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IMLI LAWYERS EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS

This year there are 31 lawyers from 22 States attending the IMLI LL.M. Programme, whilst others are attending IMLI courses. Many of them already occupy senior legal positions in their national administrations.

At IMLI great importance is given to the academic welfare and professional aspirations of its students. IMLI lawyers come from different legal and cultural systems. They bring with them a wealth of experience. It has often been commented that the interaction of lawyers coming from such a variety of different jurisdictions is a healthy process from which much is learned about the culture and law of other States.

In this issue of IMLI e-News we are starting a series of editions focusing on the views of lawyers currently studying at IMLI.



Paula Beatriz Grillo (Argentina)

Lieutenant, Lawyer - Prefectura Naval Argentina (Argentine Coast Guard - International Affairs Secretariat)

“IMLI offers an important learning opportunity not only in respect of different issues of international maritime law but also with regard the drafting of laws and the incorporation of international conventions into national legal systems.

The IMLI LL.M. Programme provides, in my opinion, an excellent tool for the dissemination of knowledge and skills in the field of international maritime law (also in Argentina). IMLI enables students to form professional links with other students and visiting lecturers and these contacts will be extremely useful after our return home. My nomination for the IMLI LL.M. Programme enabled Argentina to have its first representative trained in this well- known and respected academic institution. “



Carla Andrade de Melo (Brazil)

Lieutenant, Legal adviser to the Directorate of Ports and Coasts (Brazilian Navy)

“Two years before enrolling for the IMLI LL.M. Programme I attended the IMLI Short Course on Marine Environmental Law and on that occasion I realized the high level of expertise and the importance of subjects taught at IMLI (not only for practitioners, but also for persons like me engaged in governmental issues related to maritime law) . Since then, it had been my great wish to undertake also the LL.M. Programme. After graduation I will assist the Brazilian Maritime Authority (at its highest hierarchical levels) on various IMO matters and of course I will try to contribute to the implementation of various IMO conventions into the Brazilian legislation. “



Yonsheng Cai (China)

Legal Advisor at the Treaty and Law Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

“IMLI is an isolated place of peace for studying. Every day, after your interest in the international maritime law is inspired by the lecturers in class, you could not wait to sit in your room and read peacefully, with the sun shining through your window and fresh air greeting. The preeminent visiting professors show you also the fascinating practical side of maritime law.

The class is really international with 31 students from more than 20 different countries and this is an ideal situation for the exchange of working experience and for making new friends. IMLI has opened me the door of every branch of international maritime law, public and private. It has further strengthen my determination to devote my career to the study of the law of the sea of China. IMLI's (daily) full schedule is a heavy burden, but when you overcome it you realize that you made a step further toward becoming an expert in the field of international maritime law.”



Ali Abbas Khayoon (Iraq)

Lawyer in the Legal Department of the General Company for Ports of Iraq (Ministry of Transport).

“ IMLI’s LL.M. is definitely a unique programme in the field of maritime law. Its uniqueness stems from the fact that it gives a comprehensive course covering all areas of international maritime law on a comparative basis. IMLI provides you also with an opportunity to meet students from different cultures and backgrounds. I have very good relations with other students and I am enjoying my stay here.

The Government of Iraq sent me to IMLI primarily because of the lack of expertise in the field of international maritime law in my country. My plan for the future is to help rebuilding the relations and links between Iraq and IMO (as they have been heavily influenced by the last three destructive wars that Iraq has passed through). “

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