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## ***IMO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT IMLI'S ACTIVITIES***

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) was established in 1988 under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for measures to improve the safety and security of international shipping and to prevent marine pollution from ships.



*Mr. Efthimios Mitropoulos (Secretary-General, IMO) unveiling a plaque at the Institute commemorating the role of IMLI in "Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law" (13<sup>th</sup> May 2005).*

IMO contributes towards the development of international maritime law with the adoption of rules regulating maritime activities, including those dealing with liability and compensation for victims of marine pollution. IMO's motto is "Safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean oceans".

IMLI's role was pertinently described by the Secretary – General of the IMO, Mr. Efthimios Mitropoulos, at the 2005 Graduation Ceremony: *“IMO established IMLI to provide the international maritime community, and particularly maritime administrations, with the support considered necessary to ensure that sufficient maritime law experts with the requisite knowledge and skills were available to develop national legislation to give effect to international instruments to which Governments had become Parties”*



*Prof. David Attard (Director, IMLI) with Mr. Norman Martinez (Lecturer, IMLI) and the 2005 IMLI Graduates at the IMO Headquarters in London.*

The International Maritime Organization has no provision in its regular budget for the support of IMLI, but it has nonetheless been helping the Institute in various ways throughout the years.

One of IMO's important contributions to IMLI is the provision of scholarship funding for deserving lawyers, especially from developing countries, to study at IMLI. This is usually done through the *IMO Technical Co-operation Programme* which is designed to assist Governments, which lack the technical knowledge and resources that are needed to operate a shipping industry successfully. One of the aims of the Programme is to help developing countries improve their ability to comply with international rules and standards relating to maritime safety and the prevention and control of maritime pollution.

In the current academic year 7 lawyers from 6 States are benefiting from the IMO scholarships.

The 2005/2006 IMO Scholars are:

Mr. Valerian Bodaveli (Georgia)  
Mr. Kil Hwan Hwang (DPR Korea)  
Mr. Chol U. Yang (DPR Korea)  
Mr. Adrian Muscat Azzopardi (Malta)  
Ms. Marisol Agüero Colunga (Peru)  
Ms. Dorota Lost – Sieminska (Poland)  
Ms. Tamara Gaydabrus (Ukraine)

IMLI's contribution to the work of IMO is reflected in the words of Dr. Rosalie Balkin (*Director of Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO*) who on the occasion of the 2005/2006 IMLI inaugural lecture stated: *"IMLI is a vital part of the IMO family, because of the training it provides to lawyers from countries that need expertise in the field of international maritime law. The IMLI course has been structured very much with IMO needs in mind and in this regard, too, IMLI is unique. None of the existing academic (maritime) institutions covers in quite so comprehensive a manner as IMLI does the entire area of international maritime law (including, particularly, that developed under the aegis of IMO)"*.

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