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INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW INSTITUTE

Commemorative Seminar
to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of IMLI

“20 Years in the Service of the Rule of International Maritime Law”

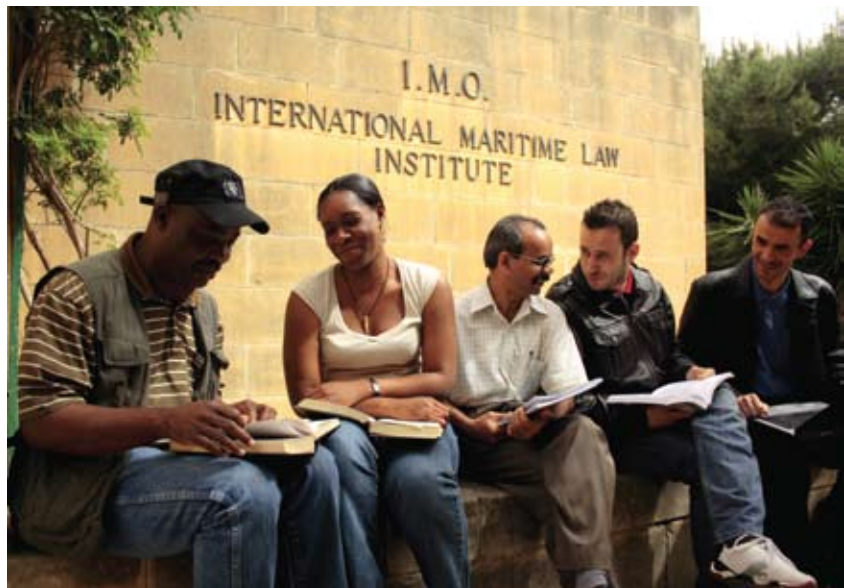


Venue: IMO Headquarters, London
Date: 5 May 2009
Time: 2.45 p.m.



PROGRAMME

- 2.45 p.m. Arrival of guests
- 3.00 p.m. Opening remarks by the Director of IMLI,
Professor David J. Attard
- 3.15 p.m. Keynote address by the Secretary-General of IMO
and Chairman of the Governing Board of IMLI,
Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos
- 3.30 p.m. Address by Professor Francis M.B. Reynolds Q.C.,
Barrister/Professor Emeritus, University of Oxford/
IMLI Visiting Fellow, on
"Academic Prospects of IMLI"
- 3.45 p.m. Address by Ambassador Lino Vassallo, on behalf of
IMLI's Host State, the Government of Malta
- 3.55 p.m. Presentation of IMLI Award to Mr. Yohei Sasakawa,
Chairman of the Nippon Foundation
by the Secretary-General of IMO and Chairman of the
Governing Board of IMLI, H.E. Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos
- 4.10 p.m. Address by the Chairman of the Nippon Foundation,
Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, on "IMLI's Role in Capacity Building"
- 4.25 p.m. Reception (Delegates' Lounge)





A MESSAGE FROM H.E. MR. EFTHIMIOS E. MITROPOULOS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IMO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF IMLI

IMO is responsible for some fifty international treaties and literally hundreds of other legal instruments. Their global, uniform and effective implementation and enforcement depends on States, which, generally, have to incorporate IMO measures into their domestic law. In the 1980s, however, many Governments in the developing world were having difficulty in this respect, due largely to a lack of appropriate legal expertise at the national level. This problem, understandably, became of great concern to IMO.

In his capacity of Special Adviser to Dr. C.P. Srivastava, the then Secretary-General of IMO, it was Professor David Attard who first proposed the establishment of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, the main purpose of which would be to train lawyers from developing countries in private and public international maritime law. Dr. Srivastava, whose vision was to bridge the gap between developed and developing countries, took up the suggestion enthusiastically. Thanks to his tireless efforts the Institute was launched in 1988 and started its first course in 1989. The same enthusiasm for, and dedication to IMLI was shared by Mr. W.A. O'Neil, the next Secretary-General of IMO ... and the rest, as the saying goes, is history.

As IMLI celebrates its 20th anniversary in full-scale operation, I should like to express my deep appreciation for the Institute as a whole and to its dedicated teaching and administrative staff, in particular, for their contribution in imparting invaluable knowledge and expertise to the benefit of students, their Governments and the maritime community at large.

I should also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the many donors, supporters and benefactors who, down the years, have provided funding, in-kind support and expertise necessary for the Institute's continuing operation. While it may seem invidious to single out any one of these, since there have been so many contributions and all have been very gratefully received, I feel special mention should be made of the Nippon Foundation, whose support for IMLI has been unstinting and outstanding over many years.

And, of course, none of the Institute's achievements would have been possible without the generous facilities provided by the host Government of Malta and the continued support of the Malta Maritime Authority. I offer them both my sincere thanks.

IMLI has a long and proud history and recently has drawn praise from the highest quarters, in resolution 63/111 of the United Nations General Assembly, on Oceans and the law of the sea, which was adopted in December last year. Not only did this formally recognize the importance of IMLI's work as a centre of education and training, but it also urged States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make financial contributions to the Institute's budget – a call which I hope will be heeded.

Over the years, IMLI has produced a superlative body of expert and qualified maritime lawyers who are now, collectively, making a very positive and valuable contribution in pursuance of the causes espoused by IMO. Ministers of justice, attorneys general, chief justices, ambassadors, chief executives and senior corporate managers can all be found among their number. Today, IMLI remains a lasting and greatly valued testimony to the foresight, diligence and tenacity not only of its visionary founders, but also of the many others who have followed in their wake, and of its graduates who are today such a strong foundation for the future development of international maritime law.

(May, 2009)

A MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR DAVID J. ATTARD

DIRECTOR OF IMLI

The year 2009 marks the twentieth anniversary of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI). IMLI was established through an international agreement between the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Government of Malta signed on 8 October 1988. The Institute's official academic activities, however, commenced in September 1989 with the start of the academic year 1989-1990.

The need for the establishment of the Institute – the first one of its type anywhere in the world – arose from the realization that IMO Member States wished to enforce rules adopted by the Organization but lacked the necessary human expertise to do so. IMLI was thus established to assist Governments, particularly those of developing countries, to implement IMO treaties and other international legal instruments. Pursuant to its objective, IMLI provides suitably qualified candidates with the opportunity to undertake advanced training, study and research in international maritime law. Programmes of study range from the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law, the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law through to the Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law. The Institute also offers short courses in all areas within the Institute's syllabus. These programmes are all different in nature and, as such, vary in admission requirements, structure and duration. However, they have a common denominator – they require an outstanding dedication from the students in the pursuit of excellence.

The Institute's international resident academic faculty is responsible for the general teaching and supervision of programmes and courses. This task is complemented by a formidable body of distinguished visiting fellows who are authorities in their relevant areas of expertise.



The work of the Institute would also not have been possible without the eminent and authoritative support received from many quarters. In this respect, I wish to express my gratitude – in particular – to the IMO Secretary-General for his unique patronage, leadership and unwavering guidance as Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board. Of particular importance is also the contribution and guidance offered by the Institute's Governing Board and Committees. The members of these bodies are appointed on a broad geographical basis with due regard to the major legal systems of the world and taking into account the overriding need to ensure an adequate participation by persons with knowledge of the needs of developing countries and persons with recognized expertise in maritime law and related maritime fields. I wish to also recognize the constant and most invaluable contributions offered by many Donors. Although it is not possible here to acknowledge all the tremendous assistance provided by many sectors of the international maritime community, I wish to give particular mention to the longstanding support given by the IMO, to IMLI's partnership with the Nippon Foundation through the "Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Legal Order for the Oceans", as well as, to the financial aid – in the form of scholarships – given by Lloyd's Register and the EU through the EU-funded "Euro-Med Cooperation on Maritime Safety and Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships – SAFEMED" Project which is now entering its second phase (SAFEMED II).

IMLI – through its graduates – contributes to the progressive development and codification of international maritime law. Indeed, in most major ports of the developing world, the international community can find IMLI trained lawyers who speak the same language of international maritime law. Many graduates are now involved in the drafting and implementation of international maritime instruments. Often they lead their national delegations to IMO meetings and diplomatic conferences. Frequently, they advise Governments on the incorporation of international maritime standards into their domestic legislation.

International recognition of the Institute's work may be found in IMO's Resolution A.1008(25) adopted in November 2007, where the Assembly, describing IMLI as a centre of academic excellence in the maritime legal field" and affirming "that IMLI's research activities contribute positively to the furtherance of the objectives and goals of the Organization and its Member States", encouraged Member States, the IMO organs, international organizations and all other stakeholders of the global maritime community to "make use of the competencies of IMLI in commissioning legal research related to their respective fields of activity" and to "take into account, in the performance of their activities, the findings and recommendations of the research work undertaken by IMLI".

The latest international recognition of the Institute's work was given by the United Nations General Assembly through its Resolution A/Res/63/111 where it "Recognizes the importance of the work of the International Maritime Law Institute of the International Maritime Organization as a centre of education and training of Government legal advisers, mainly from developing States, notes that the number of its graduates in more than 102 States, confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of international law, and urges States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute."

It is appropriate, when recalling IMLI's success, to bear in mind the foresight, courage and generosity of the Institute's founding fathers. IMLI's history over the last 20 years has proved how wise its founders were. It is a great pleasure to read the Secretary-General's statement: "The Institute has, in fact, more than fulfilled its early promise, having become an indispensable part of IMO's success, with its graduates going on to make a major contribution to the attainment of the Organization's goals and objectives."

I wish to conclude by recalling that over the past 20 years, 517 students from 115 States, territories and land areas from both the developing and developed world, have completed studies in the Institute's programmes and courses. IMLI graduates form a unique global network dedicated to serving the rule of international maritime law.

Twenty Years in the Service of the Rule of International Maritime Law



Academic Year 2008-2009

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Advanced Diploma: Col. E. Mallia (*Malta*), Capt. E. Zahra (*Malta*)

Ph.D: Dr. Patricia Mallia (*Malta*)



Academic Year 2007-2008

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Academic Year 2006-2007

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Academic Year 2005-2006

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Academic Year 2004-2005



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Academic Year 2003-2004



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Academic Year 2002-2003



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Academic Year 2001-2002



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Academic Year 2000-2001



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Academic Year 1999-2000



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Academic Year 1998-1999



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Academic Year 1997-1998



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Academic Year 1996-1997



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Academic Year 1995-1996



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Academic year 1994-1995



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Academic Year 1993-1994



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Academic Year 1992-1993



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Academic Year 1991-1992



Ms. L. A. Asuagbor (*Cameroon*), Ms. M. Buang (*Malaysia*), Mr. A. K. Chepsiror (*Kenya*), Mr. A. Y. Darvishi (*Iran, Islamic Republic of*), Mr. J. R. Ejoku Opolot (*Uganda*), Dr. M. D. Gauci (*Malta*), Mr. E. T. Kadiri (*United Republic of Tanzania, the*), Mr. K. M. G. Latu (*Samoa*), Dr. S. Micallef Stafrace (*Malta*), Mr. J. T. Mukundu (*Zimbabwe*), Ms. A. N. Ogo (*Nigeria*), Mr. P. A. Ratnayeke (*Sri Lanka*), Mr. G. H. Ruan Rodriguez (*Colombia*), Ms. L. N. Shapwa (*Namibia*), Mr. G. M. Zackios (*Marshall Islands, the*)

Academic Year 1990-1991



Ms. F. B. Bensouda (*Gambia, the*), Mr. G. Cahyono (*Indonesia*), Ms. P. C. Dedji (*Benin*), Mr. G. Dulu (*Kenya*), Mr. R. Fernandez Velasco (*Cuba*), Mr. M. Habonimana (*Burundi*), Mr. H. M. Essayes (*Ethiopia*), Mr. K. John (*Dominica*), Ms. R. Khurram (*Pakistan*), Mr. A. L. Maluza (*Malawi*), Mr. K. Maung San (*Myanmar*), Mr. E. K. Mbiah (*Ghana*), Mr. G. A. Orellana Portillo (*Guatemala*), Mr. H. Rajee (*Iran, Islamic Republic of*), Ms. M. Samaru Alonzo (*Trinidad & Tobago*), Dr. M. Scerri (*Malta*), Mr. A. Sidi Said (*Algeria*), Mr. M. H. Tran (*Viet Nam*), Mr. F. Villaroel Rodriguez (*Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of*), Ms. P. M. Wijemanne (*Sri Lanka*)

Academic Year 1989-1990



Mr. N. G. Amaratunga (*Sri Lanka*), Mr. J. F. Amoa (*Samoa*), Dr. I. K. Aquilina (*Malta*), Mr. J. Athansius (*Seychelles*), Ms. I. Barrancos Domingos (*Panama*), Mr. G. Cabanez (*Philippines, the*), Mr. K. J. Chilundu Kondowe (*Malawi*), Mr. E. Daniel (*Ethiopia*), Dr. G. Gixti (*Malta*), Ms. K. Mahmud (*Malaysia*), Ms. N. B. Nwandu Ejemai (*Nigeria*), Ms. C. Pui-Ming Wong (*Hong Kong*), Mr. A. B. M. Rezaul Karim (*Bangladesh*), Ms. G. H. Royer (*Dominica*), Mr. H. I. Williams (*Trinidad & Tobago*), Mr. W. Yamuna (*Papua New Guinea*), Mr. M. Yar Lak (*Pakistan*), Mr. Y. Z. M. Zainal (*Bahrain*)

MESSAGES FROM IMLI VISITING FELLOWS



The oceans and seas cover most of the Earth's surface and are of paramount importance to mankind. They regulate our climate, act as a source of food, energy and leisure and offer us routes for transport and trade. Yet they are also subject to some of the most enormous pressures – pressures that we must all seek to play a role in alleviating.

Over the past few years, the European Commission has worked hard towards putting an integrated maritime policy in place to securing a sustainable future for our oceans and seas at a European level. Side-by-side, work at an international level continues unabated to ensure that we have a sound, legal framework by which to manage the often complex relationships that exist between nations and the seas.

The International Maritime Law Institute has contributed extensively to this process, in particular, by ensuring the much-needed dissemination of knowledge and the training of legal maritime experts that will see the implementation of this extensive network of international legal obligations across the globe. IMLI's work is commendable - taking place, as it does, quietly but determinedly under the most able guidance of Professor David Attard.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to IMLI for its tireless efforts on this their twentieth anniversary of noble endeavour.

Commissioner Joe Borg (*Malta*)

European Commissioner for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs



I have been privileged to serve as a Visiting Fellow at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) for 15 years. IMLI is special. It is extremely international in its character and its outlook, which is very appropriate for shipping, the most international industry of all. Students come from all over the world, from developing and developed countries alike, to partake of the unique IMLI experience. At IMLI, students have the opportunity to learn from visiting fellows, professors of law and experts from all sectors of the maritime industry. But it is a two-way experience. The teachers can also learn from the students, who will in many cases be the decision-makers in tomorrow's shipping industry. It gives me great satisfaction to be able to contribute to the development of these intelligent and committed people, and to know that our future is safe in their hands.

Dr. Philippe Boisson (*France*)

Communication Director and Legal Adviser, Marine Division, Bureau Veritas, IMLI Governor



The spirit of IMLI is to disseminate the international maritime law considered as a corpus juris formed by both the public international law and the private commercial law. The merit of such a comprehensive approach must be attributed to Professor David Attard who is the Father of the Institute. Needless to say that the activity carried out by Professor Attard during these twenty years in favour of IMLI is the best expression of the Maltese mentality oriented to international cooperation in the field of maritime affairs.

Adm. Fabio Caffio (*Italy*)

Rear Admiral, Italian Navy



"Teaching IMLI students for the last few years has proved a very rewarding experience. They are knowledgeable, motivated and come from wide range of backgrounds from all over the world. Discussion in and outside class reflects all of these characteristics and confirms that the students are engaged in a special educational and social experience which will be of great benefit to the maritime world for the years ahead."

Sir Robert Coleman (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*)

Barrister at Law of the Inner Temple, European Liaison Officer of the Baltic and International Maritime Conference and Member of the Administrative Board of the European Maritime Safety Agency

"Congratulations to IMLI! A unique institution in a unique place. It is a great pleasure to see IMLI grow due to its high academic standards and its excellent reputation in the field of international maritime law education. Thanks to the Director Prof. David Attard and the entire staff, IMLI has become a true success story. We commend the Institute on its path which has proved to be the right one."

Dr. Reto Dürler (*Switzerland*)

Head of the Swiss Maritime Navigation Office, IMLI Governor



The year 2009 marks the twentieth anniversary of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute. Since its establishment in 1989 IMLI has pursued its fundamental goal of serving the international community by providing high-level education and training in the field of maritime law mainly to developing nations. The feature which has made IMLI a unique global educational institution is its comprehensive programme including focus on legislative drafting and implementation of international conventions and standards is particularly valuable for developing countries. Thus, over the years IMLI has made a significant contribution in promoting uniformity of international maritime law. I extend IMLI my sincere congratulations for its achievements and I wish it all the very best for the years ahead.

Dr. Mahin Faghfourai (*Iran, Islamic Republic of*)

President, International Multimodal Transport Association

"I feel extremely lucky to have had the opportunity first to study and then to lecture at IMLI as an "in house" lecturer and recently as a visiting lecturer. I was particularly lucky therefore to experience IMLI from both sides of the lectern. Studying at IMLI is not only a learning experience where you have the possibility to liaise with many personalities from the maritime field and diplomatic service but also an amazing cross – cultural journey which opens you new dimensions about the world we are living. Lecturing at IMLI is on the other hand even more intriguing as it allows you to exchange and test your views and ideas with at least 30 senior lawyers coming usually from more than 20 different States. I indeed feel that all IMLI lecturers, students and graduates should be proud to form part of such amazing network 'Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law'. I am proud to be part of the IMLI family and I would like to thank the Institute for this amazing opportunity. I wish IMO IMLI all the best in the next 20 years of its activities."

Mr. Mitja Grbec (*Slovenia*)
Lawyer and Private Consultant



In the brief four year period that my colleague Martin Walker and I have been visiting IMLI we have become aware of its amazing outreach into the global maritime industry and the wonderful support it receives from many different countries, organizations and individuals. It has been our great pleasure to help broaden many students' knowledge about the International Ship and Port Facility Code and security/risk management as it applies to the maritime industry. With such an international audience this has often been a challenge but one that has always provided us with huge satisfaction when the students have thrown themselves into the subject and its complexities. The Director and his staff provide an excellent measure of support for visiting fellows and we have been honoured to have been given the opportunity to get to know them, their students and for the warm welcome we always receive in Malta. We both wish the institute continued success for the future and many congratulations upon its 20th anniversary.

Major (Ret.) Anthony Hall (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*)
Security Consultant and Instructor, LITAV-Italy



"The International Maritime Law Institute and its Directors have shown great success and sensitivity under the motto 'Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law' to identify and to focus practical and recent demands of the maritime industry. The education of lawyers is not only beneficial for legal science, but also an important contribution to 'safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean oceans'."

Prof. Dr. Andree Kirchner (*Germany*)
Professor for International Law,
University of Applied Sciences Bremerhaven

Having given my first lecture at IMLI already in 1991, I have had the privilege to follow its development over the years. I have always admired the quality and commitment of the students. The leadership of the IMLI's Directors, first Professor Patricia Birnie and since 1992 Professor David Attard, and the commitment of its staff has resulted in a continuous strengthening of its academic credentials. From my own experience I know that IMLI has made a significant contribution to strengthening the capacity of developing countries in the fields of maritime law and the law of the sea. The Institute has also made the students recognize the importance of international co-operation, and this is of great benefit to them both in their careers in their respective countries and in connection with their participation in the activities of various inter-governmental organizations, such as IMO, as well as to the international maritime community.

Mr. Måns Jacobsson *(Sweden)*

Former Director, International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds



My visit to IMLI in the 20th year of its existence has been a revelation. From the little acorns, the planting of which I was privileged to witness in 1988, a mighty oak tree has grown! It seems like yesterday when at the invitation of the then Secretary General of the IMO, Mr. Srivastava, I travelled to Malta to meet with Professor Attard, Professor Berlinghieri, and Dr. Thomas Mensah to fashion out the modules for the course. The present site was then a patch of empty, stony ground and the room where we held our deliberations is now used as a store!

Over the years, I have been opportuned to visit IMLI at intervals to lecture to the students and on each visit, I have been greatly impressed by the improvements and developments – one of the most impressive of which is the library.

On this milestone occasion, I express appreciation and admiration of all those who have contributed to the development of IMLI. In particular, I congratulate David Attard whose drive, enthusiasm and academic excellence have been the main driving force. He has been ably supported by a highly dedicated, friendly and helpful staff.

On behalf of the many Nigerian alumni of IMLI, I say congratulations and best wishes in the attainment of yet greater heights.

Mr. Louis Mbanefo *(Nigeria)*

Senior Advocate, Nigeria, Louis Mbanefo & Co.

The firm of Thomas Miller has been closely associated with IMLI since its inception. We have had the honour of not only providing Visiting Fellows every year (covering topics such as P&I Insurance and Oil Pollution) but also welcoming the Graduates on their field trip to London. In the past, we have enjoyed the company of the Graduates on their last night before going back to their homes on our legendary boat trip on the Thames as well as on visits to Lloyd's Building and our offices. On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary I extend our congratulations to Professor Attard and his team and our very best wishes to the IMLI Graduates worldwide wherever they are and whatever they are doing.

Mr. John McPhail

(United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Thomas Miller, Managers of the UK P&I Club





"I have been lecturing at IMO IMLI for ten years now. My first and at that occasion indirect experience with the Institute – which was established under the auspices of the IMO – was in April 1992 when further to my letter I received a kind reply from Mr. William O'Neil, then Secretary-General of the IMO. He informed me – if I may say openly – in a rather 'Hollywood-inspired' style that while there were no current vacancies which matched my particular specialization in charterparties, my dossier would be retained on their roster for future reference in case suitable openings arose. At that time I was still in Canada, where I had just completed my doctoral studies at McGill Law Faculty under the supervision of Professor William Tetley and where I was working at one of the down-town law firms in Montreal. In February 1993, my fatherland Slovenia became a member of the IMO and in November of the same year, I wrote my first letter to IMLI. We maintained close relations ever since, and I started lecturing at the Institute as a visiting fellow in the academic year of 1998/99.

For the past 20 years IMLI has been perfectly serving the rule of international maritime law. I can say enthusiastically that it has always been a wonderful and extremely fulfilling experience. Each year I meet dozens of students from numerous countries (e.g. this year 37 students from 24 countries). It is probably the only place on earth that brings together so many cultures, languages and legal experience in order to achieve a better and more harmonized unification of maritime law and law of the sea. While politicians and others are usually just talking about the intercultural dialogue, IMLI is actually doing it! Like the famous CMI, IMLI, too, contributes in many ways to the unification of maritime and commercial law, maritime customs, usages and practices. Post-graduate students learn how to understand and implement international conventions, as well as how to efficiently adopt them into their national legislations. According to Professor Tetley, the purpose of any international convention may be summed up in three principles: uniformity of law, certainty of law and justice. I can say without hesitation that these principles are the spiritus agens of IMLI.

Last but not least, I am always impressed by the vast knowledge, international reputation and hospitality of the members of the Institute's Faculty, as well as of the supporting staff which all treat me as 'one of their own'. 'IMLI' could easily stand for 'Implementing Measures for Loving Internationality'.

Prof. Dr. Marko Pavliha (*Slovenia*)

Professor of Commercial, Transport and Insurance Law, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, University of Ljubljana, IMLI Governor



It has been my privilege to visit and teach the LL.M. class at IMLI since 2007. IMLI is a leading institution for advanced research in international maritime law and practice. Apart from an impressive Faculty (both resident and visiting), the Institute houses a very resourceful library. I have been deeply impressed by the dedication and intellectual abilities of IMLI students, all of whom have already obtained strong academic and professional credentials from their own countries. Indeed, many of them are diplomats, legal or judicial officers sent by member-States of the United Nations. They become experts in maritime law and practice upon graduation. IMLI graduates are very much sought after in the maritime world and it is pleasing to hear that a number of them have become Attorney-Generals and judges of superior courts. Under the very able directorship of Professor Dr. David Attard (who is himself a world-renowned jurist in public international law and an ardent promoter of the rule of international maritime law), the Institute has grown from strength to strength, providing first-class education and training for maritime lawyers. Indeed, very high standards are applied in the delivery of lectures and the assessment of students. As a Ph.D. thesis examiner at one leading law school in Australia, I am deeply impressed by the scholarship demonstrated in the theses presented at the Institute.

May I convey my heartiest congratulations on the achievements of the Institute.

Prof. Sze Ping-Fat (*Australia*)

Counsel and Chartered Arbitrator, Doctors' Commons (Australia); Adjunct Professor of Asia International Open University (Macao) and a Director of the Upbest Group plc



I am very glad to add my congratulations to those of others on this 20th Anniversary of IMLI. I have been visiting almost every year for some twelve years and have seen the Institute grow under Professor Attard's tireless leadership from comparatively simple beginnings to a formidable and sophisticated operation of no small significance in the world of international maritime law. The huge geographical spread from which the students come, and the ever-lengthening list of distinguished visitors from differing, but always maritime, backgrounds are most impressive, and I hope and believe the mixture must make a year at IMLI a very valuable experience. We look forward now to the next twenty years of continued development.

Prof. Francis M.B. Reynolds Q.C. (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*)
Barrister, Professor Emeritus, University of Oxford

"The International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) is celebrating its 20th anniversary, but like the venerable and historic island of Malta, on which it is perched, IMLI's roots go back to centuries of tradition and learning." Included in Malta's historic panoply are the Knights of Malta, the Great Siege, the visit of St. Paul and even earlier to the Stone Age community recently unearthed." And now IMLI takes its place in that historic tradition of learning, with its eminent director - David Attard, its renowned permanent staff of professors, its host of visiting professors, who add lustre to IMLI's star, which star, in turn attracts a body of dedicated students, from every quarter of the globe."

With best wishes to all,

Prof. William Tetley C.M., Q.C. (*Canada*)
Professor of Maritime Law McGill University,
Montreal



IMLI is, in my opinion, the embodiment in concrete terms of IMO's mission to be the focal point for international shipping. Through its annual programme IMLI succeeds in getting together an international group of academics who later on in their careers are expected to take decisions which to a lesser or greater degree, have influence on shipping matters in general. One cannot but laud the foresight of the founders of IMLI and the professionalism with which IMLI is managed. The more challenging the shipping environment becomes, the more the need for IMLI to prepare tomorrow's leaders of the shipping world.

Mr. Godwin Xerri (*Malta*)
Managing Director, Focal Maritime Services Co. Ltd

PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY IMLI

Established under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) is an international centre of postgraduate education and training in all aspects of maritime law. It is headquartered on the campus of the University of Malta.

IMLI offers three programmes – Ph.D., LL.M., and Advanced Diploma – and a wide number of short, modular courses.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) Programme in International Maritime Law is held over one academic year, beginning in September and running until May of the following year. It covers all areas of shipping law, the law of the sea, marine environmental law, maritime security law as well as legislative drafting. The programme is intensive, and comprises taught courses and research work.

Participants are given special training in the techniques of implementation of international maritime conventions and regulations into domestic legislation. The Faculty consists of a Director and full time international staff who are responsible for the general teaching and supervision of the courses. The Faculty is complemented by several eminent personalities including distinguished academics, maritime lawyers and judges of international repute who lecture on various international maritime law topics, on which they are leading experts.

Candidates are generally nominated and supported by their Governments, but seats are also allocated to independent candidates. Candidates must have obtained a university degree in law as a condition for enrollment. The Programme is delivered entirely in English, as such, proof of proficiency in the English language is required. Due to the intensive nature of the Programme, the number of admissions is limited for each academic year. Accommodation facilities are available on the premises.

Since the establishment of the Institute 20 years ago, 428 lawyers from 111 States have graduated from the Institute's LL.M. Programme. Graduates are instrumental in advising their Governments on the need for new or revised laws and regulations in maritime affairs and on their implementation. A high number of IMLI's alumni occupy senior positions in Government and shipping companies.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programme is exclusively research-based and involves the writing and defence of a 100,000-word thesis in an area of international maritime law. A prestigious list of world-renowned experts in maritime law act as supervisors. This is an external degree which must be completed within three to five years and may be undertaken almost entirely from abroad. A Master's degree and university education in law are considered as pre-requisites.

Advanced Diploma in International Maritime Law

The Advanced Diploma Programme in International Maritime Law is designed to benefit professionals (including those at the most senior levels) who are involved in maritime practice both in the private and in the public sectors and who, because of their careers, are unable to be away from their jobs for any length of time in excess of a few weeks per year. The Programme is structured on a credit system. Candidates must earn a sufficient number of credits after following and successfully completing courses on distinct subject areas to allow him or her the award of an Advanced Diploma. The Programme is open to non-lawyers. Candidates are required to possess a degree from a recognized University or other academic institution, or must possess qualifications of comparable standards, including relevant professional or practical experience, or both, recognized for this purpose by the Institute.

Short Courses

Modular, short-term courses are offered throughout the academic year on selected topics of maritime law. These courses are open to non-lawyers. On request, IMLI also provides tailor-made, intensive training courses and seminars to corporate and international organizations.

The Nippon Foundation – IMLI Cooperation



Mr. Yohei Sasakawa (*Chairman, Nippon Foundation*) placing IMLI's badge on the IMLI Map to mark the participation of the first Japanese Lawyer (Mr. Takashi Arikawa) in the Institute's LL.M. programme.



Mr. Yohei Sasakawa (*Chairman, Nippon Foundation*) with the Nippon Scholars of the IMLI Class of 2003-2004.

IMLI and the Nippon Foundation established in 2003 a joint project entitled "Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Global Legal Order for the Oceans". Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, accompanied by a high-level Delegation of Executives paid an official visit to IMLI on 26 March 2004 for the official launching of the Project.

The aim of this common undertaking is to contribute to the promotion, adoption, effective implementation and enforcement of international maritime conventions adopted under the aegis of the United Nations and of the International Maritime Organization, and to encourage a greater participation by developing States, particularly Asian, in the major international maritime law conventions and legal instruments.

The Project has been successful due to the fruitful collaboration between the two organizations. To date, the Project continues to offer post-graduate study and research opportunities in international maritime law for deserving candidates. For this purpose, the Institute provides its academic and technical expertise and the Nippon Foundation is generously providing scholarships which enable deserving candidates to pursue their studies in international maritime law at the Institute.

In total, so far, fifty-six lawyers from thirty-three States have benefited from the scholarships awarded under the Project.



Mr. Yohei Sasakawa (*Chairman, Nippon Foundation*) unveiling a commemorative plaque in the presence of **Professor David Attard** (*Director, IMLI*) and the IMLI Class of 2003-2004.



Commemorative plaque unveiled by **Mr. Yohei Sasakawa** (*Chairman, Nippon Foundation*) during the official launching of the "Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Global Legal Order for the Oceans".



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