

## INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON EMPOWERING WOMEN IN MARITIME AFFAIRS

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute proudly held a one-day International Seminar on “Empowering Women in Maritime Affairs” at its premises on 26 April 2019.



*Presenters during the Seminar*

The Seminar complements the efforts of IMO in raising awareness on the need to empower women in the maritime sector and to re-enforce World Maritime Day theme “Empowering Women in the Maritime Community”.

During the Seminar, pertinent questions such as “Why should the maritime community highlight the importance of gender parity” were raised and discussed. The highlight of the Seminar was the discussion on the role of the Institute in promoting gender equality in maritime education and training.

The presence of Honourable Dr. Ian Borg (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Malta) and Honourable Dr. Helena Dalli (Minister for EU Affairs and Equality), graced the occasion.

## IMLI 30TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE

As part of a series of events marking IMLI’s 30 years in serving the rule of international maritime law, IMLI organised a commemorative lecture event on 10 April 2019, delivered by Dr. Patrick Griggs (Member, IMLI Governing Board and President Emeritus, the Comité Maritime International (CMI)).



*Dr. Patrick Griggs (Member, IMLI Governing Board and President Emeritus, the Comité Maritime International (CMI)) delivering the IMLI 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Lecture*

Dr. Griggs’ lecture looked at the life and profession of Professor Francesco Berlingieri whom he described as the third generation of an Italian family of distinguished maritime lawyers later to become the President of CMI in 1976 until 1991. Dr. Griggs gave an account of the initial efforts at the codification of international law which culminated in the establishment of the CMI in 1897 with its Headquarters in Antwerp.

Dr. Griggs also explained the vital importance of IMLI, through its training programmes, in the constant search for uniformity of international maritime law.

## SECRETARY-GENERAL MEETS IMLI AND WMU GRADUATES AT A HIGH-LEVEL SYMPOSIUM IN JAMAICA

Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) met IMLI and WMU graduates during a High-Level Symposium and Workshop on “Maritime Transportation: Harnessing the Blue Economy for the Sustainable Development of the Caribbean” held in Montego Bay, Jamaica in March 2019.



*Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) with Symposium participants including WMU and IMLI graduates*

Mr. Kitack Lim highlighted the importance of collaboration and cooperation in the region to implement IMO measures and support the achievement of the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, to which IMO is fully committed. The Caribbean States and Territories re-affirmed their unflinching commitment to implementing IMO standards for safe, secure and sustainable shipping. They also promise to redouble their collective efforts to intensify investments and harness the full potential of the oceans, rivers and lakes to accelerate economic growth, create jobs and fight poverty.

## IMLI AND GOVERNMENT OF CHILE DELEGATION ROUND-TABLE

IMLI, in collaboration with the University of Malta and the visiting Chilean Delegation, held a Roundtable entitled “The Challenges of Ocean Governance” on 13 November 2018. The Delegation was led by Her Excellency Ambassador María Teresa Infante (Ambassador of Chile to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Permanent Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons).

Professor Attard opened the Roundtable discussion with an introductory lecture on ‘Global Ocean Governance and IMLI’. Ambassador Torres and Mr. Gorostegui presented on ‘The Ocean-Climate Link in the Context of the Implementation of the Paris Agreement’ and ‘The UN Ocean Agenda: Global Interests on the Seas’, respectively. Professor Martinez discussed ‘Global Ocean Governance and Marine Scientific Research’ and finally, ‘The IMO Strategy on Decarbonizing the Shipping Sector: Laggard or Pioneer?’ was presented by Professor Borg.

At the end of the Roundtable, Ambassador Infante gave the following remarks about IMLI:

*“IMLI has given us a multicultural and multidimensional vision on how the law of the sea and its interrelation with other disciplines is present and must continue to respond to global challenges.”*

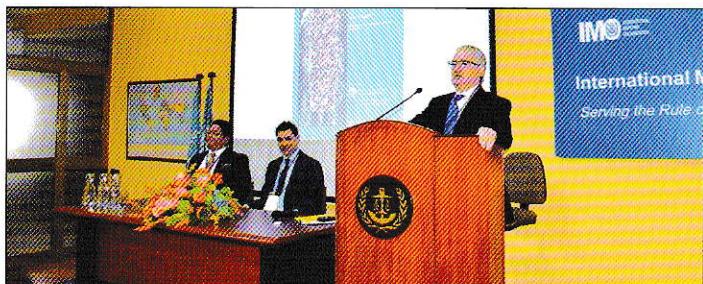


*The Round-table panellists (L-R) Professor Norman Martinez (IMLI), Professor Simone Borg (University of Malta), Professor David Attard (IMLI), Ambassador Isauro Torres and Mr. Javier Gorostegui (Chilean Delegation)*



## THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA HELD AT IMLI

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute, in conjunction with the Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College held the second International Workshop on Human Rights and the Law of the Sea at the Institute between 4 and 5 April 2019.



*Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) delivering the Welcome Address (seated, Professor James Kraska (Chairman and Howard S. Levie Professor in the Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College) and Professor Norman Martinez Gutierrez (IMLI)*

Opening the Workshop, Professor David Attard reiterated the importance of the theme of the Workshop and the need to give due considerations to the provisions in the law of the sea concerning the human element. He mentioned Article 98 of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (the duty to render assistance at sea) as one such area to be considered. Professor Attard further stressed that scholars must understand that many provisions in UNCLOS can no longer be considered on a stand-alone basis. For example, Article 98 of UNCLOS has to be read in conjunction with IMO Conventions, such as the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR).

Professor James Kraska said that it is an honour for his Institution to partner with IMLI on this very important aspect of international law. He said that human rights law overlaps with other areas of law including the law of the sea. He described the workshop as a wonderful opportunity to reflect on this disciplinary approach.

The Workshop concluded that human rights norms apply at sea and thus the need to integrate human right considerations into maritime activities in order to attain a comprehensive treatment of the issues arising therefrom.

## MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE PROMOTION OF MALTA ADDRESSES INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AT IMLI

The Honourable Carmelo Abela (Minister, Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of Malta) addressed the International Workshop on 'The Role of Maritime Law in East Asian Maritime Relations' jointly organised by IMLI and the Embassy of Japan to Malta at the Institute on 5 March 2019.



*The Honourable Carmelo Abela (Minister, Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of Malta) delivering the Opening Address*

Addressing the Workshop, Minister Abela stated that Malta's rich maritime history as an island State accounts for its interest in all matters concerning the sea and also for the reason why it is so proud to host the Institute. He said that IMLI, after 30 years, continues to prove its amiable standing as a world-recognised center of excellence for training and education in international maritime law.

The Honourable Minister thanked the Institute for such a collaboration with the Japanese embassy in Malta and described the moment as an exciting time for Japan and Malta.

On the topic of the Workshop, Minister Abela said that the maritime domain in East Asia presents several challenges with prospects for either conflict or cooperation. He emphasized that Diplomacy has an important role to play in turning challenges into opportunities for cooperation through dialogue and confidence building.

## IMLI COMMEMORATES THE UN CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE

IMLI, in collaboration with Faculty of Laws, University of Malta and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of Malta, organised a seminar entitled 'The International Legal Protection of The Global Climate: 30 Years since the Maltese UN Climate Change Initiative.' The event which commemorates the thirtieth anniversary of the Maltese Climate Change Initiative was held in November 2018 at the University of Malta Campus, Msida.

In his speech, Professor Attard recounts the development of the Maltese Initiative and his involvement from the very early stages of conceptualising the initiative for onward presentation at the UN General Assembly. While acknowledging the complementary role that science and law play towards climate change efforts, Professor Attard affirmed that science did a lot to reduce the impact of climate change. He, however, emphasised that international law is still immature to deal with climate change issues since it has chosen the path of self-regulation.



*The Speakers (L-R) Professor David Attard (IMLI), Professor Kevin Aquilina (University of Malta), Hon. Carmelo Abela (Foreign Minister of Malta) and Professor Simon Borg (University of Malta)*

The Honourable Minister paid tribute to the efforts of Professor Attard, whom he described as the catalyst of the Maltese initiative.

## MARITIME TRANSPORT POLICY SEMINAR HELD AT IMLI

As part of its well designed syllabi reflecting the need of IMO Member States, IMLI conducted a three-day seminar on Maritime Transport Policy for the Class of 2018-2019. Dr. George Theocharidis (Associate Professor of Maritime Law & Policy, WMU) and Mr. Jonathan Pace (Acting Chief, Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) led the Seminar as resource persons between 19 and 21 November 2018.

During the Seminar the students learned, among others, that international maritime law treaties are an important element in the national maritime transport policy formulation process, and thus the need for treaty obligations to be reflected in the policy.



*Dr. George Theocharidis (Associate Professor of Maritime Law & Policy, WMU) and Mr. Jonathan Pace (Acting Chief, Programme Management and Coordination, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO) with the IMLI Class of 2018-2019*

Commenting on the relevance of the Seminar, Mr. Pace stated that 'it was important for the IMLI students to be introduced to the concept of maritime transport policy and its importance to the development of maritime legislation as it is essential for them to understand the close relation between policy and legislation'.

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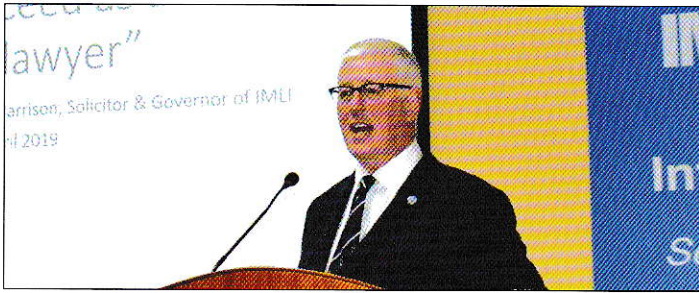
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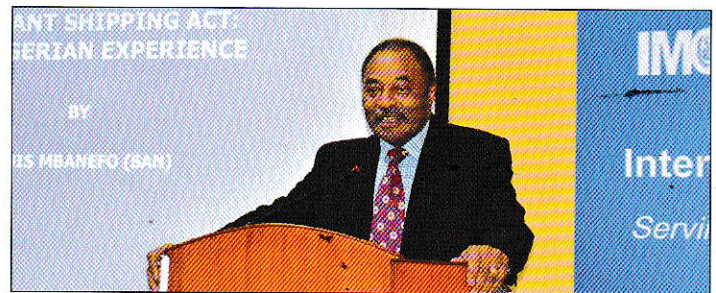
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## DISTINGUISHED VISITING FELLOWS LECTURE AT IMLI



Mr. Jim Harrison delivering his lecture on "How to Succeed as an In-House Lawyer"



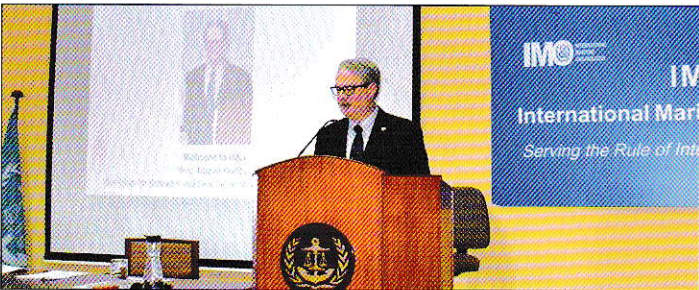
Mr. Louis Mbanefo delivering his lecture on "The Essence of a Merchant Shipping Act: The Nigerian Experience"



Mr. Juvenal Shiundu delivering his lecture on 'The Role and Achievements of IMO's Technical Cooperation Programme'



Professor Atsuko Kanehara on the 'Relationship between Maritime Security and Law Enforcement under the Current Wide Understanding of Maritime Security'



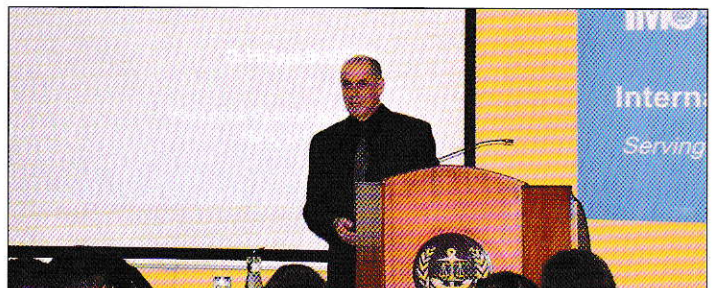
Professor Marko Pavliha presenting his lecture on "the Law of Marine Insurance"



Dr. Reto Dürler lecturing on "The New SUA Protocols: Developments, Contents and Scope"



Dr. Kofi Mbiah delivering his lecture on "The Work of the IMO Legal Committee: Challenges and Prospects"



Dr. Philippe Boisson on "Classification Societies"

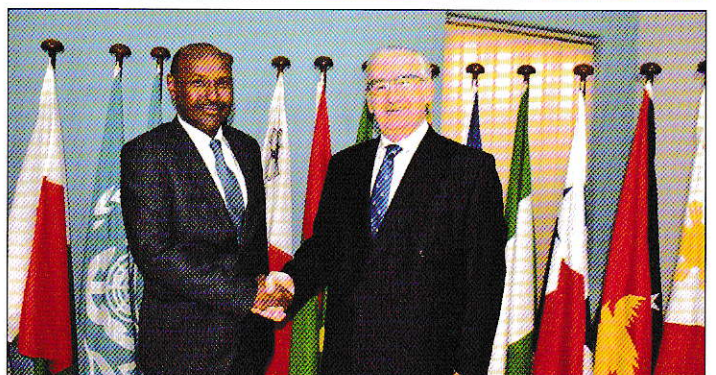
## PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD COURT LECTURES AT IMLI

His Excellency Judge Abdulqawi A. Yusuf (President, International Court of Justice) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 8 January 2019 and delivered a lecture on "The Contribution of the International Court of Justice to Contemporary Law of the Sea" to the IMLI Class of 2018-2019.

Introducing President Yusuf, Professor Attard described him as a distinguished judge and an active international lawyer with outstanding credentials. He noted with pride President Yusuf's accomplishments because of his background, coming from a developing country.

President Yusuf said that it was an honour and a pleasure for him to be invited to address the faculty and students of IMLI. He noted that more than half the students are from developing countries and that the skills they acquire at IMLI will be of utmost importance to their respective countries.

President Yusuf predicted that the work of the ICJ would continue due to technological developments. He said, "We need to protect the health and quality of the oceans and the marine resources for the benefit of humanity."



Judge Abdulqawi A. Yusuf (President, International Court of Justice)



## IMLI DIRECTOR ADDRESSES IMO LEGAL COMMITTEE

Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) addressed the IMO Legal Committee at its 106th Session at the IMO Headquarters, London in March 2019 where he presented the report on IMLI's activities for the academic years 2017/2018 and 2018-2019.



The 106th Session of the IMO Legal Committee

Professor Attard informed the Committee about the academic programmes offered at the Institute.

Professor Attard also informed the Committee that as at the end of the 2017/2018 academic year, 949 students from 140 States and territories completed studies at IMLI, of which 781 students from 136 States and territories obtained the LL.M. Degree and nine students from nine States and territories obtained the M.Hum. Degree.

The Committee was further informed that in the current academic year, 40 students from 28 States are pursuing studies in the LL.M. Programme and seven students from seven States are pursuing studies in the M.Hum. Programme. Djibouti, Gabon, Luxembourg, Saint Lucia, Somalia, and Turks and Caicos are represented for the first time in the Institute's Master's programmes.

Professor Attard revealed that the current academic year marks the 30th anniversary of IMLI in the service of the rule of international maritime law and that various activities are being organized throughout the academic year culminating with a Commemorative Seminar to be held at the IMO Headquarters in London on 25 June 2019, to commemorate this important milestone.

## IMLI SUCCESS STORIES

### IMLI GRADUATE PROMOTED CHIEF COUNSEL AT THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL CHAMBERS OF THE BAHAMAS

Ms. Morlette Johnson from The Bahamas (IMLI Class of 2017-2018) was promoted to the post of Chief Counsel at the Attorney-General Chambers of The Bahamas shortly after her training at IMLI. When contacted to explain how her training at IMLI helped her career progression, Ms. Johnson had this to say:



*IMLI's training has been salutary. IMLI played a major role in my promotion as it equipped me for leadership and carved the way for my professional advancement.*

She was the recipient of the Professor Walter Müller Prize for the Best Maritime Legislation Drafting Project.

### IMLI GRADUATE PROMOTED JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT OF MALTA

Justice Francesco DePasquale, Malta (IMLI Class of 1996) was promoted Judge of the High Court of Malta in April 2019.



Justice Francesco DePasquale, Malta (IMLI Class of 1996)

Justice DePasquale was made magistrate in 2011 and was elected to the Committee of the Association of Judges and Magistrates of Malta as General Secretary, in 2012. In 2007 he was appointed by the Government as Malta's representative on The European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) of the Council of Europe.

## IMLI GRADUATE BECOMES CARIBMEPA REPRESENTATIVE FOR ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



Ms. Nicole D. Martin, Antigua and Barbuda (IMLI Class of 2017-2018)

Ms. Nicole D. Martin, Antigua and Barbuda (IMLI Class of 2017-2018) recently became the representative of the Caribbean Marine Environment Protection Association (CARIBMEPA) in Antigua and Barbuda.

On how her training at IMLI helped her career progression, Ms. Martin said that the training in international maritime law at IMLI has been both tremendous and invaluable in my understanding of IMO treaties and in particular the maritime environmental regulatory framework.

## IMLI GRADUATE APPOINTED LECTURER AT IMLI

Ms. Sabina Dolić, Slovenia (IMLI Class of 2018-2019) was appointed a Lecturer at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute in January 2019.

On account of her training at IMLI, Ms. Dolić said:

*I had the opportunity to learn from distinguished faculty members and visiting fellows from leading international organisations and universities, which was deeply inspiring. The diverse syllabus covers the full spectrum of international maritime law, resulting in a unique international experience.*

*It has contributed both to my personal and professional development, and with an excellent reputation and widespread recognition it enjoys, I firmly believe that IMLI is the place to study.'*



Sabina Dolić, Slovenia (IMLI Class of 2018-2019)

Ms. Dolić was the recipient of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) Prize for Best Overall Performance.

## FOOTBALL: BALANCING IMLI STUDENTS LIFE

Football is a large part of student life here at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute. Regardless of students' football proficiency level, at the start of the academic year, they are all invited to play football for one hour on Friday after the last lecture. This past time is more than just a form of physical exercise as it also provides an outlet to unwind and relax after the week's lectures; and perhaps more importantly, to build and strengthen relations amongst students.



The IMLI Football Team

*The love of football unites us all and facilitates socialisation outside of the lecture hall. It promotes invaluable team building principles and also helps to build leadership characteristics in some students. The weekly football matches at IMLI undoubtedly helps to strike a delicate balance between the mind and body amongst its students and helps to facilitate student well-being.*

- Robert Anthony Robinson (Belize)