

NEW HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The March Administrative Board session has approved the decision to appoint Isabel Torné as head of EMSA's Corporate Services Department. Also on the agenda were the 2016 preliminary Work Programme which is to be finalised in November as well as visits to member states where the emphasis continues to be on achieving greater efficiency and effectiveness both in data gathering and subsequent reporting.

EMSA TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN MAY ON MARITIME SURVEILLANCE: COOPERATION IN PRACTICE

Maritime surveillance: cooperation in practice is the theme of the upcoming conference being held at EMSA, Lisbon, on 7 May. The purpose of the conference is to bring together public bodies working at the forefront of maritime surveillance. To implement effective maritime policies, governments and EU institutions need detailed, reliable, evidence-based knowledge about what happens at sea, in real time. New and innovative technologies are increasingly available, leading to more comprehensive and effective maritime surveillance. The conference will provide a forum for the exchange of new ideas and perspectives, and an opportunity for maritime authorities to be updated on recent trends and developments. Speakers include representatives from the European Parliament, Frontex, EFCA, EASA and ESA, as well as national administrations.



Search and rescue is one area where EMSA can tailor maritime information to user needs, thereby contributing to a comprehensive overview of activity at sea

DEDICATED SYSTEM EASES TASK OF IMPLEMENTING SULPHUR DIRECTIVE

The THETIS-S information system developed by EMSA is being used by member states to facilitate the process of recording and exchanging information on compliance results. As its name indicates, the system is a follow-on from the inspection database for port state control (THETIS). Now three months in operation, THETIS-S has recorded 1142 inspections, both within and outside SECA areas. Approximately 10 % of inspections resulted in fuel verification (i.e. sampling) and overall 5 % of ships inspected were found to be non-compliant. EMSA will continue to offer assistance to member states in their use of THETIS-S, and has already provided training to sulphur inspectors with two more sessions planned for 2015.

EMSA'S FIRST SEABORNE DISPERSANT ARRANGEMENT NOW OPERATIONAL

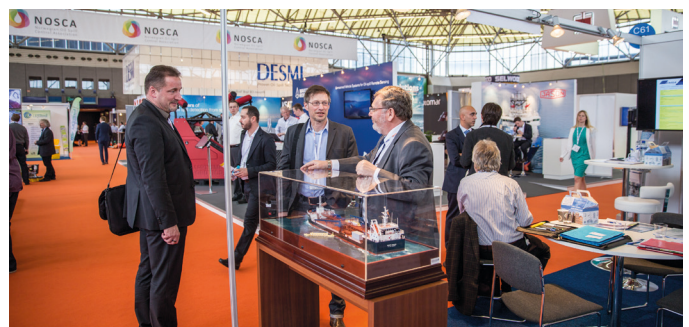
EMSA has broadened pollution response in the Mediterranean Sea through the conclusion of an improvement project with the contractor Petronav. The project saw the installation of a state-of-the-art spraying system on board the **contracted vessel** Alexandria, based in Limassol (Cyprus). The increased "weather window" for the use of dispersants makes this new response system a highly suitable complement to the existing mechanical recovery capabilities of the Alexandria.



The new service also includes the storage of 200 tonnes of dispersants in Cyprus, ready for mobilisation

INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORS COME TOGETHER AT INTERSPILL 2015

Europe's leading oil spill conference and exhibition took place in Amsterdam on 24-26 March. EMSA's role included chairing the session on multi-agency spill response which looked at the interaction of multiple actors and agencies, and explored the real-life challenges in delivering effective response. EMSA also presented its work in the field of integrated maritime services. Building awareness of EMSA and our role in spill response is key to ensuring our services are well understood.



EMSA's presence at the exhibition provided the opportunity to engage with many Interspill visitors and to share our role in the field of pollution response

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PUBLICATIONS: Maritime surveillance in practice / EMSA network of oil spill response vessels

CAREERS: Project Officer for environmental protection (deadline: 24/04/2015) / Project Officer for reporting formalities (deadline: 24/04/2015)

PROCUREMENT: Provision of a study on the use of ethyl and methyl alcohol as alternative fuels in shipping (deadline: 23/04/2015) / Provision of training services for ICT end user applications (deadline: 22/04/2015)