

MORE IMLI LAWYERS EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS

Studying at IMLI is an exciting cross – cultural journey. 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.

In this issue of the IMLI e-News we are focusing again on the views of the lawyers currently studying at IMLI.



Regina Derkintytė (Lithuania)

Legal adviser to "AB LISCO" and lecturer at the Business College of West Lithuania

"IMLI is one of my best discoveries over the last years. The studies are comprised of the full package of various issues: competent faculty members and visiting lecturers, abilities for scientific research, immediate tutorials, kind and operative assistance of the rest of the staff.

One of the best treasures discovered during my stay in IMLI are the newly met colleagues from all over the world. Each student is making his own deposit into the "international bank of knowledge and experience", which will pay dividends:

...so that anytime, anywhere, anybody could return for a peace of advice, for a helping hand or just a sightseeing tour in the foreign country.

My studies here will certainly benefit my future carrier – the solid background in the shipping law will help me to discover new opportunities in my professional field and will definitely serve the plan which I and my colleagues are nurturing– to publish the first Admiralty Law textbook in Lithuanian language. "



Khin Thandar Oo (Myanmar)

Legal officer at the Legal and Research Section of the Department of Marine Administration of Myanmar

"I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to study at IMLI. In addition to the knowledgeable IMLI lecturers, there are many visiting professors who lecture also from the practical point of view. IMLI's Programme covers nearly every branch of shipping law and law of the sea. The library has valuable collections in this respect. All facilities at IMLI are very convenient for studying (and living) and I can definitely say that IMLI is an excellent center for studying International Maritime Law. My experience at IMLI will play an important role in my future career and it will represent a long-lasting memory.



Lt. Cmdr. Muhammad Ajmal (Pakistan)

Lieutenant Commander, Pakistan Navy

"I am working for the Pakistan Navy, which is the custodian of the country's coastline. Its primary role is to safeguard Pakistani territorial waters and enforcing jurisdiction over nearly 240,000 sq mile EEZ. Due to the above reasons the Pakistan Navy has been training naval officers in the field o maritime affairs.

I feel privileged to mention that IMLI is one of the best institution from the field of international maritime law. IMLI offers comprehensive courses on a variety of subjects in the field of maritime affairs. IMLI's Director, Professor David J. Attard, is as a man of international repute having versatile expertise in the field of maritime affairs.

After Graduation I want to contribute to the legal and administrative matters of the Pakistan Navy."



Marisol Agüero Colunga (Peru)

Counselor in the Peruvian Diplomatic Service

"My studies at IMLI are greatly enhancing my knowledge and skills on public and private international maritime law. After graduation I will be posted at the Department of Maritime Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and I will be definitely well equipped to advise my Government on the negotiation of international agreements on maritime affairs."



Ramon B. Reblora (Philippines)

Judge Advocate, Philippine Coast Guard

"I find the IMLI course extremely comprehensive. The extensiveness of the course should merit consideration for a corresponding lengthening of the course duration for at least one full (1) year. It would be useful if the Institute could provide a complete set books and copies of pertinent international conventions to the students, to ensure a higher degree of effective transfer of knowledge to the students. The short time frame is understandable and attributable to the imperative need of IMO-IMLI in the immediate mobilization of its graduates around the world towards the fulfilment of its motto "Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law".

IMLI course will enable me to give my organization advices which are well grounded, generally under International Law and specifically under International Maritime Law. There will be dual benefits, personal and organizational. I am planning tol go back home and make use of what I learned in my work as the Judge Advocate of the Philippine Coast Guard."



Geraldine Vasquez Ruiz de Castilla (Peru)

Legal Advisor of the Foreign Affairs Office of the General Directorate of Captaincies and Coast Guard (Maritime Authority), Ministry of Defense

"IMLI is an excellent Maritime Law Institute, as it offers to the maritime lawyer a comprehensive view of the maritime sector. The LL.M. Program is very intensive and there is deep emphasis and analysis in all areas provided by the IMLI syllabus. The debates which arise during each lecture are fascinating, and we have the opportunity to know the treatment of every area of maritime law in both common and civil law system. The knowledge that I am gaining is going to be not only for my personal benefit and expertise but also for the benefit of the Peruvian Maritime Administration especially with regard the application and implementation of IMO conventions as well as for the enhancement of the existent maritime legislation."

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