

There were several positive comments regarding the organization of the training course and a request to organize another course in Croatia. One comment suggested the organization of a course with the involvement of "cross border stakeholders".



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# **CERTIFICATE**

**No.**

This is to certify that

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has attended the

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