

Interspill 2012 – Scientific workshop

Spill Management Systems

Biographies

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Robert G Pond

Mr Robert G Pond is senior technical advisor to the US Coast Guard's Office of Incident Management and Preparedness. He has over 35 years experience in oil spill preparedness and response both as a uniformed US Coast Guard officer and as a senior civilian advisor. He was instrumental in crafting US oil spill prevention and response regulations in the Post-Exxon Valdez era, and is a leading authority on political, environmental and operational parameters of dispersant use in the U.S. His current responsibilities focus on directing US Coast Guard activities in support of bi-lateral spill response coordination with Canada, Russia, Mexico and the countries in the Caribbean.

Vincent Gouriou

Vincent Gouriou is a research engineer specialized in the operational information management. After an initial education on environmental issues and a further graduation in data processing and GIS technology, he joined Cedre in 1997 where he manages various projects aiming at improving the data-processing tools of the Emergency Response department of Cedre (spill management system, web mapping, modeling). He is also part of the Emergency Response Team.

Guido Ferraro di Silvi e Castiglione

Dr. Guido Ferraro, son of Navy officer, has spent all his life dealing with maritime issues. After a degree in Law, he joined the Italian Coast Guard for 15 years and he was sent in the US to be trained as aircraft pilot. Back to Italy, he worked in different places with different functions, among them: he was "inspector" of ships during the embargo against former Yugoslavia and was seconded as Harbour Master of Santa Margherita Ligure. He joined the European Commission (Civil Protection Unit) in 1999, as Seconded National Expert from the Italian Government, dealing with maritime emergencies (in this period, he had to deal with the Erika and Prestige accidents). Later in 2004, he joined the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission working mainly on maritime surveillance and on the monitoring of marine oil pollution. On this last issue, he launched the idea to develop the EGEMP (European Group of Experts on Satellite Monitoring of Sea-based Oil Pollution). He received his PhD from the University of Ljubljana and has more than 40 scientific publications on maritime issues.