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## *INTERNATIONAL SHIP AND PORT FACILITY SECURITY (ISPS) CODE*

As part of the International Maritime Security Law Module (within the LL.M. Programme) IMLI recently offered a short course on the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. The Course was organized in cooperation with the Italian maritime training centre LITAV and focused on the practical aspects of the implementation of the ISPS Code. The course was delivered by two experienced LITAV's instructors (security consultants), Major M.J. Walker and Major G.A. Hall.



*Capt. Manuel Tavilla (Director, LITAV) introducing the course.*

The subjects - covered included the “Impact of Terrorism on the Maritime Industry”, “Risk Assessment”, “International Terrorism”, “Principles of Security”, “Verification” and the responsibilities of the company, ship, and port facility security officers (CSO, SSO, PFSO).



*LITAV's instructors, Major M.J. Walker and Major G.A. Hall lecturing at IMLI.*

The instructors emphasized that terrorism is one of the biggest threats to maritime security and that compliance with the provisions of the ISPS Code enables persons involved in the maritime sector (especially those on board ships) to live with and to combat this threat. They further noted that, unfortunately, many people (including seafarers) still think that terrorism is something that cannot affect them and that therefore one of the biggest challenges of the ISPS Code is to change this “mentality”.

When asked about IMLI, Capt. Manuel Tavilla (LITAV's Director) said that IMLI is one of the most wonderful realities in the world of international shipping. He noted with satisfaction that although seamen and navigators are often forgotten by everyone it is good to know that there is an international institute which trains lawyers to help seafarers.

LITAV is a specialized, advanced maritime training centre, based in La Spezia – Italy, which organizes courses from the field of maritime safety and maritime security.

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